The Rochedale SENTINEL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Rochedale High has had a great start to 2008 with record numbers of enrolments, staff and resources. Below I have detailed some of our early year statistics for your information:

Enrolments: **Total 775**

Year 8 - 178	Year 11 - 157
Year 9 - 171	Year 12 - 108
Year 10 - 161	

These enrolment figures represent a Year 8 enrolment growth of 44% over 4 years and a total school enrolment growth of 24% over the same period. I expect that 2009 will see enrolments of approximately 810-820 students at which point the growth should stabilize.

Staffing 2008: We welcome the following staff to the school:
Mr Sean Cash (HPE)
Mr Justin Anastasi (IT and HPE)
Ms Tara Gomes (Social Science/English)
Ms Jessica Ranisch (Performing Arts)
Mr Ben Austin (HPE)
Mr Jordan Evans (Performing Arts)
Ms Madonna Powers (Maths)
Ms Lisa Batley (English/Social Science)
Ms Helen Masselos (Maths)
Ms Andrea Little (Librarian/Social Science)
Mr Jasen Johnson (HOD – Technology)
The school also expects to employ an additional part-time staff member in the next week based on current enrolment. We are still determining the subject for this position.

The school also welcomes Mr Peter Townshend as Groundsman. Our thanks also go to Mr Shane Hammond and Mr Egons Baumanis who prepared the grounds for the start of the school year. Our farm has also obtained the services of Ms Heidi Francisco as our Agricultural Assistant.

PRIORITIES 2008
After completing a strategic planning exercise with staff for 2008, the following have been identified as our annual priorities for 2008:

- Implementation of an updated common problem solving strategy across all year levels and facilities
- Implementation of an updated common report/assignment writing process across all year levels and facilities
- Targeted focus on subject based numeracy and literacy requirements together with planning and implementation
- Improving our approach to creating a green school environment
- Focus on student self esteem, performance and respect for self and others
- Professional development of staff

In addition, our school will also focus on the following systemic imperatives:

- Implementation of the essential Learning through the Queensland Curriculum and Reporting Framework.
- Nationally based testing in literacy and numeracy in Year 9

PRINCIPALSHIP AT ROCHEDALE STATE HIGH

Many parents/caregivers will recall that during term 4 last year I was offered a position to work in the international education arena providing leadership training for inspiring Principals in Qatar (Middle East). This was an experience that I thoroughly enjoyed professionally, culturally and personally.

This year I have been offered and have accepted a further opportunity to work for Education Queensland International in the Middle East. This position provides me with the opportunity to mentor a Qatari Principal in establishing a new school. The position is initially for 5 months (9 March – 31 July 2008).
At this time the arrangements for the leadership/principalship of Rochedale High have not been finalised. I will however have further information for the community in the next newsletter.

David McDonald
Principal

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Name of youngest student at school: _____ Year Level: _____

Your name _____

Your email address _____
(**please print clearly**)

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IMMUNISATIONS

Year 8, 9 and 10 Students who have completed and returned their permission forms will be immunised this year. The Immunisation schedule is as follows –

- Year 8, 9 and 10 girls are to receive the HPV (Cervical Cancer) Vaccination in three doses – 22 February; 23 May; 29 October.
- Year 8 boys and girls are to receive the Hepatitis B Vaccination in two doses – 18 March; 7 October.
- Year 8 boys and girls are also to receive the Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccination on the 7 October.
- Year 10 boys and girls are to receive the Boostrix (Diptheria, Tetanus and Pertussis) Vaccination on the 18 March.

Immunisations are given at school by the Health Department.

Any questions regarding the Immunisation Schedule should be directed to Mrs Baumanis, the Deputy Principal, on 33400 400.

WCRW PROJECT WORKING IN ROCHEDALE

The Western Corridor Recycled Water (WCRW) Project is a major State Government project to ease pressure on South East Queensland's drinking water supplies. The project involves constructing a network of about 200km of pipeline to link six existing wastewater treatment plants to three new advanced water treatment plants. After further filtration, the purified recycled water will be piped to industry and power stations and used to supplement drinking water supplies in Wivenhoe Dam.

The Luggage Point to Bundamba pipeline is a key part of the WCRW Project. It will take purified recycled water from the new Luggage Point and Gibson Island Advanced Water Treatment Plants (AWTPs) to the recently built Bundamba AWTP. Construction of the pipeline from Luggage Point to Goodna started in late 2007, with the whole project scheduled for completion by December 2008.

You may have noticed a WCRW Project site has been established on School Road. This is a pipe stockpile area where pipes will be stored in preparation for pipeline construction.

We are committed to making sure we complete the work with total safety for the community and the workers.

Please be aware of the work occurring on School Road. Watch out for trucks or other construction vehicles travelling along School Road and please adhere to the changed traffic conditions and speed limits. The site on School Road will remain operational throughout 2008.

If you have any concerns or would like more information about the construction activities, please call our project team on **1800 997 464 (free call)**.

EXTRA SUPPORT

All students at Rochedale State High School can access extra assistance through the Achievement and Development Centre. However, there has been some changes for 2008, on when students can receive extra tutoring, as the ADC will not be open before school.

DAY	TIME	
Monday	8.00 – 8.45	Maths Tutoring Mrs Bakharia – Maths Block
Monday	LUNCH	General Tutoring Mrs Broadway – ADC
Tuesday	8.00 – 8.45	Maths Tutoring Mrs Bakharia – Maths Block
Tuesday	LUNCH	General Tutoring Mrs West – ADC
Wednesday	CLOSED	
Thursday	LUNCH	General Tutoring Mrs West – ADC
Friday	LUNCH	General Tutoring Mrs Broadway – ADC

Tutoring assistance will be provided for assignments, preparation for exams, classwork and homework.

Students may attend on a needs basis.

Kristine Broadway
Teacher-In-Charge
Achievement and Development Centre

THE ARTS NEWS

Our Intrumental Music Program this year is at record size, with nearly 40 students in the program and several multi-instrumentalists. We started the year with a welcome BBQ on Friday the 8th of February that included plenty of games and fun. Any new students who are interested in joining the program should see Ms Taschke in the Performing Arts Staff room.

Lessons and Concert Band rehearsals are now held on Mondays with a rotating timetable to minimise loss of class time.

MAESTRO '08

This year we are looking forward to another strong year of music performances. Our Maestro music performance nights are now gaining recognition as the 'outlet' for the immense musical talent that we have at Rochedale. Last year we discovered many talented singer-songwriters at our first ever Maestro Originals.

Here are the preliminary dates for the Maestro performances this year. Don't forget to mark them in your calendar!

Maestro (covers, instrumental, originals)
18th April Term 2 Week 1

Maestro Originals 22nd August Term 3 Week 6

Maestro Instrumental 17th October Term 4 Week 2

Ms Taschke

WELCOME BBQ INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The Instrumental Music students are off to a flying start this year. Last Friday night 35 students came along to our Welcome BBQ to meet the new students to the school. This year we warmly welcomed the Year 8 students who have joined the Music and Band program. The night was a great success with heaps of fun and games. Congratulations are extended to our continuing students who warmly welcomed and helped the new students become part of the music community at our school.

The Instrumental program has started and Band rehearsals held on Monday mornings at 8.00 am sharp. Students were reminded again of the pride we have in their participation in this dynamic program. Attendance at lessons and rehearsal at home are so important for success with music.

In addition to the fun games and great food a highlight of the evening was the announcement of the **2008 Band Captains**. Congratulations are extended to **Jess Hodkinson** and **Emily Gudgeon**, in Year 12, who will serve as our Band Captains for this Year. Both students have demonstrated skills necessary to conduct their role of leadership with enthusiasm and commitment. We wish Jess and Emily all the best in the role for 2008. On behalf of the Performing Arts Team, we wish all students success with their music this year.

A special thank you to Ms Laura De Young (parent) and Ms Curtis who helped with the BBQ. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. **Ms Semit**

DANCE NEWS

Dance students have been busy preparing for some upcoming performances. We are delighted to announce the **Dance Captains for 2008** are **Chloe Osland and Allison Gregory**. Congratulations girls and best wishes for a great year.

Ms Pagliano.

SPORT NEWS

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL CUP 2007, MELBOURNE

In the last week of school 2007 two Rochedale teams joined with 405 other volleyball teams to converge on Melbourne for a week of competition. Both teams had a ball, showed some great team spirit and played some great volleyball.

The boys team consisted of students from years 9, 10 and 11. They contested the under 17, division 2 competition. The team competed with 9 other teams, after a hiccup in the rounds the boys went on to beat Toowoomba High in the final.

Congratulations to the following team members for winning gold at nationals: Matt Coutlis, Ben Harrison, Kyle Hill, Brad Flavel, Cameron Gore, Nathan Hartwell, Shane Oliver, Ryan Hogan, Sam Whatley and Morgan Williams.

The girls played in the under 20, division 2 and the team consisted of year 10 and 11 students. The division included 22 teams from around Australia. The girls finished a credible 5th. Congratulations to Rachel Gulliver, Jess Hamer, Ann –Kathrin Kramer, Madelyn Ludwigsen, Jeannine Sonnekus, Whitney Roberts and Jess Ryder.

HEALTH MATTERS

Welcome back, and welcome all new comers to the school. My name is Colleen Hunter and I am your School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN) at Rochedale High. I am a registered nurse, employed by Qld health and work out of the Logan Community Health Centre, with a history in mental health, midwifery and child health; I enjoy working in adolescent health and look forward to continuing this year.

I will be at the school on **Tuesday, Friday and alternative Wednesday.** (Monday and Thursday I work at Woodridge SHS). My office is located in the administration building and **my ext: 404**.

The role of the SBYHN includes working with all the school community to

- Promote health and wellbeing
- Create a supportive, healthy school environment (a health promoting school)
- Connect people with other support services

The sort of health issues I can provide information on include:

- Healthy eating and physical activity
- Feeling unhappy or stressed
- Relationships
- Healthy skin
- Personal and family problems
- Growth and development
- Sexual health
- Smoking, alcohol and other drugs

Looking forward to working with Rochedale High Community this year.

Cheers
Colleen Hunter
School Based Youth Health Nurse

MATHS NEWS

Congratulations to the students, staff and the parents of Rochedale State High School on the smooth start of the New School Year!

Every New Year brings about some new elements and new ideas into our life and our work.

New element in the life of the Maths Department of Rochedale State High School – new carpets in the building! They make the environment of the building even more comfortable and somehow cosy and attractive. We are very happy to provide nice surroundings for our students, to make the building more attractive and appealing to them!

New Ideas –Maths tutorials will be run by Mrs Bakharia and Ms Sharma in BMA4 this year. **Ms Sharma** will take care of the **lunch time tutorials on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** and **Mrs Bakharia will conduct the early morning sessions on Monday and Tuesday from 8.00 to 8.45am**.

The purpose of these tutorials is to provide extra help and support to those students who require it. We encourage everyone who needs more clarification and guidance in Maths and who wishes to succeed in this amazing subject to be there and get help that is there for them!

Calculators

Maths with no calculators is history now, especially since our students do Trigonometry as part of their Maths Curriculum. All junior students and Maths A students in senior group, need to have a Scientific calculator every Maths lesson. Maths B and Maths C students are expected to have their own graphics calculators for their Maths course.

Scientific calculators are now available through the Maths Department **at $20.00** and **Graphic calculators** are available at **$150.00.** Graphics calculators are on order at the moment and as soon as they arrive, the students will be notified of their availability.

A calculator is a necessary tool for valid mathematics lessons. We are happy to help our students to get equipped for the success in this area of their study.

Let's have a great and exciting school year of 2008!

Elena Trushin
Senior Teacher

Dianne Jensen
HOD Mathematics
Ph. 33400 455

AG SCIENCE

We would like to thank Turners Garden Supplies for their seedling donations for Year 8 Agriculture.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

THE BRAVE PROGRAM FOR TEENAGERS

Help available for teenagers with anxiety!

Does your teenager suffer from extreme anxiety? Around 8-10% of children and adolescents are affected by severe anxiety, which can cause significant problems in emotional, social, and educational functioning. Teens with anxiety may worry about meeting new people or being away from home; they may fear specific situations or just seem to worry all the time.

The BRAVE Program for Teenagers offers a 12-session internet-or clinic-based program for the treatment of anxiety in adolescents aged between 13 and 17 years. Parents will also partake in some sessions. Families will complete the program either by attending clinical sessions at The University of Queensland or via the Internet and therefore must have access to a computer (PC) and the Internet at home. Adolescents and families who wish to be a part of the study must be willing to be in either group (internet or clinic).

As this program will not receive any funding, to cover treatment costs, families will be charged a minimal fee of $100 for participation in the treatment sessions for both parents and teenagers. If you are interested in participating in our program, please contact Renee or Sam from the BRAVE Program by **ph (07) 3346 9516**, or **email brave4teenagers@psy.uq.edu.au**

For more information about the program, see our website: www.psy.mq.edu.au/brave

This round's applications closing end March (08).

AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS

161 Aviation Det – Brisbane has commenced.

In addition to being taught Army Cadet skills, training will also be provided in Aviation industry skills. Cadets will have the opportunity to elect for the following courses which include theory & practical training:

- Powered Flying
- Non-Powered Flying (Gliding)
- Aero Modelling
- ATC (Air Traffic Control)
- Ground Crew – Aircraft Handling
- Engineering

For further information & expressions of interest please contact: Capt (AAC) Richard Leahy 0417 758 492
Lt (AAC) Charles Martin 0411 247 544

Email bushranger77@hotmail.com

To find your local Army Cadet Unit:
Call toll free 1800 203 307

NEXT ENROLMENT / INFORMATION DAY

Date: Sunday 24 February 2008

Time: Open 08:30 am to 3.00 pm

Location: Officers Mess
Joint Logistics Unit
Apollo Road
Bulimba BRISBANE

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA

Student Exchange Australia, a not-for-profit organisation which is registered with all State and Territory Department of Education, is pleased to present a free information evening in Brisbane.

Wednesday 6 February
7.30 pm
Terraces on Wickham, 345 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane.
www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of a local call)

- Come and meet our staff
- Hear comprehensive information on all aspects of exchange
- Ask questions
- Listen to questions asked by other students and parents, and
- Meet other students who are considering going on exchange
- Scholarships available!
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COMMUNITY NEWS

UNDERWOOD PARK NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Underwood Road, Rochedale
Ph 3341 3813
Fax 3341 3813
Email upnai@05com.com.au

Come and join our Netball Association in 2008. We welcome new clubs, new teams and new players

Day season (Saturday) commences 8 March 2008
Night season (Wednesday) commences 19 March 2008

If you are interested in playing netball and are looking for a club or a team to play with, please contact a club representative:

Calvary Netball Club – Roszana, ph 3801 5185
Daisy Hill Netball Club – Barb, ph 3209 4991
Rochedale Rovers Netball Club – Margaret, ph 3388 7960
Rochedale State School Netball Club – Anne, ph 3342 5253
Springwood Seals Netball Club – Jodie, ph 3804 1496
St Peters (Rochedale) Netball Club – Stacey, ph 3841 1776

Contact us by phone, fax or email – we are waiting to hear from you.

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Email: admin@keng.org.au
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SCIPS WORKING WITH GREENSLOPES PRIVATE HOSPITAL – NURSING OPPORTUNITIES

Greenslopes Private Hospital enjoys a close working relationship with SCIPS in running successful school based traineeships and work experience programs. We are pleased to communicate the following information regarding nursing opportunities that may be of interest to you or family and friends.

Now that the kids are back at school – thinking of coming back to work? Are you looking to match school hours to balance your day with work or a short evening shift to compliment your partner's work schedule. Greenslopes Private Hospital is seeking flexible and motivated RNs and EENs for part time vacancies across all shifts in a variety of areas including critical care, oncology, orthopaedics and medical/surgical. If you would like to get back into acute care nursing, join our reskilling program for RNs with current QNC registration. The program is tailored to individual needs of the participant and part time options are available. A range of staff benefits include educational opportunities, career progression wellness program, free car parking. For more information or to arrange a time to discuss further over a coffee please contact our Clinical Recruitment Coordinator, Liz Rothwell on 3394 6745 or email your application to recruitment.gph@ramsayhelath.com.au

Attachment #6

MOBILE PHONE/ELECTRONIC AND PORTABLE MUSIC DEVICE (PMD) POLICY

- Mobile phones / portable music devices are not required at school, the school is not responsible for their safe keeping and parents / caregivers should consider if they are necessary.

- If lost or stolen the school will not be responsible for mobile phones / PMD's brought onto the school grounds.

- Students must ensure that mobile phones / PMD's are turned off and secure during class time. Students found using them or having them go off during class time will be given an after school detention and be required to hand them into the Administration office where they will be recorded in a register. On first occasion the student can collect the phone / PMD after school on the day of the incident. For any subsequent occurrences the phone / PMD will need to be collected from the office by the parent / caregiver or emergency contact listed on the school database. Refusal to hand over the phone / PMD to the teacher will result in a consequence for wilful disobedience.

- Mobile phones / PMD's are not allowed in exam rooms under any circumstances.

- Under no circumstances will the image of the school be used to undermine the good order and management of the school. By this we mean that any messaging to or photos of staff and students in our uniform be used online or on a website without the express permission of the Principal and in the case of minors their adult caregivers. To do so is considered unlawful. Students who deliberately disobey the above will face suspension or exclusion depending upon the severity of the incident.

- It is prohibited for students to make auditory recordings, photographs, take pictures or video of individuals on school premises / school activities, unless directed by a staff member to do so, and must be directly related to school sanctioned activities. This includes all forms of electronic and digital methods.

- Students are not permitted to use electronic equipment to harass or bully students or teachers. This includes interfering with school or student files, emailing, text or picture messaging or any other electronic form of transmitting communication.

- There will be no exceptions to this policy without the express permission of the Principal or his / her delegate.