

ROCHEDALE STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thoughts for the Week

'Life isn't a collection, it's a celebration.'

- Dennis Waitley

'That which is loved is always beautiful.'

- Norwegian Proverb

Generosity takes many forms. In our parent community, it may be generosity in the form of time. Members of the P&C executive work tirelessly for our school as do the multitude of volunteer helpers in the classrooms, on the sporting fields, beside the pool, and in the tuckshop. Last week I was privy to two acts of selfless generosity by two of our parents. One parent has provided a new uniform and financial assistance to a young student whose parents are experiencing difficulties. This anonymous donor regularly provides financial support to ensure that money is no barrier to the young man's learning. Another parent last week paid for two additional places on the sporting buses to again ensure that financial barriers do not prevent access to such activities. Both generous parents do not expect thanks or recognition for their actions, and will no doubt be slightly embarrassed when they

read this column, however I believe that such role models deserve mention.

I would like to thank our two generous benefactors and all members of our parent community who have given of their time and resources to our school so generously.

Let the rains begin

The last of our rainwater tanks were plumbed in last week. I would like to thank Mr Gary Elwood (Elwood's Plumbing) one of our school dad's and Mr Doug Margetts (P&C Vice President) for all of their work over the past 6 months in relation to our water tank project. The installation of our water tanks has allowed the cleaning team to utilize water in keeping our eating areas clean and to allow Mr Anderson to refill the swimming pools without the need to access mains water. Not only will our school save money in the long run through a reduction in water rates, but as a school we are helping to reduce our ecological footprint.

Student absences occur from time to time in every school across Queensland. Children are away for a variety of reasons, predominately through illness. While we appreciate the courtesy of parents phoning the school regarding their child's absence, we also require written confirmation to be brought to school by the returning student. This 'note' need not be lengthy. It does, however, need to state that your child was absent from school with your knowledge and consent. This signed note forms the basis of accountability on the Class Roll, which in turn is collated and accounted for by the office administration. We are indeed fortunate at this school to experience a relatively low absenteeism; however, as you would have read in the school handbook, the note accompanying a returning child is a Departmental requirement. I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Head Lice Wednesday

As many of our parents would be well aware, the hotter months of the year create an upsurge in the number of incidents of head lice. In an effort to combat the little pest we are asking all parents to take a few minutes on Wednesday evenings to inspect their children's heads and treat any head lice that may be present. This regular practice will hopefully alleviate the angst that such a small beast causes to so many.

Liam Smith
Principal

CURRICULUM CORNER

Thank you to the parents who returned the survey that was attached to last week's newsletter. I am in the process of collating the information to organize parent workshops in the near future. If you haven't returned the survey to the office, please do so as soon as possible.

Students in the middle school have learnt how to read during their earlier years at school.

Now it is time for your children to:

- Read for enjoyment
- Read to learn
- Read for a purpose.

Some ways to promote the love of reading are to:

- Set aside a time daily to read to your children—studies show regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading (whether they are toddlers or preteens)
- Surround your children with reading materials—tempt your children to read by making books available at every opportunity (e.g. in cars, bathrooms, bedrooms, family rooms).

Another attribute we are promoting for our students, is being *open minded*. The students show an understanding that people are different and may do different things. The students realise that not everyone will think like them and the students are encouraged to try to understand others.

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

10/3

Wed

11/3 Tracey S

Thurs

12/3 **Volunteer Needed**

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 Interschool Sport

20/3 Richelle H Michelle F

Mon

23/3 Amanda R

Tues

24/3 Shirley L

Wed

25/3 **Volunteer Needed**

Thurs

26/3 Douglas K Amanda C

Fri

27/3 Kath R Georgina F

Mon

30/3

Tues

31/3 Michelle D

Wed

1/4 Cathy O **Pizza Day**

Thurs

2/4 Anne W

Fri Volunteer Needed

3/4 Kylie S **Interschool Sport**

Thank you Kylie for holding the fort during my absence, also thanks Shendelle, Kath & Sylvia.

Pizza Day

We will be having a Pizza Day on Wednesday 1st April. Order forms will be sent home soon.

Interschool Sport

Children attending Interschool Sport, please place your orders in the plastic container marked 'Interschool Sport' and also write 'Sport' on your orders. Thank you.

ROSHCA Program

Monday

Afternoon Tea	Dip, Crackers & Fruit
Craft	Cut & Glue Craft
Outside Activity	Continuous Tennis
Cooking	Cakes

Tuesday

Afternoon Tea	Cakes & Crackers
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Craft	Helicopter
Outside Activity	Steal the Bacon
Cooking	Pasta Bake

Wednesday

Afternoon Tea	Pasta Bake & Fruit
Craft	Jungle Animals
Outside Activity	Stuck in the Mud

Thursday

Afternoon Tea	Fruit & Ice Blocks
Craft	Planter Boxes
Outside Activity	Untie the Knot

Friday

Afternoon Tea	Sandwiches & Fruit
Craft	Spinning Spiral Tops
Outside Activity	Wall Ball

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.

SQUAD NEWS

As end of term is approaching, all accounts will need to be finalized soon. All squad swimmers are reminded that fees are due either weekly (pay as you go) or in advance (at the multi-swim discounted rate). There are a number of families who are falling behind in their fees. Some are at the stage where they will be refused access to lessons unless payment is made. Mr Mat and I are both able to let you know where you are up to as far as fees are concerned.

LEARN TO SWIM

There are a couple of outstanding Learn to Swim payments but happily, most fees have been paid. Those who are yet to pay must do so this week or your child's lessons will cease.

For any queries regarding Squad or Learn to Swim, please call Bronwyn on 0409 727 557.

Library News – Week 7

Borrowing- 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.

Tell- A –Joke Grades 4-7 – Again there were a huge number of students willing to share their jokes with us. Chaplain James was compere and judge and had a hard job choosing the eventual winner who was Kyah T from 4c.

Visit from Logan North Librarian – On Friday we had a visit from Jenny who talked to our grade 6 and 7 students about the benefit of joining the Logan Library. Packs were given out to the students who are not presently members and I would strongly encourage parents to sign the card and form and return both to the school. This will give their child access to a wide range of online resources that Logan Libraries offer as part of their service to the community. If your child is a member of a Brisbane Library please be aware that they too can access a wide range of online services.

Happy Reading! Library Staff

P&C News

Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom 7.30pm, 24th March.

Car Park Raffle

Tired of battling the traffic (or the 'carpark' as it becomes) each morning? Sick of getting your daily exercise in the distant walk once you do get a park? Then we have the solution. Mr Smith has generously donated the use of his car space, yes right outside the admin building, as a raffle prize. We will be running the raffle every term with the first lucky winner being able to use it from the drawing date for the rest of first term until the end of second term! They will have exclusive use of this space complete with registration sign posting, each school day from 8-9am and again from 2.30-3.30pm. Tickets are just \$1 and are available from roving ticket sellers each morning and afternoon. One will be around the prep/ library area and the other around the tuckshop area. Tickets will also be available before parade begins. They will go on sale for 3 weeks starting Tuesday 3/3/09, with the first drawing at Parade on Friday 27/3/09. So keep your eyes out for the people with the raffle

tickets and support the P&C who in turn are supporting your legs & your sanity!

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 www.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, 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 2 (Age 7yrs) – Interested in Netball?? Fun Net will begin at Underwood Park Netball courts on March 14th. 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

Would you like to learn CPR or achieve your First Aid Certificate?? If so, we have acquired the services of a qualified trainer: our own squad coach Mr Mat to run a course for us. Limited numbers so first in with booking and payment will secure a position. If due to

popularity we have a lot of bookings, we will organize a second training day. Details: HLTFA301B APPLY FIRST AID, recognized in and for the workplace through out Australia the Commonwealth and Associated countries as the Accredited First Aid courses in Applying First Aid.

Practical: Sunday 15th March
Location: at Rochedale State School, in the library.
Time: 10.00am -12.00pm for CPR and continuing to 4.30 pm for AFA
Participants: Up to 20 CPR and minimum of 6 # up to 20 AFA and minimum 6.
Cost: \$45.00 CPR, \$110.00 AFA
\$90.00 Re certification AFA
Trainer: Mathieu van Doren

New Apply First Aid - participants are supplied with a text book and workbook.

They are required to complete the workbook which will take approximately 6 hours and send to us before a certificate can be issued.

Recertification Apply First Aid – certificates cannot have expired longer than 21 days prior to attending the practical day. If certificate is expired longer – new AFA is required.

Recertification participants have to attend for the practical tuition only.

To book, please call Anne Dee on the numbers below. Payment can be left at the office, in an envelope marked First Aid.

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

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.

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.

Some of our school polos have arrived. If you ordered your uniforms in December they were packed first and will be delivered to your child's class unless otherwise specified. There are still some back orders which will arrive at the end of March. We do appreciate your patience.

The girls dresses will arrive on the 20th of March and will be packed and delivered to your child's class a week after.

Socks and 20 litre bags are now available. 30 Ltr bags will be arriving mid May. I am currently sourcing a new supplier for our bags.

WINTER UNIFORMS

These are selling fast! 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 on 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 a '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 fabric and its durability, warmth and anti-peel fabric. Apart from the Microfibre, we have our school emblem on our winter uniforms which is a great way for 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 still require 1 or 2 parents that can volunteer on a Friday, if you are able to spare a few hours on a Friday, please contact me asap.

Roster:

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

12/3 David W., Karen E., Ki Sook K.

13/3 Shirley L., volunteer required.

19/3 David W., Karen E., Ki Sook K.

20/3 Shirley L.,

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

Band and Choir Music Shirts

We are currently doing a stocktake of the music shirts. If you have a shirt at home could you please return it to Mrs Davidson in the Teacher Aide's room, as soon as possible. Thank you.

Gymnastics & Dance

Robertson Gymnastics & Robertson Gymnastics Dance are currently taking enrolments for 2009 at our new venue in Coopers Plains.

We currently have vacancies in classes, from Kindergym, Prep Gym, General Gymnastics through to elite. We also do birthday parties. Please contact to organise a free trial on 07 3345 4294 or log onto

www.robertsongymnastics.com.au.