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SENTINEL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Students have settled well into the routine of school for term 2 with teachers reporting that they have been impressed by the manner in which students have managed the three short weeks as we started into term 2. In particular, it has been rewarding to observe how our year 12 students are applying themselves to the task at hand including their preparation program for the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test which they will undertake in September. The QCS Test is used by the Queensland Studies Authority to generate school and subject based data used in the calculation of OP scores. Individual students also receive a grade of A-E for the test. I am confident that our 2006 cohort, as with previous year groups, will perform well on this test.

ANNUAL OPEN AFTERNOON DAY- TUESDAY 23 MAY

This important event for year 7 students will be held on
Tuesday 23 May from 12 noon. This year we expect some 300 year 7 students to visit our school and experience life at Rochedale High for an afternoon. In order to provide appropriate staffing arrangements, the P & C has again endorsed the shortening of the school day with our students being able to leave the school at 12 noon. This will only be possible for students who return the appropriate permission form to the Care teacher by Friday 19 May. Supervision will of course be provided for students unable to leave school at this time. If you have any questions regarding these arrangements, please direct them to a member of the school's administration team.

ENROLMENTS 2007—YEAR 8

Rochedale High is now accepting Expressions of Interest for year 8 enrolments 2007. If you or someone you know has a student intending to enrol for 2007, please contact the school to register them. As we plan to again carefully manage our year 8 enrolments to maintain our moderate school size of 700 students, your early attention to this matter is appreciated.

STATE RECOGNITION

Rochedale High is proud of its students, staff and community. Over the last week, I have been approached by Education Queensland and the University of Southern Queensland to have members of staff contribute to the national education agenda. present a workshop in Melbourne on May 18 at a national education conference on the curriculum based anti-bullying program they have developed at Rochedale High. You may recall that in 2005, Ms Semit led a project funded by the National Safe Schools Foundation that saw high school and primary school students attack the subject of bullying through drama. The Foundation has been so impressed by this work, that not only did the school receive a $10 000 grant to support the program, but the program and its outcomes will be a major focus of the May 19 Conference which is also to be attended by the Federal Minister for Education.

It is also of note that this program has now been integrated into the year 8 curriculum for all students at our school.

Community members will also be aware of the school's ongoing renewal program. This program has been driven through the IDEAS program and co-ordinated through the University of Southern Queensland. Staff members Geoff Howe and Diane Hicks (currently A/Principal Sunnybank SHS) facilitated the program at the school. The IDEAS program is now part of the national education agenda and Geoff Howe has been invited to travel to Western Australia in late June to share Rochedale High's experiences and successes with school leadership teams.

Our school has also been involved in a conjunctional Federal research project with Dr Adrian Kelly from the University of Queensland on tobacco and alcohol use by adolescents. Working with Dr Kelly has been staff member Ms Bev Ness who is using the research outcomes to shape components of the school's Student Personal Development Program. In the near future, Ms Ness will also use the outcomes of the research project, through an alliance with Griffith University education lecturers, to shape school curriculum materials that focus on use of tobacco and alcohol products by adolescents.

David McDonald
Principal

Receive Sentinel by email

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If you wish to receive your newsletter by email, please complete this section and return it to the school office. Alternatively, send your details to our email address – postr2@eq.edu.au

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

Your name _____

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

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DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van has moved. Some students may be offered follow on appointments at Rochedale School Dental Clinic.

For information regarding your child's treatment, please phone the above clinic on 3841 4428.

Dental Staff

"60 SECONDS WITH ……."

NAME:	David McDonald
POSITION:	Principal
FAMILY:	Lee – Partner Craig – Works in Pharmaceutical Industry Elise – Studying Maths/IT at UQ
WHERE BORN:	Ipswich Qld
ATTENDED SCHOOL:	Clontarf Beach State High School
FAVIORITE FOOD:	Mud Crab
FAVOURITE MOVIE:	Rocky Horror Picture Show
FAVOURITE SPORT:	Soccer
HOBBIES:	Boating/Fishing/Camping
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION:	Anywhere near the ocean

IF YOU COULD INVITE 4 PEOPLE TO DINNER WHO WOULD THEY BE AND WHY?

1. JOHN LENNON – Discuss how he feels about the impact his music has had on the world community.
2. MADONNA – Discuss how one with so much talent can fall so easily to the depths of depression and illicit substance abuse.
3. REX HUNT – Find out how I can get paid to go fishing.
4. GHANDI – Just to be in the presence of such a great man and leader.

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA

BRING HOME A BROTHER OR SISTER

In July 2006, students, aged 15 – 18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 11 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website: www.studentexchange.org.au

ART NEWS

MONSTER MAGIC – YEAR 9 DRAMA

One of our Year 9 Drama classes has been busy recreating the musical, Monster Magic. Rochedale State High School toured this musical in 2003 and 2004 to local primary schools as well as a rural Queensland tour.

These students are currently working on a script unit and are busy learning their lines getting ready to perform during U8s' week. These students will be performing at Rochedale South State School on Tuesday 23 May and will also be travelling to another primary school later on in the week.

We know the production will be as successful this time as it was in 2003 and that it will be an exciting experience for our students as well as the students at the primary schools.

Carolyn Pagliano

Rochedale State High School

Let's continue our tradition with another fun-filled night of entertainment by our talented students at Rochedale

Where: **Performing Arts Complex**

When: **Friday 19 May**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Cost: **Gold Coin donation**

Tea/coffee served at interval

SPORT REPORT

Rochedale Touch and Volleyball players take a bow! Our Year 9 Touch girls continue on their winning ways, easily defeating Wavell Heights SHS 10 – 2 in their first round Metro Finals game. Our Year 8 Volleyball boys defeated The Gap SHS 2-0 in their first game, while our Year 10 boys defeated Craigslea SHS (a dominating Volleyball school on the northside) 3 – 0. Unfortunately our Open boys went down 3-1 in a tight contest, also against Craigslea SHS. Good luck to our 3 remaining teams as they progress to the next round of Metro finals.

IT NEWS

The Annual Rochedale SHS Year Seven and Eight ICT Boot Camp will be held on the 18th and 25th of May. The intensive two night course provides students with intensive instruction in the areas of Digital Art and Animation and Programming with MS Agent.

The 2006 event has attracted over 30 students from local primary schools as well as a number of Year 8 students from the High School.

HOSPITALITY CERTIFICATE II

Rochedale State High School in conjunction with Yeronga TAFE, is offering our senior students the opportunity to complete a full Certificate II in Hospitality (operations) whilst still at school studying their year 11 and 12 subjects.

Completing this certificate course allows your student to finish their schooling with a nationally registered and recognised industry certificate in Hospitality. Students who then wish to pursue their career in Hospitality after Year 12 will find that this program will count towards higher qualifications, apprenticeships and traineeships, reducing their time. Other students who enter the workforce directly after leaving school will find this certificate to be a distinct advantage for themselves and their employers.

The course has a strong focus on the practical aspects of the Hospitality industry and is very much 'hands on'. Students will also be given the opportunity to gain valuable industry experience whilst on work placement.

The Certificate II program will be delivered within the school in the 'almost' newly refurbished Hospitality kitchen every Thursday afternoon from 1.20 pm to 5.30 pm over 2 semesters.

The cost of this course is very small and covers weekly ingredients, uniforms, knife kits, course materials and training by qualified TAFE teachers/chef's. Therefore, your student will not be required to bring anything from home to participate in this course. The cost is $100 per semester. (Total for the full certificate is $200). Please note that if your student was to enrol in this same course after completing Year 12, TAFE would charge approximately $900.

Should your student wish to take part in this unique opportunity, please contact Mrs Brown at Rochedale State High School for more information and enrolment details. Vacancies are limited but still available.

PLEASE RSVP PARENT FORUM NO. 2

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU

WHO IS PAULA ARNOTT

4 years ago, being thrust from a successful career as a make up artist, Paula took on the role of Psychologist, life coach and teacher for her first of three boys. Today a successful Personal trainer and lifestyle coach this vibrant mother of three, leading the charge in health and fitness, understand all too well the demands of being a mother, partner and developing a career.

ROCHEDALE HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORTING YOU

Rochedale High school is committed to developing and supporting all the parents in our school community. That is why we are hosting this vibrant and educational evening. All parents and friends are invited to attend and take part in what can be a life changing evening.

WHAT IS 'IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU'

During the evening Paula will introduce you to:

1. The importance of health and effects of your whole life.
2. Supporting the U in ME.
3. Make the most of the family time you have.
4. Having stable career, and enjoying it.

WHEN AND WHERE

WHEN:	31 MAY 2006
WHERE:	Staff Common Room Rochedale SHS
TIME:	7 – 8 pm
CONTACT:	Carmel Boland or Corinne Neilsen
PHONE NO:	33400 400, 33400 425, 33400 431

RSVP by Monday 29 May is essential.

Please make other arrangements for your children as Child minding is not available.

"You create your own reality.
If you believe you're worth it,
you can achieve almost anything
you want."

Paula Arnott

ROCHEDALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

HOMESTAY PROGRAMME

REQUIRES

FAMILIES

IN THE ROCHEDALE, SPRINGWOOD, UNDERWOOD AREA
FOR LONG TERM, FEE PAYING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For more information, please phone
Mrs Carmel Boland on 3340 0425

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Have one hour a week to spare?
- Enjoy reading?
- Enjoy working with students one on one?
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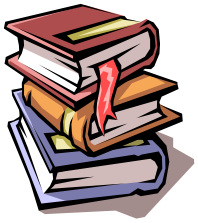
Then the ADC is the place for you.

We need Volunteer Tutors to assist our Year 8 and 9 students with our "Linking into Reading Program" – one on one, one hour a week in our Achievement and Development Centre. Training is provided.



- A Blue Card is required – we can help with that if you do not have one.
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ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Please contact Kristine Broadway on 33400 400

UNIFORM NEWS

***New trading hours for 2006 are as follows*: Monday and Wednesday 8.00 – 11.00 am**.

We have Winter stock available. Some sizes have already sold out e.g. small and medium in the Fleecy Polos only, other sizes still available. Sorry for any inconvenience.

All sizes are available in the Taslon Jackets at a cost of $71.00.

Scarves are now available at a cost of $14.00.

Lay-by's are to be finalized before the June holidays.

Second Hand Uniform Procedure

We have a register in which you leave your name, phone number, a list of items and prices you are asking. (You keep the items at home). People will contact you and make arrangements with you if they are interested as I do not have the space to hold second hand uniforms at school.

If you wish to **donate** uniforms, please do so at the office any time.

A Wright
Uniform Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

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