

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



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<b>Apr</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Pizza Day</b>
	<b>4-13</b>	<b>First Term Holidays</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Parade</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>ANZAC Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>29-30</b>	<b>Yr 4 Yandina Camp</b>

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

**Thoughts for the Week**

'It is better to light a candle, than to curse the darkness.'

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'To be upset over what you don't have is to waste what you do have.'

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**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' needs 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.

**"Ambassador of the school"** is a generic term which applies to everyone wearing a Rochedale State School uniform. On the way to and from school our students are observed by the public at large. Whether walking in groups or individually; whether riding a bike or scooter; the message is the same. How our students are perceived by our community is important. I was pleased to get a note the other day from a member of the Rochedale community complimenting a brother and sister walking to school, carrying a school bag and a bright smiling face as they strode down the busy Rochedale Road footpath. The community member, who was walking her dog, added that the children said "Good Morning," as they passed. This greeting pleased the pensioner enough to write a complimentary letter in praise of two of our students. I would like to encourage every child at this school to display similar good manners and courtesy to pedestrians on their way to school. Ambassadors of Australia, to all corners of the globe, were once 'ambassadors' of their schools.

## **Turn off your lights and help save the planet**

Parents across Queensland are being asked to join their children in supporting this year's World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Earth Hour on Saturday 29 March 2008.

People across the globe will be united in turning off their lights and any non-essential electrical appliances in their homes and offices between 8pm and 9pm. The hour-long campaign to reduce greenhouse gas emissions shows how each one of us, by making small changes, can create big changes for our planet.

Schools across Queensland are already celebrating Earth Hour on the Friday 28 March. Students and staff will be switching off lights, fans and air-conditioners during breaks and at the end of the day, as well as turning off equipment such as computers, printers, scanners and hot water urns when not in use.

On Saturday 29 March, it's the turn of Queensland parents to do the same at home and help combat the alarming problem of global warming.

If all Australian households turned off unused lights and appliances on standby at the power point, Australia's emissions would be reduced by at least 5 million tonnes per annum. That's the equivalent of taking 1.5 million cars off the road for a year.

Remember – be involved but do not turn off lights that affect safety or essential electrical appliances such as refrigerators.

The Minister for Education, Training and the Arts, Rod Welford, recently announced a statement on sustainability

for all Queensland schools which will serve as a guide for schools to meet their environmental obligations.

If you would like to know more the Statement on Sustainability for All Queensland Schools visit: [www.education.qld.gov.au/publication/production/reports/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/publication/production/reports/)

For more information on Earth Hour, go to: [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)

*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.

### **Wed**

26/3 Cathy O Donna L

### **Thurs**

27/3 Douglas K Amanda C

### **Fri Interschool Sport**

28/3 Michelle F **2 Helpers Needed**

### **Please**

**Mon**  
31/3 **Helper Needed Today**

### **Tues**

1/4 Michelle D

### **Wed**

2/4 **Help Needed Today** **Pizza Day**

### **Thurs**

3/4 Kathy M Bev G

### **Fri Interschool Sport**

4/4 Melissa T **2 Helpers Needed**

### **Mon 7/4 – Fri 11/4**

### **Mon PUPIL FREE DAY**

14/4

### **Tues**

15/4 Michelle D

### **Wed**

16/4 Kylie P **Volunteer**

**Needed**

**Thurs**

17/4 Sue VCathy W

**Fri** Kylie P

18/4 Melissa T Georgina F

**Mon**

21/4 Kaye S

**Tues**

22/4 Shirley L Leah W

**Wed**

23/4 Cathy O Donna L

**Thurs**

24/4 Douglas K Amanda C

**Fri**

25/4 **ANZAC Day Public Holiday**

Thank you Tracy, Kathy, Kyle, Corey, Jake & Curtis for your help last week.

### **Bathing Caps**

We no longer have stock of lycra or rubber bathing caps. You can purchase these from your local chemist. We will replenish our stock when swimming season starts again in October.

### **Big Lunch/Little Lunch**

Both Big Lunch & Little Lunch orders must be written out on separate bags. Thank you.

### **Pizza Day**

I know how much you all love Eagle Boys pizzas, so we are having a Pizza Day on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April for Big Lunch. All other food is still available. Enclosed with today's newsletter is an order form. This form must be filled out and returned with money by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March at the tuckshop. The cost will be \$2.80 for a ¼ size pizza. This is a pre-order system. **NO MONEY -NO PIZZA, NO REFUNDS.**

Collection point for the Pizza Day is the Activity Hall. Grades 4-7 will

collect their pizzas at the Big Lunch bell. Prep and grades 1, 2, 3 will collect theirs at 12.30pm and will be accompanied to the hall by their teachers. The 3 choices of pizza fit into the Amber category for Healthy Foods. Enjoy!

### **ROSHCA Program**

**Monday**

Afternoon Tea **Public**

**Holiday**

Craft

Outside Activity

**Tuesday**

Afternoon Tea Fruit Platter

Craft Handprint Chicks

Outside Activity T-Ball

**Wednesday**

Afternoon Tea Dip, Crackers  
& Fruit

Craft Noughts & Crosses

Outside Activity Red Light, Green

Light

Cooking Mini Burgers

**Thursday**

Afternoon Tea Mini Burgers  
& Fruit

Craft Bubble Print

Outside Activity Soccer

Cooking Cornflake Crunch

**Friday**

Afternoon Tea Cornflake

Crunch & Fruit

Craft Lanterns

Outside Activity Roll Ball

Also available every day –

Sony, Boardgames, Dress-Ups, Table Games, Colouring-In & Computers

### **SQUAD NEWS**

**Squad is still on!!**

As we are coming to the end of term and therefore the end of the swimming season, I would like to ask everyone to please bring their squad/cross training accounts up to date.

If you are unsure about whether you owe any money please see Mr Austin who has a full print out of everyone's fee status.

At the end of this season, we will be finalising all accounts. If you have any unused credit this will be refunded to you and we will obviously be following up on any unpaid fees. We would like to begin next season with a clean slate.

**End of Season Break Up Party:** We will be having our End of season party on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, all squad levels together as usual.

Time to be announced, watch this space!

### **P&C NEWS**

There is a P&C meeting tonight at 7pm to be held in the staffroom. Everyone welcome!

### **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 its normal trading hours, please utilise our website. The 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 UNIFORMS**

\* Ordering is now closed\* We will not be accepting any late orders. I apologise for any inconvenience. If you have ordered your winter uniforms, these will be arriving the first week back of Term 2. I will advise via the newsletter when your uniforms have arrived and are ready for pick up.

### **SPECIALS**

As the Tazlon pants are being discontinued, we are selling them at below cost of \$20. Normal cost \$29.00. We only have Size 6 & 12. Football socks are on sale for \$5.50 Sizes 13-3 & 3-7

### **SECONDHAND UNIFORMS**

We have a range of second-hand uniforms at reasonable prices. Please come and drop by. 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](mailto:Marishell.Scott@eq.edu.au) and I will respond to your email asap. Thank you  
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