

**ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**



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Feb 26	P & C Meeting 7pm
Mar 4	Met East Swimming Carnival
5	Parent Maths Workshop 6.30pm
12	Parent Maths Workshop 1.45pm
21-24	Easter Weekend
Apr 4-14	First Term Holidays

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Thoughts for the Week**

“Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who would be affected by it.”

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“Generosity is giving more than you can and pride is taking less than you need.”

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**How often do we see** advertisements for various sporting clubs in the local paper? Around February each year just about every football club advertises ‘sign on’ days, aquatic centres advertise squad trainings, and the list goes on.

Sport and recreation activities are also keenly promoted by the State and Federal Governments in an effort to stem the tide of obesity and avert future health problems. We have a name for most of these activities – ‘Extra Curricular Activities, ECA’s. Let’s briefly explain the meaning of ECA’s. The name is somewhat ambiguous to many people. Come to think of it, it sounds almost like something not quite necessary. The words ‘regular’ and ‘compulsory’ sound more correct. However, thinking along these lines is of course a grave mistake. Athletes destined for the Beijing Olympic Games in a few months know only too well that they would not be going if they only subscribed to ‘regular’ and ‘compulsory.’ So too, with education! At Rochedale State School we invite, encourage and support our students to engage in ECA’s. Not only do we encourage the practice, but create wonderful opportunities to do so on campus. By sending your children to Rochedale they automatically qualify for a wide range of ECA’s. Few, if any State schools, offer the depth and variety of Extra Curricular Activities found at Rochedale State School. Our ECA program is not meant to overshadow our academic excellence and high achievement ethos but rather to compliment it. So what do we offer in the ECA area this year? The program is too exhaustive to fully list in today’s column, but let us just look at a few areas. Future Basketball and Netball stars practice and gain professional tuition at school for their various clubs; AFL is likewise taught, coached and played under the umbrella of the Auskick program. Tennis coaching is on offer. Swimming squads are up and running, more are about to be started. However, it does not end there. Neither

should it! Stimulation of the mind and soul continues in other ECA areas. Keyboard i.e. piano lessons and guitar lessons are also offered at Rochedale State School. I hasten to add, not to brow beat children, not to weigh them down with an unreasonable work load – but quite the opposite – by giving in-house opportunities to stay at school and undertake essential elements of a healthy life style. Like many things at Rochedale State School, our ECA program is a living theme to which we constantly add new innovative ideas.

**After such a positive wrap** you will forgive me for harping back to the far less exciting topic of parking. Our overwhelmingly considerate, law-abiding, courteous parent body – the vast majority – do not need to read this but may at will skip to the next exciting paragraph. Yes, now that I have got your attention I'm afraid that I shall have to direct parents' attention to the fact that parking near the Oval must cease. A number of problems have been reported to me. Again, almost all pertaining to safety. As children dart between cars arriving and departing we expose them to undue danger. I shall therefore have to advise that the practice will cease, taking effect immediately. Please focus on the words "children's safety"! As to the parking adjacent to the Oval, only Tuck Shop Staff and Tuck Shop volunteers may now park in this area. So as not to have to return to this paragraph in the future, may I also remind parents and visitors that the Staff Car Park can only be used to drop off children with a medical condition and for parents accessing, prior to 08.15 a.m., the ROSHCA.

**Great relief to return to the** usually positive tenor of this column! And have I got good news for you?! The writing standard of the Senior students in Year 7 this year is commendable. I have watched with anticipation as teachers have taken the bulk of all Year 7 students to a new level in English. Right across the board, including grammar, punctuation, spelling, reading and comprehension, I am pleased to announce great progress. While we may live in an almost paperless society and while many of the young text each other in a language form removed from the rigours of formal English, we are pleased that the 'average' students in our Year 7 cohort can, on the one hand, text "How R U? 2 bad bout Crikt" only to formalise the two sentences in the classroom... "My dear friend, how are things with you since we last met? Rather bad luck during last night's cricket match, when our hopes for a speedy victory evaporated in a mere four overs." May I assure the Year 7's your great work is noted! Keep up the good work and submit items for publication in the Newsletter. English is alive and well across Rochedale State School. The Year 7's are setting a great example for the grades below.

Have a wonderful and exciting week at Rochedale State School, most people do! By next week your children will know more than they did last week. Isn't it great?

*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**  
26/02 Leah W

**Wed**  
27/02 Cathy O      Donna L

**Thurs**  
28/02 Douglas K    Amanda C

**Fri** Michelle F

29/02 Kath R                      Kylie P

**Mon**  
03/03 Mary I

**Tues**  
04/03 Michelle D

**Wed**  
05/03 Shendelle W    Kylie P

**Thurs**  
06/03 Kathy M

**Fri** Sylvia B      **Help Needed**

07/03 Melissa T      **Today Only**

**Mon**  
10/03 Tonni D      **Help Needed**

**Tues**  
11/03 Kylie Pa

**Wed**  
12/03 Cathy O      Tracy S

**Thurs**  
13/03 Shirley B      Anne W

**Fri** Jo G    Yolanda V      **Interschool**

14/03 Kylie P      Kath R      **Sport**

**Mon**  
17/3 Kaye S

**Tues**  
18/3 Michelle D    Shirley L

**Wed**  
19/3 Kylie P                      Shandelle W

**Thurs**  
20/3 Cathy W      **Help Needed**

**Fri**  
21/3 **Good Friday Public Holiday**

**Mon**  
24/3 **Easter Monday**

**Tues**  
25/3 Kylie Pa

Thank you James, Tracy & my Year 7 helpers Kylie, Corey, Curtis & Jake for your help last week.

### **Apple Slinky Machine**

I need 5 people to add their name to the list before I can order slinky machines. This is a terrific invention and it certainly is one way to get children to eat apples. Please pop in and see me.

### **IOU's – Forgotten Lunches**

If children forget to bring their little or big lunch to school the tuckshop will only provide patty cakes or choc chip muffins and vegemite, peanut butter or jam sandwiches. **NO DRINK OR OTHER FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

### **Workplace Health and Safety to all Tuckshop Volunteers and the Parent Community**

Legislation now puts school tuckshops under the same laws as milk bars and the local shop. If you are working in our tuckshop in any capacity, then you are required to wear enclosed footwear, **not sandals or thongs.**

You are also required to wear your hair up or tied back, if you have long hair. I would ask that if you do volunteer in our tuckshop, could you please adhere to these regulations. It helps us to provide our school and our students with the very best service and care that we can.

Under the legislation we can be liable to spot inspections by QLD Health and if we comply with the above rules, then we know we can have a clear conscience about our Workplace Health and Safety Practices.

### **ROSHCA Program**

#### **Monday**

Afternoon Tea  
& Fruit

Dip, Crackers

Craft

Collage Placemats

Outside Activity	Fly Swat
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Afternoon Tea & Fruit	Sandwiches
Craft	Straw Painting
Outside Activity	Storm Tiggy
Cooking	Pikelets
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Afternoon Tea & Fruit	Pikelets & Fruit
Craft	Felt Car Fresheners
Outside Activity	500
<b>Thursday</b>	
Afternoon Tea	Fruit Salad
Craft	Crazy-haired Spoon People
Outside Activity	Soccer Ball
Cooking	Rice Bubble
Biscuits	
<b>Friday</b>	
Afternoon Tea	Rice Bubble
Biscuits & Fruit	
Craft	The Alien
Outside Activity	Crack-up Ball Game

Also available every day –  
Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games, Colouring-In & Computers

### **Sunscreen Available for Students**

All classrooms have SPF 30+ Broad Spectrum Water Resistant Sunscreen (Priceline brand) available for student use. If your child has an allergy to this or any other sunscreen please let the office know as soon as possible.

### **CURRICULUM CORNER**

Students at Rochedale are encouraged to be *thinkers*. Students are better learners when they apply thinking skills critically and creatively, and not only accept what they have been told. Encouraging students to solve problems for themselves, explain how they completed a task and to justify their actions are examples of ways to encourage students to be thinkers. One

way to help your child to develop thinking skills, is by saying to them, “What day is it today? What do you need to take to school?” Allowing your child to think that it is a (e.g.) swimming day or library day and encouraging them to get organized for the day will assist to promote thinking skills.

<h2><b><u>MATHS WORKSHOP</u></b></h2> <h2><b><u>FOR PARENTS</u></b></h2>
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Last year Mrs Spranklin and I ran a parent workshop on Mathematics. Our focus for the session was the skills of addition and subtraction. We are planning on repeating this session for interested parents this year. The evening session will be on Wednesday 5 March from 6:30 and the afternoon session will be on Wednesday 12 March from 1:45. Please advise the office if you would like to attend. After these sessions we will offer a session focusing on multiplication and division.

Gayle Healey  
Curriculum Coordinator

### **Library News- Week 5**

Library bags are essential for Prep classes to Grade Three but it would be appreciated if older students used a library bag as well so our books are protected from damage.

Library Awards – Students who are showing the correct behaviour will be given a library award. These awards will be put in a box and a name drawn out at the end of the week. The winning student will receive a \$2 voucher for the school tuckshop. Winner of week 3 was Cameron Mc grade 7 and the

winner of week 4 was Claudia M - year 4.

A reminder about lunch time activities in the library- Please do not bring food or drink into the library and especially not into the computer lab. If you bring in a hat please remove it and remember to take it back out with you when you leave .

Library staff

### **Rochedale State School Amateur Swimming Club News**

**\*Pool and Club record broken – Friday Night\***

Jack Caldwell on Friday night, broke the 9 year old boys 50m backstroke with a time of 39.27 seconds. Congratulations, Jack!

**\*Carnival Results\***

Our club attended a carnival on Saturday at Camp Hill against Camp Hill and Wynnum West. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Camp Hill 1<sup>st</sup> and Wynnum West 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to all our swimmers who came and to all our parents for bringing them and cheering them on. It was great weather for a swim and a fun time was had by all.

### **SQUAD CANCELLED**

Please note there will not be any Squad or Cross Training on Wednesday this week. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### **P&C Meeting**

The **Annual General Meeting** of the **Rochedale State School P&C Association** will be held this **Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2008** in the **Rochedale State School Teachers' Staffroom** starting at **7pm**.

At the AGM the P&C Executive for 2008 will be elected. The monthly General Meeting of the P&C will follow on from the AGM.

All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you.

### **\*UNIFORM SHOP\***

The Uniform Shop will be open with the usual trading hours of Thursday and Friday from 8:00am - 9:00am. We are situated in the demountable on the oval behind the tuckshop. Please also note that this is a voluntary position therefore out of hours appointment will be limited.

### **WEBSITE**

If you can't make it to the Uniform shop during its normal trading hours, we have a website! Uniform price list and order forms can be downloaded by visiting [www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au](http://www.rochedalss.eq.edu.au) - and clicking on the word "Uniform Shop" on the left hand side of the page. Once the form has been completed, please submit this to the office and I will process your order that week. You may opt to get your child to pick up the order for you, and a receipt will be issued. If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheques payable to "Rochedale State School - P&C Association".

### **\*WINTER ORDERS**

\*In this newsletter you will receive a winter uniform order form. Please note that \*all orders will close on Friday 14th of March 2008\*. We do not keep stock on hand, as we only place orders on request. To avoid disappointment, please ensure that you submit your orders with 50% deposit by the due date. We are hoping winter uniforms

will be ready for pick up early to mid April. You will notice that we have replaced the Tazlon Jackets with Microfibre this year as Microfibre winter gear is much warmer, comfortable and doesn't have the creased look. We have ensured that the quality of these uniforms is of a high standard and still ensuring that the price is still the same as last year, except for the Microfibre pants which are a lot cheaper.

If you have any second hand uniforms you wish to sell, please ensure that they are washed and we will gladly take them and sell them on consignment for you.

Can the following students please collect their uniforms:  
Skye Hurst - Year 3 (hat)

Thank you to Julie Williams who has assisted me in the Uniform Shop on Thursday.

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

### **Parent's Prayer Group**

On Wednesday afternoons a growing number of Parents and Friends from our school community meet for a short time of prayer.

We meet for 15 minutes from 2.30 pm until 2.45 pm in the ESL or Chaplain's room just near the area between the Grade Three classrooms.

We would love to welcome anyone interested in joining us regularly or occasionally.

Any queries please call

Carolyn 3841 2933  
Robynne 3219 9771

### **Bright Sparks Theatre Company**

Does your child enjoy acting?

Would s/he like to participate in a play?

Places are available for 8-11 year old children learning drama. The group will be competing in various Eisteddfodau and Play Festivals during the year.

Where? Mt Gravatt Showgrounds

Logan Rd. When? Mondays from 4pm to 5.30pm.

Cost: \$130 per child per term.

Contact: Gwenda on 0407 024 355 or email

[admin@brightsparktheatre.com.au](mailto:admin@brightsparktheatre.com.au) if interested.