

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'The glory is not in never failing, but rising every time you fail.' - Chinese Proverb

'Look for the miraculous, hidden among the common.' - James Rohn

Making Prep Count

Education Queensland, the government department that operates State Schools has set a number of performance goals for 2009 and beyond. One of these important goals is that every school ensures that the Preparatory Year counts. The Preparatory Year, now in its third year of full implementation, has led to a number of changes to the way we 'do business' at Rochedale State School. Children in Year One are ready for school like never before and feedback from our Year Two teachers indicates that Prep has really made a difference to the academic and social development of our children.

The most visible difference Prep has made, in my opinion can be seen in our Year 1 and 2 classrooms everyday. Children are actively

engaged in their lessons and the benchmarks for student achievement have been moved progressively upwards to address this new trend. I am proud to say that at Rochedale State School, the team of prep teachers; Mrs Johnson, Mrs Underwood, Mrs Broadbent, Mrs Mulcahy and Mr Jeffery have all seized the moment and are busy 'Making Prep Count'.

Every Child, Every Night, Reads How you can help your child with reading (Part 2)

To get your child interested in reading, it's important to vary the books you read together and to talk about the types of material you read each day.

Our school encourages parents to work with us to develop children's reading skills. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- play number plate games in the car by looking at different number plates and making sentences starting with the same letters
- encourage children to re-tell stories they have read and to share these stories with other family members
- when reading to your child, stop and ask "what do you think will happen next?" and occasionally ask "why do you think the author included that part in the story?" to ensure they understand what they are reading
- if your child makes a mistake when they read aloud, give them time to correct the mistake themselves.

For more information about how you can help your child with reading visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

"Ambassador of the school" is a generic term which applies to everyone wearing a Rochedale State School uniform. On the way to and from school our students are observed by the public at large. Whether walking in groups or individually; whether riding a bike or scooter; the message is the same. How our students are perceived by our community is important. I was pleased to get a phone call the other day from a member of the Rochedale community complimenting a boy and girl walking to school, carrying a school bag and a bright smiling face as they strode down the busy Rochedale Road

footpath. The community member, who was walking her friend, added that the children said “Good Morning,” as they passed. This greeting pleased the lady enough to make a complimentary phone call in praise of two of our students. I would like to encourage every child at this school to display similar good manners and courtesy to pedestrians on their way to school. Ambassadors of Australia, to all corners of the globe, were once ‘ambassadors’ of their schools.

Fire and Flood Appeal

In the face of these devastating natural disasters, the community of Rochedale has again shone. Generally our free dress days raise approximately \$700-\$800 for charity. It was in this light that I expectantly awaited the total of donations from our Student Council. You can then imagine my pride and amazement when I was notified that the total raised for this appeal last Thursday was a massive **\$3, 847**. I hope this great news will in some way alleviate the problems of those people who have suffered as a result of the floods and fire.

Well done Rochedale!!!

Liam Smith
Principal

School Sores

We have had a case of ‘School Sores’ (Impetigo) reported within our school. Impetigo takes up to four days to develop the signs of infection. This is called the ‘incubation period’. Following this:

- The skin itches and reddens
- A collection of blisters forms, commonly around the nose and mouth
- The blisters pop and weep a yellow, sticky fluid
- The area develops a raised and wet-looking crust
- The scab dries and falls off
- The skin completely heals after a few days.

We ask that parents please be aware of any of these symptoms on their children and if found please commence treatment immediately. Children should be excluded from school until

treatment has begun and all sores are covered. Thank you for your help with this matter.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Reading is not only recognizing the words on the page. Reading is understanding what the words have told you. After your child has read a book, magazine, webpage, or whatever they have read; ask them some questions about what they have read. Here are some examples:

- Why do you think this event happened in the story?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Why did...?
- What was your favourite part? Why?
- What did you learn from reading?
- How did the book make you feel?

At Rochedale State School we are promoting our students to be **COMMUNICATORS**. Encouraging your children to share their ideas with others in different ways – speaking, listening, drama, writing will promote their communication skills. At Rochedale, the students are fortunate to learn either French or Chinese from year 2. Ask your child what they have learnt in another language and see if they can teach you some words from the language they are learning.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gayle Healey
Curriculum Coordinator

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

17/2 Michelle D

Wed

18/2 Cathy O

Thurs

19/2 **Volunteer Needed**

Fri

20/2 Richelle H Michelle F

Mon

23/2 Amanda R

Tues

24/2 Shirley L

Wed

25/2 **Volunteer Needed**

Thurs
26/2 Amanda C Douglas K
Fri
27/2 Kath R Georgina F
Mon
2/3 **Volunteer Needed**
Tues
3/3 Michelle D
Wed
4/3 Cathy O
Thurs
5/3 Anne W
Fri **Volunteer Needed**
6/3 Kylie S **Interschool Sport**
Mon
9/3
Tues
10/3
Wed
11/3 Tracey S
Thurs
12/3 Kylie M
Fri
13/3 Kath R Sylvia B
Thank you James for your help on Friday.
Thank you also Shendelle.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Butterflies
Outside Activity	Skipping Competition
Cooking	Dips

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Mixed Dips, Breads & Fruit
Craft	Cotton Ball Creatures
Outside Activity	Charades

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Jungle Weaving
Outside Activity	Catch the Snake by the Tail
Cooking	Cakes

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Cakes & Fruit
Craft	Monkey Puppets
Outside Activity	Soccer

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Wraps & Fruit
Craft	Collage Creations
Outside Activity	Wacky Races

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.

Due to the fee increase for 2009 we are now charging over the maximum rate of Child Care Benefit. **ALL FAMILIES PLEASE CHECK THE A-Z ACCOUNTS BOX LOCATED BESIDE THE PARENT COMMUNICATION BOOK FOR YOUR ACCOUNTS.** Accounts are generated weekly (Monday) for that week of care. Maximum rate for non-school child - \$3.47 - Maximum rate for a school aged child is 85 per cent of the maximum non-school child rate. **Also just a reminder to the families using direct deposit, we now have a new bank account number, please see ROSHCA staff for new details.**

Free Dress Day Fundraiser

Last Thursday Rochedale had a free dress day. The student council together decided to have the free dress day to raise money to help out the victims of the fires and floods. The money raised has been divided between the fire and the flood appeal. As most people know, on a normal free dress day the school raises 700-800 dollars. This time Rochedale managed to raise a breathtaking \$3847. The student council would just like to say thank-you very much for your extremely kind donations.

Annabel & Jessica B

Year 5 French Book

Year 5 parents will have received a letter at the end of last year stating that \$22 will need to be paid for a required French Book. This book is due at the end of February, however we ask that parents start paying the fee to the school office now. Thank you, Madame Pearson.

AUDITION CALL!!

Lookout Wakakirri 2009! Rochedale State School has entered the National Story Festival (Story-Dance Category) that challenges young Australians to create a story, share it with Australia and have a positive impact on the world around them.

Wakakirri is a competitive event. Therefore, given our success with J-Rock 2007 (a non-competitive event), we feel we may have a good

chance at winning some cool prizes and prize money!!

Auditions commence on Thursday, 19th February, for grades 4-7 only. Depending on the number of children auditioning, auditions may run over a couple of days. We are aiming to keep numbers low this year. Therefore, we will be taking only the best!

Please make sure, prior to auditioning, children are 100% committed and will be able to attend rehearsals on a Tuesday afternoon from 3-4pm and lunch time on a Wednesday. Keep your eyes open for more Wakakirri updates.

We look forward to seeing you at the auditions!

Miss Seib Mrs Rigby
(Yr 1 Teacher) (SpecialEducationTeacher)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Congratulations, Rochedale State School. I am so proud of the generosity shown last week in our fundraising efforts for the victims of the bushfires and floods. Despite the tough economic times and the grim outlook presented by the government, the generous families of Rochedale State School have dug deep into their pockets and bank accounts and contributed in a meaningful way. We can't take back the last week for those affected by these disasters, but we are doing our bit to make the next few weeks and months a little bit easier. I believe we are donating funds raised through the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal, and if you wish to contribute (and haven't already) check out the Red Cross website for more info.

If you are considering sending clothes or other items down (via one of the many charitable options available) there are a couple things to keep in mind. There are many everyday items they can use, but it will save time if you pack them and mark the bag (or box) with the appropriate gender and size of the item. For example: Girls shoes, size 9. This can save so much time and effort at the other end of the line. Also it may sound a bit funny to say this, but if you are able to send down new, clean underwear that is something they can never get enough of at a time like this. Congratulations again, Rochedale, you should be proud of your efforts as you are being friends to those in need!

Have a great week!

ON THE RADAR

Games Rangers: Don't forget to get your permission forms in as training sessions are not far away. Watch this space for more news on Games Rangers!

B Strong: B Strong started this week with a number of eager Year 7 lads! However, we meet again in 2 weeks time as I am away next week!

Chappy Cafe: This brand new lunchtime activity program will give interested participants the chance to hang out with friends, read the bible, ask questions and hopefully find some answers. Come and grab a permission form from the Chaplain!

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

Please note: I will be away from the 23-27th February, so there will be no Chaplaincy Service activities during that week!

Mr James School Chaplain

Thought for the day: "A real friend is one who walks in, when everyone else walks out."

SQUAD NEWS

Adults and senior swimmers please note there will be no training on Tuesday, 24th February due to a carnival booking from 5.30pm. Adults are welcome to swim with the seniors on another day and seniors can train as intermediates that day. Junior and intermediate squads will not be affected.

It's been great to see some new faces and some familiar ones returning to squad over the past couple of weeks. Remember that seniors and adults who want to cross-train can spend self-paced time on the stationary bikes before adult squad.

Have you checked your family's payment status lately? Records (as at the end of last term) are near the money tin during squad time.

LEARN TO SWIM

Congratulations to our eager learners on a great start to this term of Learn to Swim. Keep up the good work.

Any questions about Squad or Learn to Swim?
Phone me, Bronwyn King, on 0409 727 557 and
I'll do my best to answer them.

P&C News

Next meeting: Tuesday, 24th February 7pm –
AGM. Election of new committee for 2009.

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. It
couldn't be easier!

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop hours has resumed its usual
hours:

Thursday 2:00 - 3.15pm and Friday 8:00 -
9:00am. If you are unable to come during these
hours, please visit our website and complete an
order form and submit it to the office enclosing
your payment. Once processed, we will give
you a call for you to pick it up.

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
Mastecard and Visa. No refunds or cash out
available!

SOCKS AND BAGS HAVE ARRIVED

We now have socks and bags in stock. If you
have ordered these, they will be sent to your
child's class this week.

SCHOOL & HOUSE CAPTAINS Uniforms
will arrive shortly. A letter to parents will be
sent out detailing the cost asap.

Please note that the Uniform Shop is run on a
voluntary basis. We are looking for parents to
assist us in the Uniform Shop, it will be on a
roster basis so if you are able to spare a few
hours a week, please come and see me. Thank
you to those who have already expressed their
interest. I will be giving you a call sometime
this week to arrange a roster. Your help will not
only assist in the smooth running of the Uniform
Shop, but an opportunity to support the school
community. If you have any queries, please

contact me via the email school link:
Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au

Thanks

Mari-shell Scott

Uniform Shop Convenor

Christian Religious Education (CRE) News

The CRE team is happy to announce that all
classes in Grades 1 through 7 at Rochedale State
School will be incorporating CRE lessons into
their weekly schedule.

*Weekly CRE lessons will begin in Week 5 this
year.*

Each class will welcome a volunteer who
represents the local churches in our cooperative
group. Our CRE Teacher volunteers present a
weekly 30 minute lesson taken from a non-
denominational CRE curriculum. The
curriculum follows guidelines set by Education
Queensland and is endorsed by all the churches
in the cooperative. The lessons are age-
appropriate, relevant and promote the same
ideals that are seen in our school's value system.
The Teacher Manuals are available for perusal
by parents, please contact the CRE Coordinator.

*If you would not like your child to participate in
CRE lessons we require a written letter
requesting your child be excused from CRE
lessons.*

CRE Student Workbooks

Our CRE program utilizes colour student
workbooks in Grades 2 through 7. These were
included on this year's school booklists. The
workbooks represent good value and provide the
materials for the fun activities that form part of
each CRE lesson. *If your child is participating
in CRE and has yet to pick up their workbooks
can we encourage you to purchase them as soon
as possible.* The booklets (Part 1 and Part 2) are
available from IGA Underwood News, 473
Underwood Road, Rochedale South. (Grade 1
student activities involve photocopied
worksheets; there are no workbooks in Grade 1)

If any parent/guardian would like more
information or would like to see our curriculum
please contact the CRE Coordinator Robynne

Turner on 3341 8427, 0408 785 494 or
camrob@iprimus.com.au .

Any queries, please speak to the CRE
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