

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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| <p>Mar 12 Parent Maths Workshop 1.45pm 21-24 Easter Weekend Apr 4-14 First Term Holidays May 29-30 Yr 4 Yandina Camp</p> |
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

"Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress."

"Obstacles are things a person sees when he takes his eyes off his goal."

Time for Inter-School Sport

Yes, this is the time when our students board buses for other schools or stay home and welcome athletes and football teams from neighbouring schools. It is a healthy, competitive environment where our students are afforded a chance not only to compete

against other schools, but to mix and observe the behaviour of other teams. Those students not taking part in Inter-School Sport are catered for back home at Rochedale where we encourage everyone to exercise and take part in great sporting events. It is important – and has been recognised as such by Education Queensland – that all children engage in physical activity. The sedentary lifestyle of contemporary society is such that we simply do not get sufficient exercise in our daily lives. The role of public education is to promote a combination of healthy food and healthy lifestyles. There is an enormous difference between the regimen of top athletes and the rest of society. The 'rest' are content with much less physical activity but, nevertheless, frequent and regular physical activity. It is this regularity we promote here at Rochedale State School. With autumn weather as our backdrop we should look forward to a great participation rate. Do encourage your children to take part and, importantly, enjoy the part they take.

Iowa is a landlocked little State in the middle of the USA. Established in 1846, it is a little over a decade older than Queensland. Des Moines, its capital has the common French connection from when it was part of the Louisiana free belt purchase in 1803. The State of Iowa has produced its share of great people. U.S. president Herbert Hoover hailed from Iowa as did the famous frontier scout Buffalo Bill. Two contemporary Iowans of interest are Morgan Havlicek and Crystal Coates. These fine young people are final year university students from the University of Northern Iowa. Both are final year Bachelor of Education students and have chosen to do their

final eight weeks training Down Under. Morgan and Crystal have quickly settled in and find little or no difficulty with Australian accents and idioms. They are both impressed by the students wearing uniform, something not common in Iowa or other parts of the United States. The remaining seven weeks will provide our visitors with valuable insight into the education model we use here at Rochedale State School. Morgan and Crystal have already made several friends with my Staff and look forward to visiting the Gold and Sunshine coasts in their spare time. No, there are no surf clubs in Iowa. There you have the choice of either driving to the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic or Pacific Oceans, all about the same distance.

Following the end of ATASIC, the Logan Elders in the City of Logan have shown great initiative in establishing a working group which liaises with the three levels of government, police and other services and residents to solidify relations in the Logan area between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. Representatives of the Logan Elders will attend our School Captains' induction ceremony this Friday, 14th March. Our school has purchased two additional flags to be flown on special occasions alongside our National Flag which flies each day throughout the school year. It is felt appropriate that members of our indigenous community participate on the occasion of our Annual Induction Ceremony.

Apologies for an error made in last week's newsletter, the School Captain Induction is on Friday 14th March, rather than Thursday as it was stated last week.

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**
11/03 Leah W
- 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
- Thurs** **Help Needed**
- 20/3 Cathy W **Today Only**
- Fri**
21/3 **Good Friday Public Holiday**
- Mon**
24/3 **Easter Monday**
- Tues**
25/3 Leah W
- Wed**
26/3 Cathy O Donna L
- Thurs**
27/3 Douglas K Amanda C
- Fri** **Interschool Sport Helper**
- Needed**
- 28/3 Kylie P Michelle F
- Mon**
31/3 **Helper Needed Today**
- Tues**
1/4 Michelle D
- Wed**
2/4 Kylie P **Pizza Day**
- Thurs**
3/4 Kathy M Bev G

The maths workshop on addition and subtraction is on this Wednesday at 1:45 in the library. If you wish to attend please advise the office.

Gayle Healey
Curriculum Co-ordinator

Year 2 Activities Afternoons

The teachers and children of Year Two would like to thank all the people who helped to make our activity afternoons so enjoyable. The purpose of the afternoon was for the children to organise and provide a fun opportunity for families to get actively involved in a variety of activities related to our Leisure Unit.

It was wonderful to see so many people getting physically active by exploring the Cross Country Track, which became our 'Nature Trail' for the afternoon. The parachute really 'blew some away!' Various ball games became family team games. The hall was alive with families busily creating various craft and playing games. Children also learnt about lifestyle balance, organisation and responsibility for not only organising the activities, but cooperating in the 'big clean up'.

On that note, we would like to thank the family members who were such great role models and assisted us. Finally, the free sausage sizzle could not have happened without the great support of IGA/Underwood News, Hans and our very own cook, Mr Burton – a BIG thank you to them!

***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 a demountable on the oval behind the tuckshop. If you can't make it to the Uniform shop during normal trading hours, please utilise our website. The Uniform price list and order forms can be downloaded by visiting 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 UNIFORMS ORDER FORM

***THIS WEEK IS YOUR LAST WEEK** to place winter uniforms.* If you did not receive the order form it can be downloaded in our website. 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 to 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 are of a high standard and we have ensured that the price is still the same as last year, except for the Microfibre pants which are a lot cheaper. If you are unsure of the sizing when ordering your winter uniform, please use your child's current uniform as a guide.

SPECIALS

As the Tazlon pants are being discontinued, we are selling these at below cost of \$20. Normal cost \$29.00. We only have Size 6 & 12. Football socks - sizes 13-3 and 3-7 in school colours \$5.50

***SECONDHAND UNIFORMS ***

We have a range of second-hand uniforms at reasonable prices. 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.

Conditions apply.

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

Thank you
Mari-shell Scott
Uniform Convenor

World's Greatest Shave

Hello all, my name is Robert Timms and this year I am participating in the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave. I am looking for sponsors as I am shaving my head, goatee and possibly eyebrows! You can see my profile at www.worldsgreatestshave.com/profile.php?id=387622.

If you would like to sponsor me you can do so online or send money to 4L (my son Lachlan's class). Miss Levkovich will collect the money for me and I will return a receipt to you. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support.

Milfull Wholesale Nursery

We would like to say a big thank you to Ian from Milfull Wholesale Nursery who very kindly donated hundreds of dollars worth of plants to our school last week.

They are at present having a forced sale – everything must go and it is all well below cost! So get down to 260 Gardner Rd, Rochedale for a good buy, and support them as they have supported our school. Please call Ian on 3841 4266 for further details.