the Rochedale SENTINEL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy but productive final term for 2006. The next month sees a number of special school events.

This Thursday we celebrate the Senior Formal at the Queens Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel in Elizabeth Street. The excitement and anticipation amongst the Yr 12s has been evident for weeks and we wish them a successful and memorable night. The organising committee and the Year Co-ordinators have been plotting and planning for months and it will be a fantastic evening.

On Thursday 31 October we celebrate the school's Annual Awards Night. Letters of recognition for subject winners and personal achievers will be posted this week so that family and friends can organize seats. 2006 has been an outstanding year for student achievement and I'm sure that we will have a large and appreciative audience to help recognise their substantial efforts.

Tuesday 14 November is the school's Cultural Awards Night which will be also involve the recognition evening for the Combined School's Concert Band. The success of this year's Musical, the growth of the band and the high quality of performance items from the Performing Arts Department will result in an excellent showcase night.

We are presently working on a number of special facilities projects within the school.

The significant upgrading of the School's Performing Arts Block is gaining momentum. During the holidays the air-conditioning and window glazing was completed. This term we will see the repainting, recarpeting, and extension of the dance studio completed. A retractable seating unit for 135 people should be completed during the Christmas break so that performing arts students will have an outstanding facility by February 2007.

We have just received plans for a new Bus Drop Off Zone to be built by the Brisbane City Council during the Christmas holidays.
The new walkways, bus zone and entry pathways will contribute to student convenience and safety. It will stretch from the main gate east to the crossing and is an excellent initiative.

Finally on this morning's parade we had guest speakers from World Vision who invited the students to participate in the Making Poverty History campaign's 'stand up against poverty'. They were part of a global action to highlight world poverty and the role that the developed countries can play in its alleviation. It was a very thought-provoking presentation that asked students to think and act globally.

I hope that all students have had a restful holiday and look forward to seeing families at the school functions in the near future.

Peter Peisker
A/Principal

FAMILIES MATTER

Families Matter – to us at Rochedale High – so please join us in Term IV.

When: Wednesday 15 November.

Where: In Staff Common Room

Time: 7.00 pm

No Cost -Tea & coffee available. Sorry no children.

Topic for Term IV is: Your young person and the law. Come and hear about the laws relating to Driving – Licence, loud vehicles; Alcohol/other substances; Party Info, excessive noise; gate crashers & damage; Legal Rights. Presenter is Senior Constable Debi Reeves, Upper Mt Gravatt Police and of course Students Services Team from Rochedale High. Debi has presented this information to Yr 11 & 12's in their Admin/Access session.

Following this session, Ms Bev Ness and Dr Adrian Kelly (U.Q) will host a short session showcasing the school's future PDP program designed to foster resilience in adolescents when faced with peer pressure to use harmful substances.

Please phone the Office on 33400 400 to register your attendance by Monday 13 November – 4 pm.

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Your name _____

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- Contact Qld Transport Office on 3863 9849

ROCHEDALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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FAMILIES

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

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

ART NEWS

On Saturday night Ruben Chant, Luke Dalton, Johnathan Mathews and Zac Schultz's band, Tempting Fate, performed at the Battle of the Bands Under 25 Competition at Jimboomba and were selected in the Top 6 and will perform in the finals on 28 October.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Term 4 is always very busy with many opportunities for students to gain some part time work and be signed up for school based apprenticeships and traineeships for 2007. For our Year 12s leaving us, there are always many opportunities to investigate full time apprenticeships and traineeships.

The following information is now available for students:

Year 12 School Leavers:
A range of full time Apprenticeships/Traineeships are available in a variety of Engineering fields, cabinet making, French polishing, automotive tyre fitting, horticulture, retail, business administration, and hospitality. There is also a Wardrobe traineeship available with the Queensland Theatre Company.

The school receives a weekly update on the vacancies available and students need to ensure that they are fully informed of the alternatives open to them.

Year 10 and 11 students:
ColesMyer is now advertising for positions during the Christmas holidays. Students can apply online at: www.colesmyer.com.au/careers

Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE is also offering a wide range of courses for 2007.

Many industry areas are now advertising for 2007 school based apprenticeships/ traineeships.
Information on all of the above opportunities is available from Mrs Moore. HOD Senior Schooling.

Mrs Moore
HOD Senior Schooling

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Art Department is celebrating the recent completion of the Kiln and Kiln room located in a separate structure behind the Art classrooms. We have many to thank including Mr McDonald and Mrs Boundy for assisting us in obtaining the facilities that meet the Queensland Education approval guidelines.

With a workable kiln, our ambitious students can now create and explore a whole range of new styles in art. With the new kiln, our students have the opportunity to discover ceramics entirely not only bisque firing but ceramic glazing as well. We also have the privilege to go glass slumping with Mr Collins. We would like to acknowledge our appreciation to Mr Collins from the Science Department (who is also a member of the Brisbane glass guild) for teaching our senior students some slumping techniques.

We are very fortunate and pleased to have the kiln. This opportunity has enabled our department to provide students with a broader and enhanced learning experience in Art.

SPORT REPORT

Gymnastics National Clubs Championships
Congratulations to Jessica Doherty who competed in the National Club's Championships for Trampoline Sports in Gosford, NSW.

She is to be congratulated on this elite level of performance which has resulted from the dedication and focus that she has applied.

2006 Junior Schools Volleyball Cup
From Friday October 19 to Sunday October 21, 4 teams will be competing at the junior schools volleyball cup. The tournament involves over 300 teams from schools across Queensland. We wish them luck in the competition.

13 Year Boys:
Sam Whatley, Aaron Hartwell, Jason Harth, Brendan Bernard, Regan Jones, Enrique Diaz, Gabriel Hijniakoff, Kenneth Roesser.

15 Year Boys:
Matt Coutlis, Morgan Williams, Jesse Lovett, Nathan Phipps, Ben Harrison, Brad Flavel, Cameron Gore, Shane Oliver, Ryan Hogan, Nathan Hartwell.

13 Year Girls:
Tamara Waerea, Paige Ryder, Jess Bellert, Tiana Hosking, Zoe Grantham, Cassie Buckley, Leigh Alley

15 Year Girls:
Colleen Hann, Whitney Roberts, Jess Ryder, Jeannine Sonnekus, Grace Leo, Jess Hamer, Rachel Gulliver, Madelyn Ludwigsen, Carlysha Fakaosilea

Queensland 'All Schools' Touch Carnival 2006
The Queensland 'All Schools' touch carnival was held over the weekend from 13th - 15th October at Whites Hill Reserve in Brisbane. The touch carnival, the largest of its kind in Australia sees school teams from all over the state and country compete for the coveted title of best school touch team in Queensland. This year, a record 160 teams competed over three intense days in a number of age and gender divisions. Rochedale State High School entered 3 teams in this year's carnival with all enjoying the experience and committing to the 2007 carnival without hesitation. The boy's junior team competed admirably throughout the weekend and continually improved to suggest a bright future for boys touch at the school over the next two years. The girls open team full of new members after the departure of last years team had big shoes to fill given the open's 3rd place in 2005. It must be said that these girls gave 100% all weekend and certainly have announced themselves as potential challengers to the 2007 title given their display over the weekend. The junior girl's fresh from their challenge in 2005 as year 8 rookies went one better than last years round of sixteen by making it to the top 8 in the state. They played an extremely close quarter final against the eventual junior girls winner 'All Hallows' only to go down 3-1. Given that the team still has another year of competition in this age group, a possible win in 2007 is certainly not out of the question. A special thank you must go to Mr. Kingi, Mrs. Bauer and Mr. Crase for all of their time and effort they put in as coaches. To all the parents, teachers and students who turned up over the weekend to support the teams, a big thanks as well.

Junior Girls Touch Team:
Stevie-Lee Thompson, Robina Thompson, Casey Jaenke-Cain, Brianna Bonney, Sam Hilster, Lauren Jones, Jeannine Sonnekus, Sophie Smith, Sarah Crosse, Bonnie Sleeman, Claire Stewart and Laura Trudgian.

Open Girls Touch Team:
Kelly Jones, Laura Jaenke-Cain, Madelyn Ludwigsen, Jessica Poulton, Angela Smith, Tracey McCrea, Kimberley Quince, Melissa Hartwell, Whitney Roberts and Samantha Thomson.

Junior Boys Touch Team:
Sam Power, Heath Andrews, David Forrester, Nick Dyson, Tim Power, Dallas Solofa, Sioeli Filianga, Joshua Watt, Jordan Pearse, Arron McBride, Alex Hoffman, Cory Butcher and Shay Lincoln.

Getting into Touch at Rochedale
Touch football is the Nations fastest growing team sport and the Aus Touch program is designed to introduce the game to younger players aged 5 – 12.

Aus Touch Leaders are trained by the Australian Touch Association to deliver a fun and safe program through a game sense approach.

This year the following Rochedale SHS students, Michael McLaughlin, Raimond Tyson, Samantha Thomson, Melissa Hartwell and Kelly Jones received their Aus Touch Leader accreditation. These students have spent the last 4 weeks busily involved with an enthusiastic band of primary students from schools surrounding the high school.

Well done to all of our leaders on a tremendous effort and best wishes for the final weeks of the program.

Pictured above are Aus Touch Leaders (back row from left to right) Raimond Tyson, Michael McLaughlin and Melissa Hartwell with some of their enthusiastic players.

SCIENCE NEWS

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UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform Shop "Try On" Day for Year 7 students entering Year 8 is as follows:

Monday 23 October 2006 (Pupil Free Day)
8.00 am – 4.00 pm
Appointment Necessary
Please Phone 33400 400

Normal Trading Hours:- Monday and Wednesday
8.00 am – 11.00 am

Uniform Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Come dress to hula to Gould Adams Aquatic Centre first family fun night on Saturday 14 October at 5.00 pm and you will get in for free. Live Islander music, fun, giveaway. All families and friends welcome. Phone 3290 2725 for details.

MOBILE WATER SAFETY & SURVIVAL

Gould Adams Park now provides mobile swimming services 7 days a week to all Logan areas. Infants through to Adults sessions in the privacy of your own home. Save money, time and petrol. Don't delay, book now on 3290 2725.

Rochedale State High School
Agricultural Show Team

Our last fundraising effort this year will be a 'mango drive'. We are sure all the mango enthusiasts in you household will be very excited to hear about this fresh and healthy alternative.

'The Mango Fundraiser' will be delivering export quality mangoes direct from the farm to our school. Why don't you and your family use this drive to provide you with the most economical and convenient way to enjoy mangoes this season?

The mangoes cost $24 per tray. Each tray contains 14/16 large fruit or 18/20 medium fruit and weighs 7 kg.

All orders and payments are to be returned to Mrs Ellis in the Science staffroom by Monday 30 October 2006. Mangoes should be ready for collection on Wednesday 29th November but this date many vary slightly depending on when the mangoes ripen. As soon as the delivery date is confirmed by the farm we will let you know.

We look forward to our mangoes in anticipation and thank you for your support.

Return order form below with payment by Wednesday 8th November.

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Fresh North Queensland Mangoes
Direct from the farm to you

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Order Form

Name: _____ Care Group: _____
Order & payment to be returned to Mrs Ellis by 30 October.
Delivery Wednesday 29th November

Name	**Quantity**	**Total Price $24/Tray**