

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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December

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Christmas Carols 6.30pm
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Year 3 Bush Christmas Theatre
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience.' - Oliver Wendell Holmes

'Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.' - Thomas Edison

Where can adults and toddlers throw caution to the wind and join in Hokey Pokey, nursery rhymes and true and trusted "Old McDonald had a Farm"? The answer is of course Raindrops

Playgroup, that Friday merriment down in R Block where future students of Rochedale State School are taught by versatile Trish Ireland. Trish came to Rochedale in the 1970's. She liked what she saw, stayed and became a fountain of accumulated knowledge, having taught every grade in the Primary School. Trish has seen different educational delivery systems, reading systems and numeracy concepts. Trish retained what works and discarded what doesn't work. Rochedale State School is indeed privileged to have on its staff a teacher of the calibre of Trish Ireland. A mother in her own right Trish has, not surprisingly, taught many adults who now return with their own children to Rochedale. Trish also taught 'reading recovery' at our school for some years. In this role, dear to her heart, she instilled literacy skills in many children, unlocked many mysteries and gave children a better chance to succeed not only at school, but beyond its gates in the world of adulthood. When the idea of starting *Raindrops Playgroup* first came up I thought long and hard about a suitable 'candidate' to lead the project. After all, this was new to Rochedale. I did not have to think for too long however. The choice was clear. Trish Ireland, one of my Year 2 teachers, was chosen and the rest... as they say... is history. The building, now stocked with toys, books and suitable paraphernalia, is a true magnet for many mothers of young children. The interaction between toddlers and parents is most encouraging and makes Trish's brief all the more easy. The jam packed program is designed from toddlers 18 months, up to 'pre'- prep year children. Trish's program utilises the junior playground area, sand pit and ancillary equipment which combine to enhance toddlers' early learning environment. Ably assisted by T.A. Sandy Davidson, the Friday mornings slip by at break neck speed. After morning tea Trish dons her other hat and continues teaching her little Grade 2 class. Again, we can only pause and appreciate that within our large staff at Rochedale State School we have the experienced talent of Trish Ireland to encourage a new generation.

Enrolments!?

When someone breaks the rule with "!" it is for a good reason. Enrolments in 2009 Prep Year are, as I indicated in this column a few weeks ago, closed. But what about the rest of the school? Yes, we do have a few limited places

left on our books. I advise you to contact our school by phone and make enquiries. If we are in a position to offer a place we shall be only too happy. However, I must caution everyone and say that our numbers are tight and vacancies few. Much can of course happen by early 2009 with families relocating to other areas, etc. Again, give us a call or stop by the Office with your enquiries.

Tomorrow is the 90th anniversary of the silenced cannons of France. World War I was finally over. Remembrance Day has somewhat faded from the Australian psyche with the passing of the last Diggers who took part. However, it has not passed from the school curriculum, nor has it passed from every small town and village around Australia. There, at the centre of town, you may always encounter a statue of a soldier, names inscribed on the support column, often four or five names from the same family. At the Eleventh Hour on the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month we pause and reflect on those who died during Australia's worst conflict so long ago. No fanfare, no pack drill, no parade... just a minute of quiet contemplation...

Christmas is not so much "about getting" as "about giving." There are many in our society who, through no fault of their own, are precluded from both giving and receiving. Temporary or permanent circumstances may have rendered their lives so low that the Christmas spirit passes their door without knocking. In conjunction with the *St. Vincent's de Paul Society* we are filling class hampers. We have only three weeks left in our quest which is why I commend the project to you as I seek your generosity in these difficult times. What we are looking for are special tin goods, for example, such as a nice ham or cake. The focus is less on every day grocery items, which other charitable shops and agencies provide. Rather, we look for a new toy – or two – a new doll – or two, in short something that will brighten up a family's life in a tangible way. The Spirit of Christmas, the greatest gift of all... is naturally free. It does not differentiate between rich or poor. On the contrary, it gives hope where there appears to be no hope from a chap not born in a five star resort hotel, but in a stable 2008 years ago.

Thankful for the rain and subsequent green Oval and grounds...

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

11/11 Michelle D

Wed

12/11 Kylie P

Thurs

13/11 Cathy O

Fri

14/11 Kylie P Melissa T Sylvia B

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

Mon

1/12 **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

Fri

5/12 Kylie P Kath R Michelle F

Mon **Yrs 4-7 SwimCarnival**

8/12 **Help Needed Please**

Tues

9/12 Michelle D

Wed

10/12 Kylie P

Thurs

11/12 **Tuckshop Closed**

Fri

12/12 **Tuckshop Closed**

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

Pizza Day

I know how much you all love Eagle Boy's Pizzas, so we are having a Pizza Day on Wednesday 19th November for Big Lunch. All other food is still available. Enclosed with today's newsletter is an order form. This form must be filled out and returned with money to the tuckshop by Monday, 17th November. The cost will be \$2.80 for a ¼ size pizza. This is a pre-order system. **NO MONEY – NO PIZZA, NO REFUNDS.**

Big Lunch – Chips etc.

Please remember you cannot purchase chips and ice creams until the 2nd Bell.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Pipe Cleaner People
Outside Activity	Oval Tiggy

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Wraps & Fruit
Craft	Brilliant Bouquet
Outside Activity	Netball
Cooking	Chocolate Slice

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Chocolate Slice & Fruit
Craft	Sand Pictures
Outside Activity	Dog & Bone
Cooking	Cheesy Slice

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Cheesy Slice & Fruit
Craft	Crabs
Outside Activity	Octopus Tag

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Plaster Painting
Outside Activity	Soccer

Also available every day –

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

Library News – Term 4 Week 6

Borrowing- This will be the last week for borrowing for students of all grade levels.

Stocktaking of books will commence in week 9 so we need all books to be returned by the end of week 8.

Library award – last week went to Danielle J (2M)

Poppies for Sale

We 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

In case you didn't know already, 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 'Coolum Capers' (see info below), for year 5 & 6 students from this year. Check out a complete list of SU Summer camps for all ages at www.suqld.org.au/camps!

I am also launching **CHAPPY CAFÉ** next week. It will be held on Tuesday lunchtimes in my room (upstairs between the Year 3s) and it will be an opportunity to bring your lunch and spend some time exploring the bible with me and other students. You will need to have your parents' permission to attend this program, so get a permission form from the chaplain's room ASAP!

Last of all, the Chaplaincy Service has opened a fundraising website at

www.ezydvdfundraising.com.au/rsschaplaincy. If you collect DVDs, or are trying to find someone a Christmas present, check out the website. Our Chaplaincy Service gets 10% of all sales via this website, so help us out if you can.

Have a great week!

ON THE RADAR

Coolum Capers!

When: 5th-9th January

Where: Luther Heights Campsite, Coolum Beach

How much: \$200* (*Camp qualifies for the child care rebate to reduce costs, & cost*)

includes bus ride to & from camp, all meals, accommodation & all activities)

It's summer, so join in for some fun in the sun, surf and sand on the Sunshine Coast. Activities include roller skating, beach swimming, dance party, movie night, electives, flying fox & the Coolum Challenge! Coolum Capers is open to any Year 5 & 6 students from 2008, and is going to be lots of fun!

See the Chaplain for a permission form or apply on-line.

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: 'A person cannot be comfortable without their own approval.'

P&C News

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

DISCO! On Saturday November 15th

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 YOU ABLE TO STAY AND HELP US ON THE NIGHT, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Disco Times are:

Junior (Prep – Grade 3) 5.30 to 7pm,

Senior (Grade 4 to Grade 7) 7.15 to 9pm

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!



SWIMMING NEWS

OOPS !!! We mis-counted the number of weeks left in the term when notices for Learn to Swim went out... there should have been six instead of five. In the last week of the term, Kobie will be concentrating on teaching Water Safety to her students to prepare them for the holidays. If you would like your child to participate in the lessons for this week and have already paid the \$45 fee for five lessons, you will need to pay an extra \$9. If you are yet to pay, the cost for the full six lessons will be \$54. Sorry for the mix-up.

Please note that there will be no squad training on 4th December (Thursday) because this is the school's Christmas Carols Night or 9th as this is Graduation Night.

Bronwyn King (P&C Rep): 0409 727 557

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 Swim Club

We will be having our monthly meeting on Tuesday, 11th Nov. in the staffroom at 7pm. All interested parties welcome. 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.

Christian Religious Education (CRE) News

We have someone thinking about teaching our spare Grade 7 CRE class but we still need a Grade 5 CRE 'helper' (no planning or preparation involved!) 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.

Christmas Hampers

November is Food and Gift Drive Month!




Thank you for the contributions to our Christmas Hamper 'Food and Gift Drive' that have already come in.


We will be collecting donations until the end of Week 8.

This Food and Gift Drive is a wonderful opportunity for us all to work together. We can all help this Christmas be a little easier for families in our area who are going through tough times.

A flyer with donation suggestions came home with last week's newsletter.

Some of the donation ideas include:

-  Christmas decorations and bon-bons;
-  Non-perishable Christmas Fare eg. Christmas cakes/puddings, cranberry sauce,
-  Special 'treats' such as lollies, chips, nuts etc,

-  Stocking 'fillers' eg. Gel pens, stickers, matchbox cars; skipping ropes, candles, mugs, nice teas/coffees,

Food must be non-perishable and gifts etc new. Each class has a collection bag where donations can be placed.

It is wonderful to see how much our school community cares!

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop trading hours this week are Thursday, 2:00 - 3:15pm and , - 9:00 am. If you are unable to visit the Uniform Shop during these trading hours, you may visit our Website and print out an order form, complete it and submit to the Office with your payment. I will then process your order and will advise you of when to pick it or deliver it to you child/ren's class.

EFTPOS - NOW AVAILABLE!!

For your convenience, the Uniform Shop now has EFTPOS. For every transaction there is a fee of 1.25% of the purchase price. We accept Mastercard and Visa. No cash out available.

BACK TO SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

If you will be requiring new uniforms for your child/ren for 2009, you can either purchase uniforms or you can lay-by. Please note the lay-by terms and conditions: - There will be a \$1.00 fee for every new transaction and must be finalised on Friday, 5th December. When ordering please allow for growth spurts during the 6 weeks holiday period.

PREP HATS - SLOUCH GOLD HATS

We are now stocking 55cm hats.

NEW STOCK LINES

Blue chair bag with school logo \$10.00

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you have uniforms that no longer fit your child/ren - you may sell this at the Uniform Shop. Terms and Conditions apply. Just a reminder that we no longer accept white emblem uniforms to sell, only the embroidered ones. Please also note that we can only sell second hand uniforms that had been purchased at the Uniform Shop. Please ensure that all uniforms are washed and in good condition prior to selling. There are no refunds on second hand uniforms. Once all your uniforms are sold, the P&C Treasurer will send you a cheque.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me through the school's email link:-
Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au

Thanks,
Mari-shell Scott
Uniform Convenor

Attention: Missing Mobile Phone

On Wednesday afternoon, a student's mobile phone went missing from the school office. It is a **black and silver Nokia 6300**. Parents if you see your son or daughter with this phone please bring it straight to the school office. **If handed in, there will be a reward.**

For Sale

- Bunkers Lo-Line Bed with guard (great to store toys under) and a single bed, also bunkers pine with lacquer. Good condition - \$300 for both O.N.O. Phone Leisa 0412 056 366.

Found

A lost dog was found on Priestdale Road during Saturday night's storm. It is a small Terrier breed with a red collar (has diamantes on it). Enquiries: 3841 3539

Speedzone

Get your skates on!
Sunday 14th December, 11am – 1pm.
It is free! Demos, games & lessons.
21 Agnes Street, Bundamba
Contact: Amber 0438 766 974

BENEATH THE STARS CONCERT

On November 30 there will be a **free** charity concert headlining Shannon Noll and a line up including Paulini, The Noll Brothers & Peter Cupples who have given their time free of charge for this event. It is being held on the grounds of John Paul College in Daisy Hill and it is envisaged that there will be 11,000 in attendance. This concert was to be held last August but to unforeseen circumstances and the incredibly sad passing of the young boy, James Hempenstall, who started organising this concert, it had to be postponed until November 30. The 7,000 tickets that were downloaded from Ticketmaster for the previous concert are still active and those ticket holders can still use the tickets. We have now made available,

through Ticketmaster, another 5,000 tickets as the venue has changed from where it was previously being held to the JPC Oval and can hold a further 5,000 people.

The charities to benefit from this concert are the 'Starlight Foundation' and children's hospice 'Zoe's Place'. It is an incredibly worthwhile cause and James' wish was to raise \$50,000 for these charities.

If you would like further information please visit the Beneath The Stars website via this link www.beneaththestars.com.au.

Barb Gibson
[for Beneath the Stars](#)