



The Rochedale

SENTINEL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Performers for every stage expressing talents in every field.

Farewell The end of the year is always a difficult period as we farewell departing students and staff and eagerly await advice on the arrival of newcomers.

Last Friday we said our farewells to Ms Deborah Macdonald who has retired from Education Queensland and embarked on a travel adventure. We reflected at Deborah's farewell on the number of lives she has touched in the Rochedale community and I'm sure you'll agree that she will be sorely missed.

Two other teachers to leave us this year are Ms Annie Moritz and Ms Vikki Kindermann. Ms Moritz is moving closer to home for family reasons while Ms Kindermann is undertaking further full time study. Both teachers have been mainstays in the Art Department at Rochedale and will be remembered for their encouragement of our very talented Art students and particularly for promoting the school and student work through activities such as Artwaves.

The Phys Ed Department will farewell Mr Ben Austin at the end of next week. As you would be aware Mr Austin has been contracted to us and will be replaced by a permanent teacher being transferred in. Mr Austin has been a great encouragement to our aspiring athletes as a retired athlete himself.

Mr Col Gillespie who has been at Rochedale for the past nine years will be taking leave during next year. We hope he has a relaxing time and returns revitalised in 2010.

Thanks must be extended to Mr Bob Savage for stepping into the Deputy Principal role for the last two weeks of school. As you would appreciate this is not an easy task as the role not only involves day to day issues but also finalising staffing and timetable for 2009.

Unfortunately I will be leaving as well which was a little unexpected. As you know I had anticipated remaining at Rochedale until the return of Mr Mc Donald next year, however as an unattached principal I have been permanently appointed to the unfilled vacancy at Springwood High. During my career I have worked in a range of capacities in schools across

Queensland and I commented early on in my stay at Rochedale that this is a very special place. That opinion has been reinforced with the passing of time and I have really felt a part of this community and particularly this school. As such this will be quite an emotional transition for me but I'm certain that the fine attributes which make this such a desirable school for staff and students will grow and I certainly wish everyone associated with the school all the best for the future.

School dress code and attendance mentioned uniform and attendance in the last newsletter and unfortunately there are continuing challenges with both. As a consequence we will be parading students every day between now and the end of the year to ensure that students who are present are having their names recorded and so that we can address uniform issues early on each day. I do appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

End of Year Arrangements The arrangements for the last few days of school include normal school classes with the exception of the last two days which will involve students assisting staff to pack up resources and prepare classrooms for next year. Please be aware that there will be a school based program for any student who has not been permitted to attend the Wet and Wild excursion. The decision to not include some students was based on teacher feedback relating to attitude and behaviour in class, and amounts to our confidence in students to behave appropriately in a 'classroom without walls'.

New Year Startup Procedures The 2009 school year begins for students commencing new programs, Years 8, 9 and 11, on Tuesday 27 January and for students in Years 10 and 12 on Wednesday 28 January.

Report Cards This Term report cards will be mailed out and will include information on Uniform Shop opening hours during the Christmas break as well as information updates.

Safe Holiday Have a safe and enjoyable break.

Brian Forbes
Principal

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YEAR 11 LEADERS 2009

We have just finalised our year 11 leaders for 2009.
We would like to congratulate the following students:-

Cultural Leaders:

Kim Weir Renae Grinlaubs
Nicole Kay Sharni Cameron

Dance Captains:

Rachel Boland Sharni Tesch

Band Captains:

Damien Tomic Merryn Grocott
Anya Simonsen

Drama Captains:

Shane Oliver Rachel Rose

Management Team:

Sharni Tesch Rachel Boland
Anya Simonsen Brianna Milne
Sarah Dorries Andrew McLaughlin
Jacquelyn Beddall Natasha Allnatt

Junior Council:

Travis Ebersohn (President)
Alex Perry (Vice President)

Senior Council:

Nikala Elin (President)
Rachel Rose (Vice President)
Sophie Smith (Secretary)
Ashlyn Lal (Treasurer)

Sports Captain:

Lauren Jones (Jagara)
Nathan Hartwell (Jagara)
Brad Flavel (Yugumber)
Whitney Roberts (Yugumber)
Jacob Weir (Turbal)
Eleni Morris (Turbal)
Shane Oliver (President of the Sports Committee)

TIP 2009

Tamieka Lennox Anya Simonsen
Kim Weir Rachel Rose
Shani Cameron Lauren Jones
Rachel Boland Nathan Hartwell
Erin Bennett Ashlee Minehan
Loren Crowley Ashlin Lal
Shari Wilcox Teangi Shoesmith
Dylan MacFarlane Nikala Elin
Brendan Ciui James Graczyk
Andrew McLaughlin Alex Perry
Jacqueline Beddall Damien Tomic
Sonja Roots Mitchell Manganaro

Stewart Hannah Jesse Briggs
Nicole Kaye Renae Grinlaubs
Natasha Allnatt Brianna Bonney

UNIFORM NEWS

PRICE INCREASE – 1 NOVEMBER 2008

Your P & C Association is forced to increase some uniform prices due to price increases. This increase will be effective from 1 November 2008.

Your P & C would like to thank the school community for your continued support as all profits go back to the school to assist our students.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

As the end of year approaches the Uniform Shop would appreciate good quality, washed and pressed uniforms. The second-hand uniform sales are steady and very much appreciated by a lot of families.



This summer holidays do something special - **save lives together, donate with a mate!**

The need for blood is constant and holidays are an important time to give. Donate with your mates in town or close to home and help save 3 lives each. You can give blood from age 16 with parent consent forms (donateblood.com.au). Giving blood is safe and every donation helps save 3 Australian's in need.

Please call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au for more information and locations.

youngbloods - saving lives together



NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hi everyone,

As this year draws to a close, I'd like to encourage you all to stop and think about Christmas. Why do we celebrate it? Why do we invest so much time and \$\$ into it? The Rochedale Community Carols is a fantastic event for everyone. It is titled "Hope was born at Christmas" and is a great way to celebrate this time with family and friends. I hope you can make it ☺

Earlier this month, the local youth groups held an event called "Unite Tonite" on a Friday night at Redeemer Chapel. Approximately 240 young people came together, had great fun and heard about the deeper stuff of life. Next year, I'm looking at more opportunities for students to become involved with local youth groups. They are a great social outlet and also a great way to explore life, faith and God.



Rochedale Community Carols
“Hope was born at Christmas”

Sunday 7th December
5.30 – 8.30pm

Rochedale South State School - Wendron
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BBQ + Drinks (profits to Chaplaincy in 4
local schools)

Street Theatre & Games, Live Music,
Balloon Sculpting

Brought to you by Rochedale Baptist

If you think you are at risk, or have been exposed to HIV, take control, get tested for HIV and know your status. See your doctor or your local sexual health centre.

The red ribbon is an international symbol of AIDS awareness. It is worn by people all year round, and particularly around World AIDS Day, to demonstrate their support for people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

It is also a symbol of commitment to challenge the stigma and prejudice surrounding HIV/AIDS.

So go out and buy a red ribbon and you can help in decreasing the effects of HIV/AIDS in the world

Wishing all a safe and happy holidays See you all next year.

Colleen Hunter
School Health Nurse



May you have a safe and enriching time
of holidays – God Bless!

Adam Gallagher
Chaplain

HEALTH MATTERS

World Aids day is celebrated on the 1st of December each year.



The Australian theme for World AIDS Day 2008 is:
It is an appeal to all Australians to take personal responsibility
in the fight to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Recent studies indicate that HIV infection rates in Australia are
gradually increasing – highlighting the need to remind people
that HIV/AIDS is a serious problem that continues to pose
challenges in Australia, not just overseas.

The theme aims to send out the message that if people take
personal responsibility, by being informed about how they can
protect themselves and others. There is no reason why they
can't enjoy life and at the same time, stop the spread of
HIV/AIDS.

The theme's positive approach also aims to reduce the stigma
surrounding HIV/AIDS. While people living with HIV face
serious challenges everyday, being HIV-positive is no longer a
death sentence. Advances in medical treatment, health
management, testing, support and peer education services
allow HIV-positive people to live longer and healthier lives.