

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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November

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- 7 Interschool Sport Finishes
- 8 ~~School Disco~~ (postponed)
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 12 Prep Storytelling Performance 9am Hall
- 15 School Disco
- 23 Shine Program Afternoon Tea
- 27 Instrumental Music Evening
- 28 Year 6 Seaworld Excursion

December

- 2 Year 1 Swimming Carnival
- 3 Year 2 Swimming Carnival
- 4 Year 3 Swimming Carnival
- Christmas Carols 6.30pm
- 5 Orientation Rochedale S.H.S.
- Year 3 Bush Christmas Theatre
- 2, 3, 4 Year 7 Activity Week
- 8 Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival
- 9 Year 7 Graduation
- 12 Final Day Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'The real character of a person is measured by what they do when no one is looking.'

'A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives you roses.'

'One Stop Shop'

is an interesting concept coined by American retail giant Wal-Mart some years ago. Since then we find the concept used by a myriad of business and government ventures. At its essence lies a belief that the 'customers' should not have to travel elsewhere for anything they may desire. Superimposed on schools the concept works well too. To this end Rochedale State School is launching into fields which may not be common practice at other schools. I suggest that by making piano and guitar lessons available after regular school hours we are offering something truly worthwhile and convenient to parents. There is no travel involved. The child is already on campus. By offering afternoon swimming squad with professional coaches and staff we extend in an important area. By offering extra academic tutoring in the afternoon, we also provide additions to our *One Stop Shop* idea. By offering After School Care we round off the current offer. Is that all? Of course not. The One Stop Shop is an evolving concept. Its flexibility and growth is only limited by our imagination. I would like to take Rochedale State School to the next level where daily morning activity preludes the 09.00-03.00 school day and where afternoon activity postludes the day's events. The idea that a child enrolled at Rochedale State School may access a host of extra-curricular activities without leaving campus holds great appeal amongst parents whose children are already enrolled in some of the offerings outlined above. One pleased mother commented the other day: "Why look for some teacher or group in another suburb, drive there, wait etc. if I can get this for my son here at Rochedale?" A valid question not limited to one parent but echoed by many who support our ongoing innovative strategies. As new groups, tuition, music and sport squads arrive on the scene I shall naturally keep you informed so that you may enrol your child in something exciting before or after the regular school day.

Teacher fitness

is essential to good outcomes. Teachers, police and firemen, all public servants, come in all shapes and sizes. While Teachers are not

required to rescue cats out of trees, fight blazing fires or run down bad guys on foot, they nevertheless need to be in good shape to fully engage with their students. Realising this need, but finding the idea of a trip to the Gym a bit tiresome, a group of teachers hooked on to the *One Stop Shop* idea above. So what did they do? Instead of all driving off to various Gyms they decided to get the Personal Trainer to come to Rochedale! I am not surprised by their action. They [the Teachers] think outside the square every day... the idea took hold and now, if you carefully look to the Oval, you will find our intrepid band of Teachers working out and getting into better shape. No one has raised their hand to walk the Kokoda Track or ride a bike to Canberra yet, but then again, we are only in the early stages. Well done, Teachers.

P.E. Teacher Chris Brown

is this week's Teacher-In-Focus. Chris is blessed with boundless energy, a distinct advantage for a P.E. Teacher. His working day begins early and ends late. Moreover, his working week does not end on Friday afternoons. Chris works as the Coach/Manager of Rochedale's Basketball Team. Assisted by parents, Chris manages over sixty children on weekends as they compete in tournaments and leagues all around the place. Leading by example, Chris Brown is always out there with the children, during lunch hours and recess, when opportunities occur to kick or throw a ball around. Chris Brown's seemingly endless energy is contagious which is why more and more students are encouraged to hang out on the Oval or shoot baskets under Chris' watchful eye. It is common that students from nearby private schools call in after school to practice Basketball under Chris Brown, as the Rochedale Team is augmented by students from outside Rochedale State School.

Red light is flashing... And they're racing

in tomorrow's Melbourne Cup. Good luck to everyone for tomorrow. The race which stops a nation is our temporary focus at 02.20 tomorrow. The 'race of life' naturally continues before and after the event.

Student of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the "Student of the Month" for

the month of October. These awards were presented on parade last Friday.

- 1A Nancy J
Being an enthusiastic student with a passion to learn and a desire to always do her absolute best.
- 1M James P
His constant hard work and enthusiasm towards his mathematics. Keep up the great work!
- 1S Bryce D
Making a pleasing effort to improve his writing and to complete his work promptly.
- 2I Jaime A
The ways she works so diligently in all class activities.
- 2M Brooke A
Her wonderful enthusiasm for learning and the valuable contributions she makes to our class discussions.
- 2S Sophie V
Working hard to improve her reading and writing skills. Keep up the great progress.
Brandon W
Working hard to improve his reading and writing skills. Keep up the great progress.
- 2W Katahi H
Always trying to do his very best, for his positive attitude and for showing HUGE improvement in his reading.
- 3C Tiana N
Being a wonderful student in all her work and a valuable class member. Well done Tiana.
Hannah L
Being a consistently wonderful student with fabulous results. Well done Hannah.
- 3D Kristy H
Always completing her work to a high standard. Kristy is also a wonderful team member. Congratulations Kristy!
Lily M
Always completing her work to a high standard. Lily is a wonderful team member. Congratulations Lily!
- 3N Kathryn Y
Always doing her best. Kat is becoming a reflective learner who celebrates her own strengths and is working on her weaknesses.

3T	Madisson P Her determined effort at home and at school. Maddy is striving to be a better learner.	Being an invaluable helper in the library and a positive and cooperative class member. Well done, Travis.
4C	Rhapsody R Her exemplary behaviour and positive attitude toward her work.	7L Nathan F Always working well in class.
4D	Breanna D Working hard at presenting her speaking topics and showing a big improvement in her confidence this year.	Chinese Dane P Participating in activities with commitment and interest.
4K	Shanae D Embracing the concepts of the Learner Profile and reflecting those attributes in our classroom every day. Well done, Shanae!	Liam Smith Principal
4L	Terren G Always putting effort into her school work, particularly Maths. Great work!	TUCKSHOP NEWS If for any reason you are unable to work on your rostered day, please give Norma a call on 0400 701 051.
4R	Georgia M Excellent attitude to learning and displaying a polite and friendly nature.	Tues 4/11 Shirley L
5K	Maddison R Being a conscientious student who applies herself quickly and quietly to all set tasks.	Wed 5/11 Cathy W
5L	Catherine W Her consistent positive work ethic in all classroom activities.	Thurs 6/11 Douglas K Amanda C
5N	Roslyn L Demonstrating responsible behaviour by working co-operatively in group situations.	Fri Michelle F Interschool Sport
5R	Kristen E Being a conscientious, well mannered student who gives her best.	7/11 Kylie P Help Needed
6A	Taylor I Displaying a mature and conscientious attitude towards all aspects of her school work.	Mon 10/11 Help Needed Today
6C	Steven H His continual hard work and constant improvement throughout the year.	Tues 11/11 Michelle D
6L	Sally A The quiet conscientiousness with which she approaches all aspects of school life.	Wed 12/11 Kylie P
6W	Rhys H His improved attitude towards his learning and quality of his work.	Thurs 13/11 Cathy O
6/7B	Maddison W Her application and work ethic to all areas of her schooling.	Fri 14/11 Kylie P Melissa T Sylvia B
7B	Travis H	Mon 17/11 Kaye S
		Tues 18/11 Help Needed Today
		Wed 19/11 Tracy S
		Thurs 20/11 Anne W Cathy O
		Fri Amanda G
		21/11 Kylie P Kath R
		Mon 24/11 Anne D Amanda R
		Tues 25/11 Michelle D
		Wed 26/11 Kylie P
		Thurs 27/11 Kathy M
		Fri Kylie S Jackie R
		28/11 Kylie P Georgina F

Mon1/12 **Help Needed Please****Tues** **Yr 1 Swim Carnival**2/12 **Help Needed Please****Wed** **Yr 2 Swim Carnival**

3/12 Cathy W Sue V

Thurs **Carols Night** **Yr 3 Swim Carnival**

4/12 Douglas K Amanda C

Thank you Kathy, Kylie, James & my Year 7's for your help last week.

Pizza DayWe will be having a pizza day on Wednesday November 19th. Order forms will go home with next week's newsletter.**ROSHCA Program****Monday**

Afternoon Tea Sandwiches & Fruit

Craft Magic Painting

Outside Activity Dodgeball

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers & Fruit

Craft Sea Creature Wind Mobiles

Outside Activity Basketball

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter

Craft Paper Plate Fish

Outside Activity Donkey

Cooking Cakes

Thursday

Afternoon Tea Cakes & Fruit

Craft Paper Aquarium

Outside Activity Fireball

Cooking Choc Chip Slice

Friday

Afternoon Tea Slice & Fruit

Craft Pasta Jewellery

Outside Activity Dancing

Also available every day –

Sony, Board games, Dress-Ups, Table Games, Colouring-in and Computers.

Community Software PlanPlease find attached to this newsletter an order form from EdAlive for various computer programs for use at home. Please IGNORE the return by date of 24 October and instead return all order forms to the school office by **Monday 10 November**.

Please note NO MONEY is to accompany the order form, only cheques or credit card numbers.

Poppies for SaleWe are now selling red poppies in the office for 50c each. Remembrance Day is Tuesday November 11th, so please buy a poppy and show your support.**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

The end of the school year is not far away, and that means summer holidays. If you are looking for a great way to spend a week over summer (or if parents are looking to offload any kids for a week), look no further than SU Holiday Camps. I will be a leader on 'School's Out', an awesome way to sign off primary school and prepare for high school (see more info below). We already have students registered for this camp, but it'd be great to see more come along. Check out www.suqld.org.au/camps for a complete list of SU Summer camps for all ages! The other camp I'll be attending is Coolum Capers, but I'll tell you more about that one next week.

It was great to see and hear of all the nice things students did for the wonderful teachers of Rochedale State School on World Teachers' Day last week! Well done, the teachers sure deserved it because they are fantastic at their jobs and really do go above and beyond the call of duty!

3 CHEERS FOR THE TEACHERS! HIP HIP HIP, RAY RAY RAY!!!!!!

Have a great week!

ON THE RADAR**School's Out! Year 7s ONLY!****When:** 15th-19th December**Where:** Camp Bornhoffen, Numinbah Valley**How much:** \$210* (Camp qualifies for the child care rebate to reduce costs)

Primary school is over! Come and celebrate with us. We guarantee to pack this camp with action and fun including: a day at Dreamworld, Swimming in both an on-site pool and the local rock pool, excellent food, night programs, games, chilling out, exploring God and life. See the Chaplain for a permission form or apply on-line at www.suqld.org.au/camps

Shine: Girls, don't forget to head on over to the Chaplain's room as soon as the bell goes on Tuesday afternoon!

RPC: RPC stands for Rochedale Prayer Crew and it is a student prayer group. We meet in the Chaplain's Room at Morning Tea on Mondays.

Anyone and absolutely everyone is welcome!
We'd love to see you there!

Mr James School Chaplain

Thought for the day: "The person who really wants to do something will find a way. The others make excuses."

IS THIS YOUR CAR?

The safety of our students at Rochedale is very important to us, and one area that is a big worry for us is the drop-off area at 3pm! Too many people ignore common sense, the red lights and the road rules by queuing through the intersection and across the pedestrian crossings. This behaviour puts our students at risk! Please think about the safety of our students (especially *your* children) whenever you drive past our school!



Library News – Term 4 Week 5

Book Fair - Thank you to all the students and parents who supported our book fair this year. Raffle winners were, Lochlan P (Yr2), Alexander F (Yr4) and Katherine G(Yr7). Books purchased for the library were displayed at parade last Friday.

Overdues - As it is getting towards the end of the year we are starting to remind children about their overdue books. Reminder notes have been sent out and unfortunately we have had to send some invoices for very overdue books. Please check with your child to see if their book is on the overdue list.

Student Council News

Many thanks to everyone who supported Canteen by purchasing bandannas last week. We were overwhelmed by the response and are very happy to report that we raised \$632 for a very worthy cause.

P&C News

Next meeting, Tuesday 25TH November at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome. Last meeting for the year!!

LEARN TO SWIM: WE HAVE FOUND A NEW LEARN TO SWIM TEACHER!! We had a very successful assessment day last Wednesday with plenty of children and parents turning up. If you are still wanting to book in for lessons please see the enclosed Learn To Swim flyer and call Kobie or Bronwyn to make a booking or for more information. This term will be a 5 week block of lessons for \$45.

SWIM SQUAD: Mr. Mat our coach is ready to coach our swimmers. Come join us. Monday to Thursday:
Junior Squad: 3.15pm – 4.05pm, Intermediate Squad: 4.15pm – 5.15pm, Senior Squad: 5.15pm – 6.45pm
For more information, please call Bronwyn King (P&C Rep) on 3341 2828

DISCO! On Saturday November 15th *PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!*

DJ Bobby Brown will be back to provide an evening of great music and games. We will have hot dogs, lollies, soft drinks, spiders, Glow Products for sale. Come Join the fun!! Entry \$3 per child. IF ARE YOU ABLE TO STAY AND HELP US ON THE NIGHT, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Junior (Prep – Grade 3) 5.30 to 7pm, Senior (Grade 4 to Grade 7) 7.15 to 9pm

Jet Star Fundraiser – We are now collecting Jet Star boarding passes!! If you fly with Jet Star between August 7, 2008 and January 7, 2009 please hold onto your boarding pass. We are now collecting them to try and receive a free flight voucher that we can use as a fundraiser at a later date. Please leave any boarding passes at the office. Thank you.

Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402114544

Rochedale State School Amateur Swimming Club

On Saturday, November 1st our swimming club hosted a B Grade carnival. We were competing against swimmers from Camp Hill State School and Marshall Road State School. We had a very successful day with great weather, a good turn out and a win for Rochedale State School! Camp Hill came in 2nd place and Marshall Road, 3rd.

Thank you to all those who swam, all those who helped out on the day and of course to all the parents who brought along our swimmers. We hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we did. Our next carnival is an Away carnival at Wishart State School on November 29th. Allan Dee, Chairperson. Tel: 0420 960 046

Christmas Raffle

It's that time of the year again! I am organizing the raffle prizes for the Carol's Night. I would love some donations of Christmas food and goodies to fill baskets for the many prizes. These items can be left in the office in the Christmas Raffle Box before Friday 28th November. Thank you, Jenny P.




Christmas Hampers **November is Food and Gift Drive Month!**

Each year our School Community packs many boxes of donated food and gift items. These items are distributed through St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers to needy families in the Rochedale, Springwood & Underwood areas.

We are beginning our 'Food and Gift Drive' *this week* and we will be collecting donated items through to the end of week 8.

Each classroom will have a 'Donation Bag' where children can place any food or gift donations. A flyer with Donation suggestions is coming home this week with the newsletter.

Some ideas to consider include:

-  Small Gifts (must be new) for all ages;
-  Christmas Items, eg decorations, bonbons, Christmas puddings , cakes
-  Any non-perishable 'Special Treat' foods that you think would brighten up someone's Christmas Season or add to their Christmas Dinner table.

Christian Religious Education (CRE) News

We still have a Grade 7 CRE teacher gap and a gap for a Grade 5 CRE helper in our 2009 CRE Program.

Interested in finding out more?

Contact Robynne Turner for more details on 3219 9771, 0408 785 494 or camrob@iprimus.com.au .

Boys Futsal

Any 12 or 13 yr old boys who are interested in playing futsal at Calamvale on a Wednesday night please call Vanessa on 0409 473 437. We desperately need at least three more boys.

Jewells of Beauty Health & Beauty Course

Hi Parents and Girls Yr 6/7. Sorry.. but there were not enough students to start the Beauty Course on Oct 17th. So, change of date is... **New course starts again on Friday, 7th November** and is open to all **female Yr 6/7 Students**. The course is **NOT** the same as the **Shine Program**, and is well worth the investment! Parents, if you have not received a copy of course details, please obtain one from the School Admin Office. Enrolment forms and Parental Permission forms are also available from the Admin Office. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call on **0415 835 064**. For enrolments please contact Joyce Park on **Mob 0415835064** or, email me at jjewell57@bigpond.com.

Course Fees are \$40.00 = \$10.00 per week (All products and equipment are supplied). **SAME PRICE AS THE FIRST COURSE - DONT MISS OUT!** Its great fun, and there is heaps to learn about BEAUTY!!! And... you will receive a Certificate of Achievement at completion of the course too. See you there!!
Joyce Park