

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER



No. 38 -17<sup>th</sup> November, 2008

**November**

- 23 Shine Program Afternoon Tea
- 26 Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation
- 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**

'While one person hesitates because he feels inferior, the other is busy making mistakes and becoming superior.' - Henry C. Link

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'Always give the people more than they expect to get.' -Nelson Boswell

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A couple of weeks ago I wrote about our NAPLAN results and in particular, our writing results. This week I continue the theme discussing our school's writing program.

This week also sees a reflection from Sam Wildie, our boy school captain who took a little time out to talk to former Courier Mail writer, Mr Stig Hokansen.

**Writing continues**

Of great importance at Rochedale State School is our writing program. I am not talking about taking notation from chalk boards. No, what I am talking about is CREATIVE writing, the writing that takes place inside the student's head, creeps down the arm, extends into the hand and channels original thought onto paper! This is where our little ones shine, my friends. On an old friend of mine's computer is a little sign which says: "Don't get it right, get it Written." It may sound somewhat cryptic, however let us have a closer look. What it really says is that the important part is to get things down on paper. We cannot improve on nothing. A blank page cannot be edited! The important thing is to be able to articulate our thoughts. It is not good enough to say "You know what I mean..." No, I do not. You have to tell me, you have to instruct me, and the list goes on. In the second phase of my friend's sign we look, in each class, at the result of the written work. Teachers and peers become benevolent editors of students' work. A simple recall of Tommy's or Alice's narrative of a day at the beach may have started: "I went to the beach with Mum and Billy yesterday." In the classroom, this little sentence may eventually morph into a paragraph - with much input from the original author, teacher and peers - "Yesterday was a beautiful day. Mum had a day off and asked if I would like to go to the beach. We packed a picnic lunch and put some cold drinks in the car. Mum's brother Billy decided to come with us. Billy has a really cool surf board and decided to bring it..." Writing, in which ever genre you wish to apply it, is essential to learning. It is essential to expression. By learning the essentials of good writing, in a non-threatening environment, we give children the tools of success throughout primary, high school and beyond. The fact that we are on track with this important subject alone, may be one of the answers as to WHY we have done so well in the newly published Education Queensland statistics. Do take time at home to congratulate your children. It is their combined efforts that yield these positive results.

### **Captain Wildie looks back**

Sam Wildie, 12, was elected School Captain early in 2008. I caught up with young Sam, arm in plaster cast, but not markedly slowed down, as his tenure draws to a close in a few weeks time. I asked Sam about his term of office, the highs and lows. Gregarious Sam reflected for a split second and assured me that there 'have been no lows, which I can remember.'

"I was encouraged by my Dad and my teachers to put my name forward for School Captain," begins Sam. The two mentors must have picked a winner as Sam Wildie was elected School Captain by the many hundreds of students at Rochedale State School. So what was the brief that was handed to Sam?

"For a start, I was told that the job came with certain privileges and certain responsibilities," said Sam. "I guess in life you can't have one without the other..." reflects our Captain. So what sort of duties was he and his team expected to perform and what kind of people did they meet along the way?

"Well, it was full on most of the time. We were given these magnificent school blazers to wear. Yes, they are hot in the summer, but we don't wear them all the time. We first got to wear them on Anzac Day in the city, when our school attended the Memorial. We certainly stood out from other schools in the most positive way," continues Sam. Yet it did not end there, of course.

"Our local MLA, Phil Reeves is a regular visitor to Rochedale. We also got to meet the Queensland Minister for Education, Rod Welford. Mr. Welford was a ton of fun and joined in our physical education/fitness activities. It was a real blast. Oh, and then, I almost forgot, there was the visit from Channel 9's John Schluter, who promised to come back. Family Radio 96.5 did an interview too," says Sam, scratching his head to relate events in chronological order.

I assure him that it does not matter and to think about outstanding and memorable events. "Well, it's all been pretty exciting. After all, who would not get excited about *Rochedale Idol*, our School Council event where the best of our students go on stage, dance, sing and do all sort

of stuff on stage?" muses Sam as he concedes to a few bloopers on stage. "The kids are pretty forgiving, like if I accidentally say: 'Good Morning' in the afternoon etc."

"One thing I will never forget from this year as School Captain was when a World Vision's ambassador did a workshop about child labour and child slavery in India. Chambers is only 16 and had visited India. She was unreal! She made us do matchboxes out of card board and explained how children our age would work 14-18 hours a day doing this sort of work. It made me think a lot," says Sam.

So where is 2008's Sam Wildie off to in 2009? "Oh, I'm just going to Mansfield State High School. I'm pleased because my best friend Josh is going there too. After that I would like to, if my grades are good enough, to study Architecture at University of Queensland. I would like to design environmentally friendly houses for people, lots of them, lots..., but that's a few years off," says modest, yet focused School Captain Sam.

"I'm pretty lucky to have had Mr. Sanderson as my Year 7 teacher. He is sooooooooooooo patient; does not go off; fly off the handle and such, but allows us to ask the same question until we get it. Also Mrs. Cooney who helps out during our Student Council meetings is great. Actually, there has not been one thing that I can think of that has not been great during my year as School Captain. I'm almost sorry my term is coming to an end. Perhaps I'll put my hand up again at Mansfield State High in a few years' time," concludes Sam.

Having only met Sam Wildie briefly, I assured him that putting your hand up for public office was a jolly good idea, as demonstrated by another bright young man in far way America this week. – *S.H.*

### **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**

18/11 **Help Needed Today**

**Wed**

19/11 Tracy S

**Pizza Day**

**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 **Help Needed**  
**Thurs**  
 11/12 **Tuckshop Closed**  
**Fri**  
 12/12 **Tuckshop Closed**  
**2009**  
**Mon**  
 26/1 **Australia Day Holiday**  
**Tues**  
 27/1 **Tuckshop Closed**

Thank you Kathy, Kath, James, Ashleigh, Tamiaka & Tiarne for your help last week.

### **Carols Night, Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Mark your calendar for this night as the Tuckshop will be open at 6pm to sell pizzas, drinks, chips and ice creams. Help will be needed to please.

### **Pizza Day**

Don't forget Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November is Pizza Day for all those who have ordered. If not, all other food will be still available. Enjoy!

### **Big Lunch – Chips etc.**

Please remember you cannot purchase chips and ice creams until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bell.

## **ROSHCA Program**

### **Monday**

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Sequin Art
Outside Activity	Sand Castle Competition

### **Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Magic Drawing
Outside Activity	Footy

### **Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea	Wraps & Fruit
Craft	Friendship Bracelets
Outside Activity	Fly
Cooking	Gingerbread Slice

### **Thursday**

Afternoon Tea	Gingerbread Slice & Fruit
Craft	Finger Painting
Outside Activity	Stuck in the Mud
Cooking	Coconut Slice

### **Friday**

Afternoon Tea	Coconut Slice & Fruit
Craft	Card Making
Outside Activity	Capture the Flag

Also available every day –

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

**Please note ROSHCA can now take payments by EFTPOS.**

## **Booklists 2009**

In your newsletter today you will have found your booklists for next year. Our preferred supplier is Jeanette Wallace from IGA/Underwood News, located in the Centre Place Shopping Centre in Underwood Road. There is a small map on your booklist should you be unfamiliar with where they are situated. Please note: This is NOT the IGA Superstore or the newsagent located in Rochedale Shopping Village.

If you have any queries regarding your booklists, please direct them to either Jeanette at the shop or to the School Office. You may leave your completed booklist at the shop at any time from now on. Please be aware that you can also pay off your bookpack on a layby system at Underwood News.

If you lose your booklist or simply require another one you may ask at Underwood News or at the School Office for a spare one.

### **Library News – Term 4 Week 7**

Borrowing- Borrowing for students of all grade levels has stopped. 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 Rashwin K - 4D

Readers Cup- This week students from grades 5, 6 and 7 will be competing in class teams for our own Reading Cup winners for 2008. Students have been asked to read three books and will be asked 5 questions on details from the books. The Library would like to thank all students who volunteered to take part and wishes you all the best of luck.

Regards  
Library

### **Spare Uniforms**

The school has a stock of old uniforms which it supplies to students who require a change of clothes and our supply of shorts is very low. If you have any old school shorts at home that you are willing to donate to the school we would greatly appreciate it.

### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

I want to start by saying a big CONGRATULATION to all of the Rochedale sporting teams that played in finals last week! I've spoken to a lot of students and teachers and it sounds like you all played very well, and that you all showed good sportsmanship regardless of who won or lost. I would also like to rave about the Year 5 Girls' Basketball team! Thank you so much for an awesome season, and congratulations for winning your final on Friday! Good job Rochedale!

**CHAPPY CAFÉ** 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!

Don't forget how you can help raise funds for the Rochedale Chaplaincy Service. If you collect DVDs, or are trying to find someone a Christmas present, all you have to do is check out the website at [www.ezydvdfundraising.com.au/rsschaplaincy](http://www.ezydvdfundraising.com.au/rsschaplaincy). 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:** 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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:** 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.suqld.org.au/camps)*

**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:** 'Teamwork allows you to achieve greater things than you ever could on your own.'

## **P&C News**

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

DISCO! What a great night we had on Saturday night. Both discos were a great success, with children dancing, playing and eating, oh and a little bit of screaming!! So much fun with great music, lights, smoke and bubbles!! A huge 'Thank You' as always goes out to Bobby Brown, who came and entertained everyone with the music and games. He does an excellent job and is very much appreciated by the P&C. I need to thank Kathy Morrison for all her help with the organization, the preparation and for being there every step of the way. Thank you also to Julie Barnhill, the Morrison children, the Dee children and the Barnhill children for staying back after swim club on Friday night to help set up the hall. It became a very late night and I can't thank you all enough. Also I must thank the King family for their help with set up, on the night and the clean up on Sunday. Jessica Dee, you were a wonder! So helpful, and with us through the whole set up, all night selling glow products, and for the clean up. Thank you. To all those that came and helped on Saturday night, thank you so very much! I really can't begin to name everyone individually but it was wonderful to have so many willing helpers, it helped make the evening run very smoothly. To all the teachers and teacher aides that came along, I thank you, also Mr Smith, Mr Burton and Mrs Francis, thank you for coming along and helping. It was a fun night!

FETE UPDATE: We are very pleased to announce that Fete 08 raised close to \$28,000. What an awesome effort!! This money has been used to purchase a number of items including:

- \$16,500 – HP Colour Photocopier
- \$8000 – 14 Computers
- \$1000 – Musical Instruments
- \$2,500 – Guillotine

## SWIMMING NEWS

\*Please note\* no squad training on 4<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday) because this is Carols Night or 9<sup>th</sup> December as this is Graduation Night.

All enquiries to: 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

## **Christmas Craft Stall**

On behalf of the P&C, the Craft Stall will be open during the upcoming Swimming Carnivals. The Carnivals dates are: Yr 1 – Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, Yr 2 – Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, Yr 3 – Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Dec and Yrs 4-7 on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. The craft stall will be open until 11.30am on each of these days.

We do this to give parents and children and opportunity to buy unique and well-priced gifts for those you care about. Please support your school by purchasing items from this stall. Help is needed to set up the stall from 9am on each of these days. Phone Kath R on 3341 2980.

## **Christmas Raffle**

It's that time of the year again! I am organising 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, 28<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you, Jenny P.

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop trading hours this week are Thursday 2:00 - 3:15pm and Friday 8:00 - 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, we only have limited stock available. You can lay-by your requirements and pick up will be in January. Please note the lay-by terms and conditions. The Uniform Shop will be open in January 22, 23 & 27 2009 from 9:00am - 11:00am. 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

## **🎁 Christmas Hampers 🎁**

### **November is Food and Gift Drive Month!**

#### **🎁 Just under 2 Weeks to Go! 🎁**

We are busily packing boxes with all the generous donations that have come in so far. Thank you so much for your contributions.

We will continue to collect goods until the end of Week 8, (next Wednesday/Thursday 26/27 Nov), so we *have less than two weeks to go*.

Just recapping some donation ideas:

🎁 **Small Gifts:** Gifts are needed for Babies through to Senior Citizens;

🎁 **Christmas Items:** Christmas Lollies, Puddings, Cakes; Bon Bons; Cranberry Sauce; Decorations;

🎁 **Special Treat Food:** Lollies, Chips, Nuts, Fudge, nice biscuits, special teas/coffees/drink mixes;

*It is so nice to be able to work together to make a real difference for many needy families this Christmas time.*

## **Christian Religious Education (CRE) News**

### **2009 CRE team gaps filled**

A big thank you to our CRE team, a school parent and our church communities for coming on board and helping us cover all our *known* 2009 CRE teaching team and helper gaps. Thanks so much for your support.

### **Small need still...**

We are now looking for someone to team up with one of our new Grade 7 CRE teachers to fill in while he occasionally works and also to fill in for him during the whole of third term, as he will be away. (We also always have room for any CRE 'helper' types!!)

Please contact Robynne Turner, the CRE Co-ordinator for more information on 3219 9771, 0408 785 494 or email [camrob@iprimus.com.au](mailto:camrob@iprimus.com.au)

### **Springwood S.H.S Enrolments**

Springwood State High School is taking enrolments for Year 8, 2009 now.

Springwood State High School is having its **Year 8 2009 Transition Day on Monday 8th December, 2008**. All currently enrolled students, and new prospective students are welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs Kay Docherty on 3380 6167.

### **For Sale:**

Mansfield S.H.S. Formal Uniform Shorts. Size 92 (2 pairs). Excellent Condition - \$15 each. Ph: 3411 0117

### **Parent Fitness Program**

Parents, having difficulty finding a carpark of an afternoon? Here's the solution.. Arrive early and beat the rush hour to secure your carpark. While you wait, join our personal trainers from Linda

Allen Fitness (Rochedale) for an hour of fun and physical activity on our school oval.

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1.50pm to 2.50pm, the personal trainers have made themselves available, offering our parents an hour of exercise for a cost of \$10 per session you attend. All you need is to bring a hat, sunscreen, towel, joggers and comfortable clothes along with plenty of enthusiasm and laughter. If you would like to know more about our parents fitness program then contact Mrs Natasha Ritchie, one of our school teachers in Grade 5N or Rowena Allen from Linda Allen fitness on 0419 736 123.

Hoping to see parents take advantage of this wonderful service made available to our school.