

No. 36 – 2nd November, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK
Thought for the Week

'I would rather wear out than rust out.' – George Whitefield

November

3
Yr 5 CSIRO Incursion
4
Yr 2 Raptis Fishworks
Excursion
11
Prep Information
Evening 7pm
18
Yr 7 Parliament House
Excursion
19
Prep Bazil & Grumble
Incursion 9am – Hall
25
French Dinner

December

1, 2, 3
Yr 7 Activity Week
1
Yr 1 Swimming
Carnival
2
Yr 2 Swimming
Carnival
3
Yr 3 Swimming
Carnival
4
Yr 3 Theatre Excursion
7
Senior Swimming
Carnival
8
Yr 7 Graduation

What has the power to

stop a nation? What causes women of all ages to don beautiful hats, expensive dresses; what causes men to wear suits, ties and binoculars? Yes, you all got it in one! Tomorrow's fifth race at Flemington has that unique power. In a betting frenzy, gripping the nation, we fork out more on one race than the annual economy of neighbouring East Timor. Food for thought here, I suggest. Yet, the Melbourne Cup is part of our psyche and very much part of the Australian identity. People who normally find difficulty separating a trotter from a race horse; a thoroughbred from a stock horse, throw caution to the wind with either a pit stop at the local TAB or a modest investment in the sweeps that indeed 'sweep' every work place around the country. This year's field looks ideal for the average mug punter, myself included, which is why I wish you well in the sweeps. On this occasion you could do worse than having your horse drawn out of a hat. Good Luck!

Enrol for your country!

cried the World War I posters in 1915. *Enrol for your School!* cries the posters of 2009. The poster is not even

designed, so you are really fortunate to get the 'good oil' by way of this Newsletter. We have a small number of vacancies across Years One to Seven for 6-7 new students in 2010. Our recruitment is on in earnest. We are seeking your help in welcoming 6-7 new families into our school. I have previously spoken about the opportunities available to students in our school. These are now extended, in the 11th hour, to 6-7 very lucky little people who will commence their education in the best school on Brisbane's south-side – Rochedale State School! This is the time when the 'call to school' goes out loud and clear. If we all spread the word, I entertain no doubt that 6-7 new students will come onboard so that we start our 2010 year with the maximum required number of students to guarantee our school maximum resourcing for 2010. Do talk to your friends and neighbours. Better still, bring them to school for a chat. They will be suitably impressed by such a visit to enrol their son or daughter at our school. Thank you for helping us spread the word!

The power of prayer

appeared to have worked. Shopping at Garden City last Saturday, people, drenched to the bone, scurried to their cars. Something was different, however. Everyone was smiling! I believe even dusty cars were smiling. I know our grounds at Rochedale were smiling, exclaiming, in their own inimitable way: "Thank you, thank you very much..." Our lawns soaked up the rains, drank, drank and enjoyed the experience, so

rarely on display in these drought-ridden times. I am sure the children will look forward to a 'wet lunch' or two...

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 Gabby P
Developing the confidence to actively participate more in class.
- 1B Tamryn T
Developing a responsible attitude to her work, and always striving to achieve her best. Tamryn is always willing to help others. Keep being a valued class member, Tamryn!
- Skye P
Being a responsible learner and consistently applying herself to her school work. Skye continually strives to improve her already impressive academic achievements. Keep up the great attitude, Skye!
- 1C Kiara T
Her constant hard working attitude and willingness to take risks in all areas of her work.
- 1L James T
Being a responsible learner. James has worked hard to improve his reading and writing. Keep up the good work!
- 1S Daniel L
Working hard to improve his reading and writing and learning to be a risk taker.
- 2I Mikayla G
Consistent effort with her reading. Keep up the good work, Mikayla!
- 2M Emily D
Being a conscientious and dedicated worker who always strives to achieve her best. Emily is also a helpful and caring member of 2M.
- 2W James G
Being a conscientious, hard working student who listens carefully and gives thoughtful answers.
- 3C Monique G
Making wonderful improvement in all her school work with some fabulous results. Well done, Monique.
- 3M Sophie V
Outstanding homework efforts. Sophie has a positive attitude to learning and always does her best. Congratulations!

- 3N Ayngaran R
Consistently working to improve in all aspects of his school work. Very well done Ayngaran!
- 3T Jorja W
Her superb effort in all areas of her school work. What a star!
- 4A Yeong H
Always working to the best of his ability and for being a caring and helpful member of our class.
- 4C Liam D
Being a responsible student who cares for others and has worked hard to improve in English.
- 4D Lania C
Consistently trying with her school tasks and making gains with her confidence.
- 4K Hannah L
Her balanced, open-minded approach to her unrelenting standards of excellence. Hannah incorporates all components of the Learner's Profile into her every day learning.
- 5F Mark W
Reflecting on his own learning and working hard to develop his writing and reading skills.
- 5K Olivia S
Always showing respect and consideration for her peers and teachers. Olivia is a dedicated student who always tries her best.
- 5L Lily W
Being organised and ready to learn. Keep up the good work, Lily!
- 5N Zolanjeet S
Showing an interest and keen enthusiasm for the activities we have done during this unit.
- 5R Layla S
Displaying excellent behaviour in the classroom, consistently working well and continuing to maintain a high standard of handwriting.
- 6C Denisa I
Her strong work ethic, her sense of responsibility and her trustworthy nature.
- 6L Conor G
Continuing to work hard to improve his results.
- 6W Consistently applying herself to all given tasks. Keep up the great effort!
- 6/7N Kaisha T
Displaying all the attributes of a first rate student.
- 7B Wen Wen F

Making an excellent effort at coaching a new student to enable her to complete a speaking task.

7R Poppy J
Working conscientiously at all times and being a valuable class member.

7S Annabel B
Always acting in a mature and responsible manner and applying herself diligently in all areas of the curriculum.
Jessica B
Always acting in a mature and responsible manner and applying herself diligently in all areas of the curriculum.

7W Jessica B
Her persistence and dedication towards improving her Mathematical skills. Well done, Jessica!

French Lydia K
An excellent effort in your speaking task after only a very short time learning French at our school.

Chinese Cassandra C
Participating in activities with commitment and interest.

Liam Smith
Principal

TUCKSHOP NEWS

If for any reason you are unable to work on your rostered day, please give Norma a call on 0400 701 051.

Tues
3/11

Wed
4/11 Suzanne U

Thurs
5/11 Amanda C Douglas K

Fri Interschool Sport
6/11 Kath R Georgina F

Mon
9/11

Tues
10/11 Michelle D

Wed
11/11 Cathy O

Thurs
12/11 Jackie B

Fri 3 Helpers Needed
13/11 **Please Help! Interschool Sport**

Mon
16/11 Kaye S

Tues
17/11

Wed
18/11 Tracey S

Thurs
19/11 **Volunteer Needed**

Fri Kath R Sylvia B

20/11 **Volunteer Needed Please**

Mon
23/11 Amanda R

Tues
24/11 Michelle D

Wed
25/11 Cathy O

Thurs
26/11 Jackie B

Fri
27/11 Richelle H **2 Volunteers Needed**

Mon
30/11

Tues
1/12 **Year 1 Swim Carnival until 11am**

Wed
2/12 **Year 2 Swim Carnival until 11am**

Thurs Amanda C Douglas K

3/12 **Year 3 Swim Carnival until 11am**

Fri Georgina F

4/12 **2 Helpers Needed Please**

Mon Yrs 4-7 Swim Carnival
7/12 **Help Needed Please**

Tues
8/12 Michelle D

Wed
9/12 Cathy O

Thurs
10/12 **Tuckshop Closed**

Fri
11/12 **Tuckshop Closed**

Thank you Kylie, Kaye, Kathy, Sylvia, Kath & my Year 7 girls for your help last week. I will be taking leave as of Tuesday, until the end of term. Kylie P will be convening the Tuckshop.

Big Lunch & Little Lunch Orders

Both Big Lunch & Little Lunch orders must be written on separate bags.

Stock Now Available

Ovalteenies are available again.

Volunteers Needed

We are in desperate need of helpers on Fridays in the coming weeks. A few of our Friday volunteers are

now working on their rostered day due to Christmas shopping. Please help, if you can spare even an hour.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Finger Puppets
Outside Activity	Celebrity Heads
Cooking	Lasagne

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Lasagne & Fruit
Craft	Sand Pictures
Outside Activity	Charades

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Fruit & Crackers
Craft	Landscape Paintings
Outside Activity	Dodgeball

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft	Monster Puzzles
Outside Activity	Basketball
Cooking	Choc Chip Slice

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Choc Chip Slice & Fruit
Craft	Masks
Outside Activity	Sand Castle Creations

Also available every day – Board games, pool tables, Sony, colouring, self-selection from collage trolley, reading, computers, quiet area in Library, self-selection sporting equipment, homework.

Thank you to Miss Millard, 2M and 2I for allowing ROSHCA to use their classrooms in the afternoons last week, when we were unable to use the library due to Book Fair.

LIBRARY NEWS

The BookFair Wrapup.
\$5,749.25 !!

How good is the end result of our bookfair, and all because you, the parent community supported it so well. We are very happy with the result and it is the best bookfair we have had yet. Thank you so much. Give yourselves a pat on the back. Out of a result like that, the library gets back 35% in books from the bookfair. Remember how I said last week that I go around at the beginning collecting an amount of books that we think we will be able to keep depending on how our sales go? Because of that excellent result we were entitled to \$2012.50 worth of books that we could take out of bookfair to keep in the library, which I did and that has amounted to

approximately 155 books. They are well on their way to being processed already.

I have done a breakdown just for curiosity sake of the books that were chosen i.e non-fiction, novels, the gold star fiction for the Year 6 & 7 readers, picture story books for lower primary. I will have to tell you that next week because the books are in different stages of process at the moment and I have to keep them separated and it was too hard to have that finished. I can tell you that we chose all the popular titles the kids like reading like Zac Powers, Geronimo Stiltons, Emily Rodda titles that we didn't have, lots of the gorgeous picture books, the Oceanology book, there is a big variety. So thank you to everyone who supported us.

A special thank you to cleaner Glenda P, who helped me pack up all of the Book Fair items, even though it wasn't her job to do so. It was greatly appreciated!

Captain ReadIt awards on parade last Friday were:
Prep J Jake E.

Yr.1B Melissa T.

Yr. 2I. Hannah S.

Yr. 3N. Phoebe C.

Yr. 4D. Jacob W.

Yr. 5N. Tiahn G.

Yr. 6L. Marrium K.

Yr. 7W. Corey V.

Congratulations everyone! Well done.

Lorraine Grinter

Library Aide

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Thank you, Rochedale State School. Thank you for the generosity you have shown by supporting CanTeen's National Bandanna Day and the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. These events are only partly about raising money, and I would say that our students are much more aware of what these organisations do

As there is only 6 weeks of school left until the holidays, now is the time to sort out camp registrations for the summer holidays. Some camps fill up quickly, and I don't want any Rochedale kids to miss out. If you are interested in going on a camp this summer, check out the website:

<http://www.suqld.org.au/camps>

Finally, the prayer request box has moved to its new home on my desk in the old Admin block (Mr

Burton's old office). If you have anything you would like our Parents' Prayer Group to pray for, you can write it out and drop it in the box or you are welcome to email it to me: jamesh1@su-chaplain.com.

I hope you have a great week!

ON THE RADAR

Impact 6-8: Rochedale Baptist Church is hosting a supervised activity on Friday night (Nov 6) for all of the Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 school students from our community called 'IMPACT 6-8'! They are awesome nights with a live band, pizza, parents' lounge, Wii Sport, and some chill out and chat time! If you would like to go, ask the Chaplain for an information brochure!

(Attn Parents, this event will have *some* religious content).

RPC: Rochedale Prayer Crew meets in the Chaplain's Room at Morning Tea on Mondays. Everyone is welcome, and it would be great to see you there!

Schoolzout '09: Looking for a great way to spend the first week (5 days, 4 nights) of the summer holidays? Look no further! If you are in Year 7, come on Schoolzout with Mr James and approx. 100 kids from all over Brisbane! It's going to be the best week ever! See the website for more info, and to download a registration form, but start saving your pocket money now!!!!

<http://www.suqld.org.au/camps/schoolzout>

Mr James School Chaplain

Thought for the day: 'Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.'

P&C News

Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom 7.00pm, 24th November. All welcome. This will be the last one for the year.

Date for the diary: 21st Nov – End of Year Disco. Come join the fun and celebrate the end of another productive school year. Junior Disco (Prep to Grade 3) 5.30pm to 7pm, Seniors (Grade 4 to Grade 7) 7.15pm to 9pm

Blu Earth Get Active Promotion Win a Get Active Sports program or a \$1000 sports Grant for our school. Look out for the tokens on Kellogg's

products and register Rochedale State School online for the chance to win. Details can be found at www.activehealthykids.com.au Please consider registering our school for this great prize. We have to be in it to win it!

Fundraiser: Rochedale State School is registered with *You Name It Labels* and for each order placed with them we receive a percentage. What a convenient and great way to help your school! Just visit www.younameitlabels.com, check out the great products available and when you place your order, use our unique code: [rss0907](https://www.younameitlabels.com/rss0907). It couldn't be easier! Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402 114 544 or 3342 5253

Rochedale State School Amateur Swim Club News

This week at swim club: Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke. The special: 100m Butterfly. On Saturday 7/11/09 (this weekend) we are competing in a carnival against Camp Hill and Marshall Road, at Camp Hill State School, Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill. 2.30pm for a 3pm start. Can all those selected to participate in this carnival please RSVP as soon as possible so we can finalise our team. Thank you.

SWIMMING

Learn to Swim is off and swimming. It is good to see all the children enjoying themselves. Thank-you to all the parents who have paid but I must remind you that fees are due this week. Please have them at swimming or a copy of the direct debit for confirmation thanks.

Squad is also in full swing and by the sounds coming from the pool, well patronized. There is still plenty of opportunity to come along and participate, and remember you don't have to go to Rochedale State School, it is open to everyone so bring along a friend as well.

Swim Club

Rochedale Rays Swimming Club needs a new secretary. This is a simple and rewarding way to become involved in helping kids get the most fun possible from their swimming club. It is not a very time-consuming position, usually involving just one meeting per month during terms one and four. This position must be filled at a Special Meeting to be held before our next General Meeting on the night of 10th November. If you would like to know more, have a chat to Allan Dee, the Club Chairperson, this Friday night or phone him on 0420 960 046.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open with the usual trading hours of Thursday, 2:00 - 3.00pm, and Friday, 8:00 - 9:00am. Please also note that this is a voluntary position therefore out of hours appointments will be limited. If you are unable to make it to the Uniform shop during normal trading hours, we have a website that you can utilise. Uniform price list and order forms can be downloaded by visiting www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au - and clicking on the word "Uniform Shop" on the left hand side of the page. Once the form is completed, please submit this to the office with your payment and we will process your order that week. You may opt to get your child to pick the order up for you, or it can be sent to their class. A receipt will be enclosed with the order. If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheques payable to Rochedale State School, P&C Association.

REFUNDS

Please ensure that if you are wanting refunds or exchanges that you have your receipt. If you do not have a receipt, we can offer you a store credit. Thank you for your cooperation.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010

To avoid disappointment, please ensure that you place an order/layby for your uniform requirements for 2010. This is also a call for new students. Layby's will need to be collected 1 week before the end of Term 4. Please ensure that you are familiar with the lay by's terms and conditions, available for perusal on our web under one of the Uniform Order forms.

Roster:

If you are unable to volunteer on your rostered day, please give me a call on 0413 033 093.

Date Volunteer Name

29/10/09 David,
30/10/09 Joyce, Shirley
5/11/09 David, Ki Sook
6/11/09 Suzanne, Shirley
12/11/09 David, Desiree
13/11/09 Joyce, MS
19/11/09 Karen, Ki Sook
20/11/09 Shirley, Marzah
26/11/09 David, Karen, Desiree
27/11/09 MS, Shirley, Joyce
3/12/09 David, Ki Sook
4/12/09 Suzanne, MS
10/12/09 Uniform Shop Closed

11/12/09 Uniform Shop closed for Stocktake - all available volunteers would be appreciated

Thanks

Mari-shell Scott

Uniform Shop Convenor – Volunteer

Christmas Hampers

November is Food and Gift Drive Month!

☺ First week this week! ☺

This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to help make Christmas that little bit extra special for families doing it tough in our local area.


Our amazing donations of Christmas food, treats and gifts are organized by our local St Vinnies into 'hampers' and delivered to those in need, just before Christmas.


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 has 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:

 **Christmas Gifts** (must be new) for all ages; (We have been asked this year to focus on gifts for teens & the 20-80 year age bracket!)

 **Christmas Fare & Ware** eg Christmas puddings & cakes, chips, nuts, shortbread, lollies - any non-perishable 'Special Treat' foods that you think would brighten up someone's Christmas Season or add to their Christmas Dinner table.

Thanks for your support!

Parent's Prayer Group

A Parent's Prayer Group meets each Monday afternoon **in the Chaplain's new room**, Mr Burton's previous office, from 2.30pm till 2.45pm.

We get together for an informal time of prayer for the school community.

All welcome.

Enquiries, please call
Carolyn 3841 2933 or
Robynne 3341 8427

Christian Religious Education (CRE) News 2010 CRE Student Workbooks

The Student Workbooks that are an integral part of our CRE program at Rochedale State School are accessed through our booklist provider, Underwood News. The CRE Student Workbooks have been included on the 2010 booklists for Grades 2 – 7 and will therefore come with your child's 'book-pack'.

If your child will not be participating in CRE lessons next year, please cross off the CRE Student Workbook on your child's booklist order. Grade 1 students will receive photocopied worksheets during most CRE lessons. Prep children, according to Education Qld's RE policy, are not offered RE lessons.

For more information, please contact Robynne Turner, the CRE Co-ordinator on 3341 8427, 0408 785 494 or email camrob@iprimus.com.au .

**Christian Religious Education (CRE) News
EVER CONSIDERED CRE TEACHING?**

**Our School CRE Team
will have a few gaps in 2010.**

***We would love
to have you join our team!
(CRE Teachers & Helpers needed!)***

FREE Intro Course on Friday Nov 6 & 13

*Learn everything you need to know
to get started in the classroom!
(Free Comprehensive Training will be available Feb 2010)*

FLEXIBLE ½ hour lesson time slots

*Timing of lesson is worked out to suit
the class teacher and the CRE teacher
(Class teacher always present during CRE lesson)*

COMPREHENSIVE Teacher's Manual

*Ecumenical Curriculum with clear instructions,
background notes and different options*

REQUIREMENTS

*Minister's Letter of Recommendation, Blue Card
½ hour per week to teach and some time to prepare!*

Contact: Robynne Turner for more information

Phone: 3341 8427 or 0408 785 494

Email: camrob@iprimus.com.au

For Sale:

- **Mansfield Uniform**

Only used for 3 months, excellent condition.

Girls blouse and skirt – size 10.

Girls sports shirt – size xs.

Girls sports short – size s.

School hat and school bag.

Price - \$100 for the lot.

Phone Jo on 0417 711 060.

- **Violin ½ Size**

Excellent condition with bow, strings, case, rosin & shoulder rest. Emperado brand \$70. Phone 3411 0117.

RSPCA PET OF THE WEEK



Millie ID: 453050

Meet the marvellous, the miraculous, Miss Millie...

If you're looking for a furry feline friend that loves smooches, cuddles, and hanging out wherever you are, then Millie's the girl for you! She has a few old war wounds from trying to tackle a moving car, but we just think they add to her rugged good looks and charm. Physical purrfection is overrated; and you can hardly notice the scars these days anyway.

Luckily for Millie the RSPCA Ambulance came to her rescue and now she's all healed and ready to start her new life. Thank goodness for the nine lives rule!

She would love to go to a home where she can live indoors (away from the perils of city life) and spend her time enjoying the finer things in life – watching TV, having head scratches, and being told how much she's treasured. If Millie sounds like the kind of cat you could grow to love come and meet her at RSPCA Qld's Fairfield Shelter, but be prepared, you might not leave empty handed!

If you are interested in offering Millie a new home, please visit www.adoptapet.com.au for more details, or pop into the Fairfield Shelter. She has been vet checked, desexed, microchipped, and vaccinated. The adoption centre is open 9am-4pm, Monday through Sunday.