

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'Look for the miraculous hidden among the common.'

- James Rohn

'Have purpose that will outlive you.'

- Dennis Waitley

Far from the snow and ice of the northern hemisphere's winter we are now in summer mode. This week sees the lower school take to the water in a three-day carnival that runs on Tuesday (Year 1), Wednesday (Year 2) and Thursday (Year 3). Our aquatic theme is a wonderful chance to see the junior school in action. Parents are naturally invited to cheer on their youngsters as they plough through the water towards future Olympic glories. Always remember that Grant Hackett and Ian Thorpe swam in their respective school pools to begin with... I wish all the junior school well over the three-day event. Under the watchful eye of teachers and covered in sun

screen lotion, I feel sure that the event will put a smile on everyone's dial.

It's the Season to be Jolly... particularly next Thursday night, 4th December when Rochedale State School opens its doors to Carols Night at 6:30pm. You will find a separate program in this newsletter. Carollers sing throughout December in the lead up to Christmas. You find them on street corners, in shopping malls here and abroad. The tradition has a rich history. In many European countries there is a tradition of groups of people going from door to door in the community and singing outside their houses. These groups of Christmas Carollers were rewarded for bringing joy into the hearts of the listeners by being invited into their houses for meals or a drink. The name Christmas Carol is said to have originated because a young girl named Carol went missing in London, one cold winter night. As her friends went from door to door searching for her, in a manner similar to the Christmas Singers, the name Christmas Carol began to be used and is today an essential part of the Christmas Festival. Our classes won't be going door-to-door singing their songs. They will entertain you with wonderful carols on stage on our school oval. I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all families. Indeed, I extend my welcome to parents and children about to come to Rochedale School for the first time in 2009.

The Great Outdoors and more awaits our Year 7's over the next few days. While other schools have camps where students go away overnight to various venues, our school has intensely popular activities such as indoor bowling, rock climbing, ice skating, to mention but a few. I am looking forward to accompanying the students on some of these outings and sharing in the fun which signals the beginning of the end of our Seniors' years in primary school. The busy end-of-year agenda looks bright. You will find events and dates in this Newsletter about what we have in store for you between now and the end of term.

Student of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as the "Student of the Month" for the month of November. These awards were presented on parade last Friday.

1A	Trinity N Being a pleasant, well mannered student who works hard and loves school.		Embracing the concepts of the Learner Profile and reflecting those attributes in our classroom every day. Well done, James!
1M	Piper Y Her consistent hard work and risk taking in Mathematics this term.		Alanna C Embracing the concepts of the Learner Profile and reflecting those attributes in our classroom every day. Well done, Alanna!
1S	Aaron H Trying so hard and making pleasing improvements in his reading and writing.		
2I	Nicole S Her kind ways and consistently working hard to improve her learning.	4L	Aaliyah M Always displaying a love of learning demonstrated by her enthusiastic participation in our unit of inquiry.
2M	Morgan B Being a quiet achiever throughout the year and developing the confidence to take risks in the classroom. Well done, Morgan!	4R	Georgia G Displaying excellent behaviour in class and having a positive attitude and setting a good example.
2S	Sarah H Her persistence in all tasks and valuable contributions to the class.	5K	Jenny K Being an enthusiastic and organised student during her exchange.
	Rhianna M Demonstrating the Rochedale values at all times in all situations.	5L	Zara N Displaying excellent behaviour in the classroom.
2W	Tamika N Always striving to do her very best in all areas and for being a considerate, reliable and motivated class member.	5N	Jayden A Being an enthusiastic student who is willing to learn and make progress in all academic areas. Congratulations!
3C	Lauren M Being a wonderful student in all areas of her work. A very kind and caring girl. Well done, Lauren.	5R	Georgia E Working conscientiously at all times and being a valuable class member.
3D	Alana P A wonderful effort and attitude towards all her class work. Alana also has a caring and happy nature. Congratulations, Alana.	6A	Lauren M Displaying a mature, positive attitude towards all aspects of her learning.
	Bayley W A wonderful effort and attitude towards all his class work. Congratulations, Bayley.	6C	Poppy J Displaying her positive attitude, responsible behaviour and great sense of humour without falter all year long.
3N	Kyle K Putting in a determined effort to improve his behaviour. Never give up. Encourage others. Do your best.	6L	Samantha K Consistently working hard to do her best.
		6W	Lucy N Always upholding the school values, displaying leadership qualities and always putting 100% into everything she does.
3T	Rachel K A conscientious and considerate girl, Rachel has given 100% all year.	6/7B	Rosalie P Displaying all the qualities of a dedicated learner.
4C	Yun J His courteous behaviour and outstanding effort in all areas of academic work.	7B	Lyndel S Her consistent, positive, work ethic, generating noticeable improvement in all areas of her school work. A great effort, Lyndel!
4D	Shaleaha O Showing a responsible attitude and for trying to improve in her school work.		
4K	James H		

- 7L Elliot G
Trying his hardest all year and maintaining an excellent standard of behaviour.
- 7S Jackson E
Displaying an excellent effort in striving to improve his work.
Deborah M
Always maintaining a positive attitude and displaying an excellent effort.
- Chinese Hannah L
Participating in activities with commitment and interest.
- ROSHCA Tyler M
Consistently great behaviour and setting a good example for other students. Thank you, Tyler!

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 Yr 1 Swim Carnival

2/12 Carla S

Wed Yr 2 Swim Carnival

3/12 Georgina F Tracy S

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 Swim Carnival

8/12 Karen K

Tues

9/12 Michelle D

Wed

10/12 Kylie P Kathy M

Thurs

11/12 **Tuckshop Closed**

Fri

12/12 **Tuckshop Closed**

2009

Mon

26/1 **Australia Day Holiday**

Tues

27/1 **Tuckshop Closed**

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

Carols Night, Thursday, 4th December

Mark your calendar for this night as the Tuckshop will be open at 6pm to sell pizzas

(Domino's ¼ size pizzas at \$3 each), drinks, chips and ice creams. Help will be needed too, please.

Food Stock Run Down

As we always do, now we are approaching end of term, we start to run down our food stock. If we cannot supply your child's food, an alternative will be supplied.

Swim Carnivals Years 1, 2 & 3

The Junior Swimming Carnivals are held over 3 days (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) only until Little Lunch. If parents require Little Lunch on these days, you must have your orders in at the tuckshop by 9am sharp. **Tea and coffee will not be available.**

Swim Carnival Yrs 4-7

The Senior Swimming Carnival is being held on Monday, December 8th. If parents require food for Little Lunch or Big Lunch, your orders must be in at the tuckshop by 9am sharp. **Tea & Coffee will not be available.**

IOU's

Monies owed to the tuckshop for children's forgotten lunches are to be finalised A.S.A.P. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed for 2009

The tuckshop will need new volunteers next year as parents and their children move on to high school. Please, if you would like to be involved, pop into the tuckshop and see me. Did you know voluntary work looks impressive on a resume?

New Price List

Due to food price increases, there will be a new price list for 2009 going home next year in the first newsletter.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Wraps & Fruit
Craft	Stars & Icicles
Outside Activity	Basketball

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Fruit & Crackers
Craft	Christmas Chains
Outside Activity	Bridgeball
Cooking	Chocolate Slice

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Chocolate Slice & Fruit
Craft	Christmas Wreaths
Outside Activity	European Handball
Cooking	Cakes

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Cakes & Fruit
Craft	Tree Ornaments
Outside Activity	Buroninjin

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Christmas Mural
Outside Activity	Volleyball

Also available every day –

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

Please note ROSHCA can now take payments by EFTPOS. Just a reminder families that the end of term is fast approaching and we would appreciate all accounts be finalised by the end of term, to ensure your placement for next year.

Vacation Care Bookings

ROSHCA is now taking bookings for Dec/Jan Vacation Care. ROSHCA will be open from 15th Dec. – 19th Dec and close between 22nd Dec. and 2nd Jan. Vacation Care resumes Mon., 5th Jan. and will end on Friday, 23rd Jan. ROSHCA will not be open on Australia Day Public Holiday. If you would like to book your child/ren in for Vacation Care, please see Zoe or Fran in the ROSHCA room for a form. Also, a \$20 Booking Deposit will be required.

Students Leaving Early

Please try to let your child/ren know how they are going home or if they are being picked up early before they come to school. It is very difficult to get messages to children 10 minutes before the bell goes especially if they are not in their classrooms.

Also, if picking your child/ren up early, they must be signed out by yourself at the front office. Children cannot be waiting at the drop off zone to be picked up early.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I would like to start by saying a big "THANK YOU" to my Year 6 Games Rangers who gave up a bunch of lunch times to run games for Rochedale's Preps & Years 1s this year. It was a

whole lot of fun to be sure, but it was awesome to see how committed you were to looking after the smaller members of our school and you all did a fantastic job. I just hope that next year's leaders do as good a job as you did. You certainly set a high standard for them to follow.

I would also like to thank anyone and everyone that participated in any of the Chaplaincy Programs and Activities in 2008. We have had an awesome year, and I am certainly looking forward to 2009 with much anticipation. There will be as many (if not more) opportunities to participate in Chaplaincy Programs next year, and I hope you all enjoy a safe Christmas break.

Christmas Carols are a great opportunity to get the family together, and there are 2 chances to participate this week. Rochedale State School's Carols will be on Thursday night, and I look forward to seeing you all there (it might be a chance for students to introduce me to Mum & Dad if I don't know them already). There will also be a Community Carols Night on Sunday evening down at Rochedale South State School, so come along to both nights if you can!

Have a great week!

ON THE RADAR

Community Christmas Carols

When: from 5:30pm, Sunday, December 7th

Where: Rochedale South State School Oval

Strength Pool Party

When: 1pm, Sunday, December 7th

Where: Rochedale State School Pool

Don't forget that your RSVPs are due on Tuesday for the Strength Pool Party – I need to know numbers for catering purposes, so get those forms back.

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.

Mr James School Chaplain

Thought for the day: 'You must be the change you wish to see in the world.' (Gandhi)

Instrumental Music

All Instrumentalists who have a **School instrument** must return the instrument to Mr Pearson at the conclusion of this week's lesson to allow the stock take to occur.

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., 2nd Dec, Yr 2 – Wed., 3rd Dec, Yr 3 – Thurs., 4th Dec and Yrs 4-7 on Mon., 8th Dec. The craft stall will be open until 11.30am on each of these days.

We do this to give parents and children an 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.

P&C News

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

Getting organized for next year?? If you are preparing for the next school year, ordering your book packs and uniforms, why not consider personalized labels to make naming those items so much easier? 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!

Carols Night: Not too far away. The P&C will be running a Christmas Raffle that evening, with some wonderful prizes. We have a couple of remote control helicopters, a Cold Rock Ice Cream Voucher and baskets of goodies. We will

have tickets for sale on the night but if you would like to pre purchase for any reason, please just send a note to the office requesting tickets with the money (they will \$1 each) and we will get them to you.

Also that night we will have Glow Products for sale and Ice Cream Spider drinks.

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.

Swim Squad Break Up - End of term is coming up and so is the Squad Break-up Party. It will happen from 3.15 to 5.00pm on Wednesday, 3rd December. We will be having a sausage sizzle and a heap of fun in the pool. All squad swimmers are invited. This will be the final session for the year.

Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402114544

UNIFORM SHOP

FINAL WEEK - The Uniform Shop trading hours this week Thursday 2:00 - 3:15pm and Friday 8:00 - 9:00 am

The Uniform Shop won't be opening next week!

BACK TO SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

If you will be requiring new uniforms for your child/ren for 2009, and 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 place it on lay-by 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.

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.

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

LEARN TO SWIM

During the last two weeks of holidays (12th – 16th and 19th – 23rd January), we are offering Learn to Swim Intensive courses. This will be five lessons (one per day) for Monday through Friday. The cost will be \$54 for a one week course. Payment must be made in advance.

If you would like to enrol your child in one of these courses, please fill out an enrolment form, available either poolside or at the office and return it with payment to the poolside tin or post to:

Rochedale State School P & C
PO Box 697
Rochedale South Qld 4123

Please do this by the last day of term so we have time to get back to you before Christmas.

Thanks.

Thankyou
Bronwyn King
e-mail: rochedaleswimming@hotmail.com
0409 727557

Give yourself a Break from Christmas preparation! Let D 'n' M Catering do all the work for you... All Home made...

You have tasted the rest, now taste the best... Scrumptious Meat filled Springrolls and Curry Puffs. Great to add to your hot Christmas nibblies/entrée. Comes in a pack of 20 - ready to be deep or shallow fried. Only .80 cents each - pack of 20 is \$16.00. *You can order a mix pack - 10 of each if you wish.*

To place your order, please call 0413 033 093. All orders will be delivered a week before Christmas or earlier if you require.

CRE News

A big thank you to the wonderful team of CRE teachers and helpers who have come along each week to teach CRE lessons throughout this year.

Our CRE volunteers put time and energy into preparing and delivering their lessons week by week and we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge this wonderful group of people.

CRE lessons will begin again in Week 4, Term 1, 2009.

Christmas Hampers

A big thank you!

A big thank you to everyone for the wonderful response we had this year to our Christmas Hamper Appeal.

We handed over 67 boxes and some big bags of gorgeous 'Christmas food and gear', 'special treat food' and 'thoughtful gifts'.

Thank you so much for showing those in our community who are doing it tough this Christmas, that Rochedale State School cares in such a generous and considerate way.

The goods have been delivered to our local St Vinnies chapter and will be made up into hampers and delivered to needy families and individuals in the Rochedale area just before Christmas.

A big thank you to Mrs Ross for helping me sort and pack, Mr Anderson for saving boxes and delivering the donations to St Vinnies and a thank

you to the other mums and folk who helped out along the way.

Ukulele Lessons

Have you considered having your child taught the ukulele? There are vacancies next year and I would be pleased to teach your child. Children from as young as 6, can be taught to play the ukulele and progress to the guitar.

Please phone Mr John McMillan: 3341 2665 or 0403 193 567.

LOST – REWARD OFFERED

If you find a key on a crystal ball key chain, please hand in to the School Office – a reward will be given. Thank you, B. Papa.

For Sale

- **Redeemer Senior School Blazer** – Girls Size 95. Brand New - \$160. Phone Deborah on 0401 619 481.
- **Adult Black Apollo Volare Road Bike** – Speedo with cadence, tool kit/water holder. \$500 O.N.O. Excellent condition, contact Mrs Calder 3D.