

# ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



No. 05 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2009

followed by Morning Tea in the Staff Room to which invited guests and parents of members of the School Council are cordially invited. It is a wonderful and formal occasion to which I urge visitors to bring their cameras and camcorders.

## **2009 is the Year of Creativity**

Following on from the success of last year's Year of Physical Activity, the Department of Education, Training and the Arts has declared 2009 the Year of Creativity (YOC). Creativity isn't just about the arts – it's an important skill we need across all subjects at school and of course, at home. So, in every Queensland school, it's time for parents, carers, staff and students to get creative in everything we do: writing, teaching, thinking, problem-solving, experimenting, drawing, acting, dancing, performing and learning.

This year's YOC events and projects include the Ideas Festival, Creative Generation, the Queensland Academies' Creative Challenges and many exciting music, writing and photography competitions with fantastic prizes. YOC has also secured special Creative Ambassadors including neuroscientist Dr William Tan, chef Alastair McLeod, actor Paul Bishop, writer Sam Wagan Watson, reporter Melissa Downes, 'The Shak' presenters, actress Leah Purcell and author Rebecca Sparrow.

To keep track of the YOC events and competitions throughout 2009, bookmark the Year of Creativity website [www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au/](http://www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au/)

## **Numeracy – how families and schools can work together**

To support your child's efforts at school you can continue the lessons they learn in the classroom by helping them to develop their numeracy skills at home.

You may feel that the maths your children do at school is different to what you were taught, but you can help in many ways:

- help your child to enjoy the maths they do at school by offering encouragement and asking about the work they bring home from school
- when travelling, play games such as counting the cars by colour or if you are travelling by bus or train ask your child

<b>Feb</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4D Local Area Study</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>CBA visit- Prep P&amp;C AGM 7pm – All Welcome 4K Local Area Study</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>4C Local Area Study</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>Parade – Aussies of the Month &amp; French Presentation 4A Local Area Study</b>
<b>Mar</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Year 3 Story telling</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>School Leader Induction</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>Year 7 French Film Excursion</b>

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

### **Thoughts for the Week**

'Every time you breathe in, thank a tree.'

- John Wright

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'No one knows what he can do until he tries.'

- Latin Proverb

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**Reminder: The P & C AGM will be held tomorrow night, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Staffroom. All are welcome to attend.**

**State Government MLA Phil Reeves** is just one of the official guests invited to our 09.00 a.m. Special Assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Phil Reeves will have the pleasure of presenting, during the School Captain Induction Ceremony, official badges of office to School Captains, Annabel Boerson and Mitchell Austin and Vice Captains Jessica Boerson and Matthew Lightfoot and a number of House and Music Captains. The formal presentation will be

to read the timetable to decide what time you'll get home

- talk to your child about how numeracy is related to sports – to keep score, measure distance and indicate time
- involve your child when preparing a meal and help them decide how much food to prepare for the whole family and whether there will be enough ingredients
- when shopping, use the catalogue specials to talk about discounts and whether it is cheaper to buy larger-sized products or a few smaller products
- talk with your child's teacher about numeracy at home and at school and raise any concerns with them.

For more ideas on helping your child with their numeracy visit

[www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/)

**Liam Smith**  
**Principal**

## CURRICULUM CORNER

Our goal for 2009 is for *every child to read every night!*

Are you achieving this goal in your family?

There are many, many different types of literature to read. Books is only one type of text to encourage your children to read. Try some of these:

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| ▪ Magazines                                       | ▪ Atlases                               |
| ▪ Comics  | ▪ Maps                                  |
| ▪ Poetry books                                    | ▪ Instructions for games, machines, etc |
| ▪ Newspapers                                      | ▪ Recipes                               |
| ▪ Diaries   | ▪ Computer Adventure Games              |
| ▪ Reference materials                             | ▪ Letters                               |
| ▪ Anything around the house, such as cereal boxes | ▪ Telephone book                        |
|   | ▪ Junk mail                             |

Students being **Thinkers** is another of the attributes we promote at school. Encourage your children to be thoughtful, to think about problems independently in order to solve them. This is to be encouraged for all students from prep students to the year 7's.

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**

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** Shendelle W

6/3 Kylie S **Interschool Sport**

**Mon**

9/3

**Tues**

10/3

**Wed**

11/3 Tracey S

**Thurs**

12/3 Kylie M

**Fri** **Interschool Sport**

13/3 Kath R Sylvia B

**Mon**

16/3 Kaye S

**Tues**

17/3 Michelle D

**Wed**

18/3 Cathy O

**Thurs**

19/3 Deana Z

**Fri**

20/3 Richelle H Michelle F

Thank you James and my Year 7's for your help last week.

## **ROSHCA Program**

### **Monday**

Afternoon Tea	Fruit, Dip & Crackers
Craft	Snake
Outside Activity	Shadow Tiggy
Cooking	Choc Chip Slice

### **Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea	Choc Chip Slice & Fruit
Craft	Hand Jungle Animals
Outside Activity	Resistance Training

### **Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea	Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft	Binoculars
Outside Activity	Force 'em Backs
Cooking	Honey Snaps

### **Thursday**

Afternoon Tea	Honey Snaps & Fruit
Craft	Jungle Animal Mobiles
Outside Activity	Space Ball

### **Friday**

Afternoon Tea	Fruit Platter
Craft	Clay Animals
Outside Activity	Bouncing Game
Cooking	Nachos

**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.**

### **Library News – Week 5**

Borrowing for all students will begin this week. Prep to grade 3 please remember to bring your library bags. Grades 4-7 – it would be appreciated if you could use a library bag too.

Library award – Students displaying our Rochedale values in the library will have the

chance to be given a library award. Each week we will draw out one winner and they will receive a \$2 voucher to spend at the tuckshop. The winners for the last two weeks were Morgan B 3C and Jake U 5F

Lunch -Time Activities – Please note there have been a couple of changes for this week -

Monday – Games

Tuesday- Tell a Joke day

Wednesday- Movie

Thursday- Movie

Friday – Games.

Games- If you happen to be cleaning out your kids game box and you find some puzzles or games which they have outgrown and they are still in a reasonable condition please think about donating them to the library for games days. They would be greatly appreciated by staff and students.

Happy Reading

Library Staff

## **SQUAD NEWS**

Adults and senior swimmers please note there will be no training on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Changes** – Due to Friday's storm, some lessons were cancelled. If you were affected by these cancellations, your make-up lessons have been rescheduled for this Tuesday afternoon (24<sup>th</sup>) at the same time as you come on Fridays.

**More changes** – Kobie starts back at university next week and her timetable means she needs to move her Wednesday lessons to Thursday instead. This change will be in effect on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

If you are unable to make your lessons because of these changes, phone me, Bronwyn King, on 0409 727 557 and I'll do my best to arrange a more suitable time for you.

### **P&C News**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7pm in the staffroom – AGM. Election of new committee for 2009.**

### **Jetstar Collect 4 schools is back!!**

If you're planning holidays this year, or you have family and friends that are, or taking a business trip, please make sure you keep your boarding passes.

Jetstar is running a promotion to benefit schools where every 25 boarding passes collected can be submitted for one return domestic flight and 50 boarding passes for two return domestic flights. Schools receiving Jetstar flight vouchers might choose to raffle them off for a fundraiser, donate tickets to a family in need, or provide the flights to students competing at interstate school events.

All boarding passes must show travel taken between 19 February, 2009 and 19 May, 2009. The promotion runs until 19 May, 2009 or until the total pool of \$100,000 runs out, whichever is earlier. If you want to find out more, visit [jetstar.com/collect4schools](http://jetstar.com/collect4schools). Please leave all Jetstar boarding passes at the office. Unfortunately last time we missed out on tickets as they were all gone by the time we had collected the necessary amount, so we would really like to succeed this time.

**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](http://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!

**ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL NETBALL:** Grade 4 (born yr 2000), We have a coach!! I would like to thank Melissa Barry for kindly agreeing to come join the fun of Rochedale netball, by coaching our Grade 4 team. So now we need players. We have 5 positions to fill, so come on, give me a call and join us. **Remember:**

we train at school and play at the same time every week at Underwood Park. No Travel.

### **Grade 2 (Age 7yrs) – Interested in Netball??**

Fun Net will begin at Underwood Park Netball courts on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Fun Net is a fun way to learn the basics and skills required for playing Netball. Team games start at age 8yrs. Cost for the season is \$60. Further info call Underwood Park Netball Association on 3341 3813

If you would like any further information on any of the above, please contact me:

Anne Dee, P&C President. Tel: 0402114544 or 3342 5253

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

Our school will welcome 16 volunteers from our local church communities this week seeing the start of our 2009 CRE program for all Grade 1 – 7 classes.

*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.*

### **Student Workbooks**

If you did not collect these workbooks from Underwood News and your child is participating in CRE lessons, could we encourage you to purchase them this week so your child will have the resources to participate in the CRE lesson activities.

Any queries, please speak to the CRE Coordinator

Robynne Turner  
3341 8427 or 0408 785 494  
[camrob@iprimus.com.au](mailto:camrob@iprimus.com.au)

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform Shop will be open with the usual trading hours of Thursday 2:00 - 3:00pm, and Friday 8:00 - 9:00am. Please also note that this is a voluntary position therefore out of hours appointment will be limited. If you are unable to make it to the Uniform shop during its normal trading hours, we have a website that you can utilise. 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 is completed, please submit this to the office with your payment and we will process your order that week. You may opt to get your child to collect the order for you, or this can be sent to class. A receipt will be enclosed with the order. If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheques payable to Rochedale State School, P&C Association.

#### **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 refunds or cash out available.

#### **UNIFORM BACK ORDERS.**

I have been advised that due to material shortages, there was a delay in shipping the uniforms. We apologise for the inconvenience caused, we are trying our very best to ensure that these delays are minimised, however at times it is beyond our control. We do appreciate your patience. If you ordered your uniforms and have fully paid for them in January period, your order should arrive 1st week of March. If you have ordered after this date, your order will arrive at the end of March. In the meantime, I have been advised by Mr Burton, that if you are waiting for Uniforms, your child may wear a short sleeve shirt either yellow or blue in this instance. Once we receive the orders, we will immediately pack them and send them to your child's class unless otherwise specified.

Socks and 20 litre bags are now available. 30 Ltr bags will be arriving mid March. 61cm School hats are now available.

#### **WINTER UNIFORMS**

We are trying to think of new ways we can improve our customer service and one of the changes this year is that you are now able to purchase Winter uniforms without ordering them. In saying this, we have only ordered as much as we have sold last year and a little bit extra to cater for the new enrolments. First in, first served. If we do run out of stock, you can always place an order. As we have sourced out a new supplier for all our winter gear, you will also notice that prices have changed. Better quality, cheaper price. The order form can be printed out from our website. For quick reference the following are the prices for our winter uniforms:-

Microfibre Jacket - \$40.00  
V neck jumper with logo - \$20.00  
Sleeveless vest with logo - \$20.00  
Baseball Jacket with logo - \$40.00  
Microfibre pants - \$20.00  
Fleecy trackpants - \$16.00

Whilst you are able to purchase 'royal blue' winter gear, at a much cheaper price than the one we offer, the advantage of purchasing winter uniforms at Rochedale is the quality of the anti-pill fabric and its durability and warmth. Apart from the microfibre jacket, we have our school emblem on our winter uniforms which is a great way to show identification, professionalism and a sense of pride.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to those of you who have expressed your interest in volunteering at the Uniform Shop. We welcome David Winkcup, Ki-Sook and Kristy Andrews.

#### **Roster:**

If you are unable to volunteer on your rostered day, please give me a call on 0413 033 093.

26/2 David W., Karen E., Ki-sook  
27/2 Shirley L., Kristy A.  
5/3 Karen E., Ki-sook  
6/3 Shirley L., Karen E.  
12/3 David W., Karen E.,  
13/3 Shirley L., Kristy A.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the email school link:-  
Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au

Thanks

Mari-shell Scott

Uniform Shop Convenor

#### **Piano News**

The exciting dynamic piano program is commencing at R.S.S. for 2009. If you would like your child to have piano lessons, please contact Bradley Eustace on 3472 3471 or 0407 184 007. All ages and abilities are catered for. Bradley Eustace - Piano Teacher.

#### **Bush Fire Appeal**

To all, willing and able to lend a hand,

ABS Transport are a Melbourne based transport company, my husband Shane Joseph is the Co-Manager of the Brisbane Depot. ABS will be taking donations of Blankets, Linen, Clothing and Shoes down to Victoria to assist families who have lost everything in the devastating fires.

If your family have any of the above, still in good condition but no longer required please consider donating them to the fire appeal.

The only thing we ask, please place items according to gender and size in bags or boxes and label them accordingly, the last thing the already stretched volunteers in Victoria need is to sort millions of clothing into size and gender. E.g. place all girls size 10 clothing in 1 bag and label the bag GIRLS SIZE 10 etc.

There is also an urgent need at the moment for NEW underwear and socks, if you are willing and able, please donate a multi packet of underwear, in any size, or socks, again any size.

The generosity of ordinary Australians has simply amazed me. I'm sure there are many out there who will come to the call and find it no hardship to donate to people less fortunate than ourselves. Please send all items in by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

Any enquiries please phone or email me.

Regards,

Cara Joseph.

0411 518 085

[josephtribe@optusnet.com.au](mailto:josephtribe@optusnet.com.au)

### **Entertainment Books:**

Do you love to go out to places but want to pay less? The Entertainment Book 2009/2010 has over \$10,000 worth of vouchers from gold class dining, take away, family dining, adventures, movies and lots more. This year its even bigger than ever. If you pre-purchase you get \$200 worth of vouchers. The book costs \$60 and you only need to use the book 3 times and you virtually get your money back. With every book sold, you are supporting and helping to raise funds for the orphans in Kampala Uganda, and the Philippines. If you are interested in purchasing a book or have any queries, please give me a call on 0413 033 093, or please feel free to drop by the Uniform Shop on Fridays.

Thanks

Mari-shell

### **For sale**

Brand New, never been used still in packaging - Jolly Kidz Solid Wood Coloured Playpen. Certified non-toxic finish. Measures 1.1m x 1.1m square 60cm high, bar gaps 89mm. Complies to safety standards. Sell for \$80, normally retails at \$120.00. Call 0413 033 093 for more info.

**If you had ONE WISH for your child's life would it be that they live ...  
A HAPPY, CONFIDENT LIFE-  
LIKING WHO THEY ARE- WITH  
PEOPLE LISTENING TO THEIR  
IDEAS & SUPPORTING THEM!  
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