



The Rochedale

SENTINEL

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Number 12

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy but productive final term for 2007. The next month sees a number of special school events.

On Thursday 18 October we celebrated the Senior Formal at the Mecure Hotel in the City. The excitement and anticipation amongst the Yr 12s had been evident for weeks and the night was an outstanding success. The organising committee and the Year Co-ordinators had been plotting and planning for months to ensure that it was a fantastic evening. Special thanks should go to Ms Du Thaler for her organisation and hard work.

On Friday 19 October the Performing Arts Department celebrated the Annual Musical Maestro where Rochedale students showcased original music and lyrics. This year's performances proved to be of a very high standard and entertained the enthusiastic crowd.

For the last two weekends many of the Rochedale staff and students have been involved in the Queensland All Schools Touch Football and Volleyball Titles. Our teams performed with distinction and demonstrated how proud they were to represent our school.

Tuesday 23 October was the school's Cultural Awards Night which involved the recognition of the Combined School's Concert Band. The success of this year's performance items from the Performing Arts Department resulted in an excellent showcase night.

On Tuesday 30 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. 2007 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.

Finally on last Wednesday'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**

PRINCIPAL ACCEPTS OFFER TO REPRESENT EDUCATION QUEENSLAND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

When I speak with students I often talk to them about taking up appropriate opportunities that come their way. During the last week of Term 3, one such opportunity came my way when senior officers from Education Queensland International offered me the opportunity to work in Qatar (An independent Middle East State of 750 000 people bounded by the Persian Gulf to the North and East, the Strait of Bahrain to the West and Saudi Arabia to the South. After discussions with my administration team (and wife of course) I agreed to accept the offer and commenced work in Doha, the capital of Qatar on 7 October for a ten-week period (term 4). My role is to work with a group of 50 aspiring Qatari principals and assist in preparing them for selection and placement in Qatari schools in 2008.

I am confident that I leave the school on a study course and in good hands with deputy principals Peter (who will act as principal in my absence) and Kerry Baumanis. Brad Forster will join the admin team and act as Deputy Principal for this period. Brad brings a wealth of student management and organizational skills to the team through his long-term role as sports coordinator at the school. Peter, Kerry, Brad, registrar Jenny Townshend and I spent some considerable time over the September break ensuring that all academic, organisational and financial arrangements required for Term 4 are in place. I look forward to returning to the school in January 2008 and sharing my learnings from my Qatar experience with staff, students and community.

Finally to our graduating year 12's, it is unfortunate that I will not be at your graduation but I wish you every success in your final assessments and at your graduation. Since I will not be able to address you directly at your graduation, I will through this newsletter share with you, as I do with each graduating group of year 12's a conversation that I had with my now late grandfather at my 21st birthday. We are talking about how lucky some people seemed to be, how things always seemed to fall their way and about the incredible opportunities some seemed to have on offer. During this conversation he said:

"To me life is simple; you see I believe that the harder you work the luckier you get!!"
Clearly there is much truth in this!!

Have a productive term 4.

**David McDonald
Principal**

NEW TITLE FOR REGISTRARS

From 8 October 2007 the new title for a Registrar will be **Business Services Manager**.

A title change for Registrars has been the subject of negotiations between the Department, the Queensland Public Sector Union and the Queensland School Registrars' Association.

The title change has been implemented to specifically recognise the alignment of the role and responsibilities of the position with a contemporary title.

Each Business Services Manager will receive formal notification of the name change in the near future.

YR 12 GRADUATION

Our Year 12 students have their Graduation on Thursday 15 November in the school Hall. The evening starts at 6.30 pm with light refreshments and the formal ceremony commences at 7.00 pm. An invitation to students and their parents/carers will be sent home next week. The reply date for catering purposes is Monday 12 November.

LAST WEEK FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

All Year 12 students are required to be in attendance up until their last day – Friday 16 November, 2007. Students have received a letter indicating the arrangements for the last week. The letter also outlines the tasks that need to be finalised before students leave on Friday 16 November.

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA

BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER

In February 2008, students, aged 15 – 18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 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

**FREE INFORMATION EVENING IN BRISBANE – WEDNESDAY
17 OCTOBER 2007 – 7.30 PM at Hotel George Williams, 317-325
George Street, Brisbane (Ph 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!

NEWS FROM SPORT

QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL CUP

Well done to all teams who participated in the 2007 Senior and Junior Schools Volleyball Cup. In recent Junior Schools Cup held in Brisbane, Rochedale entered 5 teams. All teams played well and received some great results. In the Senior Schools Cup held in Toowoomba in August, Rochedale entered 2 teams.

Both teams played some great Volleyball with the Senior Girls going on to win Gold, ranking them No. 1 in Qld.

Year 8 Girls – Bronze 14 yrs Div 4:

Paige Capriotti, Rhyahn Brock, Maddison Brookland, Taylor Lennox, Tegan Laverty, Emily Dunn, Bianca Yates, Janine Fleischfresser, Casey Frawley.

Year 9 Girls – 4th 14 yrs Div 2:

Paige Ryder, Tamara Waerea, Zoe Grantham, Tiana Hosking, Jess Bellert, Cassie Buckley, Bonnie Sleeman.

Year 8 Boys – Bronze 13 yrs Div 2:

Grant Flavel, Andrew Gore, Justin Loa, Bradley Lightfoot, Anthony Grocott, Ben Hogan, Zachery Skipage, Thomas Coulthard.

Year 9 Boys – 5th 14 yrs Div 2:

Sam Whatley, Aaron Hartwell, Gabriel Hijniakoff, Brendan Bernard, Kenneth Roeser, Jason Harth, Hohaia Thompson (Yr 8), Adam Clark (Yr 8), Tadashi Wigley (Yr 8).

Year 10 Boys – 6th 15 yrs Honours:

Cameron Gore, Brad Flavel, Nathan Hartwell, Morgan Williams, Ryan Hogan, Shane Oliver.

Senior Girls – Gold 16 yrs Honours:

Jess Hamer, Rachel Gulliver, Madelyn Ludwigsen, Carlysha Fakaosilea, Jess Ryder, Whitney Roberts, Jeannine Sonnekus.

Senior Boys – 16 yrs Honours:

Matt Coultis, Kyle Hill, Nathan Phipps, Ryan Hogan, Nathan Hartwell, Cameron Gore, Shane Oliver, Morgan Williams, Brad Flavel.

QUEENSLAND ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH FOOTBALL



Congratulations to the teams that represented Rochedale SHS at the Titles at Whites Hill last week. It was our strongest ever school performance. After the pool rounds the Open Boys and the Under 15 Boys finished third, the Open Girls were second and the Under 15 Girls top of their pool.

The Open Girls were beaten in the finals by the eventual winners Coombabah but the Under 15 Girls defeated Helensvale,

Cavendish Rd and Dalby State High to make the State final where they were beaten 5-4 in the last 50 seconds of the game by Kirwan from Townsville. Every team played well and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and school pride. Thanks to the parents and supporters.

Teams were:

Open Boys: William Bethune, Ben Boland, Nino Domingo, Nicholas Dyson, David Forrester, Matthew Gilliland, Shay Lincoln, Stephen Lomas, Rowan Sonnekus, Beau Waerea, Lloyd Wallace, Nathan Phipps, Todd Davies.

Open Girls: Tracey McCrea, Rachel Gulliver, Angela Smith, Madelyn Ludwigsen, Kelly Jones, Jessica Poulton, Jeannine Sonnekus, Lauren Jones, Tanya Smith, Melissa Hartwell.

U15 Boys: Mat Gould, Hohaia Thompson, Shane Swift, Luke Wilson, Josh Gilliland, Kenneth Roeser, Aaron McBryde, Nathan Hartwell, Cameron Gore, Alex Turner.

U15 Girls: Brianna Bonney, Samantha Hilster, Brianna Milne, Whitney Roberts, Bonnie Sleeman, Sophie Smith, Claire Stewart, Ngahua Thompson, Robina Thompson, Stevie-Lee Thompson, Jessica Wallace.



SPORTSFUN PROGRAM COMMENCES AT LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Sportsfun is a youth leadership program, which aims to develop young people using physical activity as a medium. Through participation in Sportsfun students have the opportunity to develop skills such as responsibility, communication, decision-making, punctuality, organisation, innovation and creativity.

During term 3 the year 11 sports studies class spent considerable time honing their coaching skills in a number of sports. This term the theory has been put into practice as the class coaches students from Rochedale and Eight Mile Plains primary schools. Sports covered include AFL, touch, soccer, basketball, volleyball and tee ball. The year 11 sports studies students are applying themselves extremely well to the task and have received glowing reports for their efforts from the primary school teachers.



Phil Fairbrass leads his basketball group through warm up stretches

ANNUAL SPORTS EXPO

On Friday 2 November we will again be hosting a sports expo for year 4 students from Rochedale State School, Rochedale South State School, Chatswood Hills State School and Eight Mile Plains State School. About 300 primary school students will be able to participate in at least 3 sports throughout the day run by local sporting clubs/association and assisted by students at Rochedale High School. Supa IGA is sponsoring this event and will be supplying healthy food for everyone at morning tea.

GUIDANCE NEWS

OURSPLACE PROGRAM for Children of Parents with a Mental Illness hosted by: Young People's Early Intervention Unit, Logan Central Child and Youth Mental Health Service, Southside Health Service District.

OurSpace is an early intervention program, ongoing peer support, opportunities to build resilience and coping skills, as well as a safe and caring environment for children with parents, siblings or close relatives with a mental illness.

Who's it for?

It is for young people aged between 10 and 18 years who have a parent, sibling or close relative affected by a mental health problem (eligibility criteria apply).

How much does it cost?

It's free!

Who do I contact if I need more information or clarification?

You can contact the OurSpace coordinator, Adam Lo, on (07) 3290 0500 or email him on adam_lo@health.qld.gov.au

Program Schedules

SKAP Senior (14-18 years)	SKAP Junior (10-13 years)
9 October	13 November
16 October	20 November
23 October	27 November

Venue:

Well-Being Centre, Woodridge State High School, Wembley Road, Logan Central 4114

Time:

10.00 am – 5.00 pm.

YEAR 12's

Although QTAC application deadline was 28 September, students can continue to apply after that date, but will incur a late fee. Students can change preferences up to three times at no extra charge.

This is important as the Year 12 results will be posted out on 14 December and students can continue to change preferences until 2nd January 2008. All key QTAC dates are listed in the QTAC book issued to all seniors during admin access, in term 3. If you require other information about QTAC refer to their website www.qtac.edu.au

A number of institutions understand that there may be circumstances that affect students' results. QTAC has the "special consideration of Educational Disadvantage" – please read on: For more information about these special consideration schemes, please see Ms Neilsen.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGE QTAC

What is special consideration of educational disadvantage?

If you have experienced a situation which has affected your school academic results, you may apply for Special Consideration of Educational Disadvantage when assessing an application tertiary study. The aim is to give the most equitable assessment possible.

What is educational disadvantage?

Generally, educational disadvantage is caused by circumstances beyond your control that have affected previously satisfactory academic results. These may include:

- **Circumstances relating to equality of opportunity**, for example, ethnic, cultural, gender, or language demands are expectations.
- **Disability and health**, for example, visual and hearing impairment; speaking, reading and writing difficulties; difficulty with physical mobility; and psychological or affective disorders including anxiety or depression, effects of medication, and other severe and chronic medical conditions.
- **Compassionate and other circumstances**, for example, effects of surgery, trauma, bereavement, divorce, or other unanticipated circumstances.

Closing date end October – see Ms Neilsen.

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND SPECIAL ENTRY SCHEMES:

The UQ-Link Special Entry Scheme provides access to University for students who have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship. The scheme enables the University to consider eligible students for "special entry" if they do not reach the OP required to their chosen program. In addition, the University offers students admitted through the UQ-Link

MT GRAVATT PCYC is holding an innovative, fun and safe program on every Monday afternoon for Term 4 that is specifically targeted at young girls transitioning from Primary School into High School. The program will run for a total of eight weeks, with a new and fresh group of girls.

The program is called F.R.E.E. S.T.Y.L.E. which stands for, Fun. Relaxed. Educational. Environment. Transition. 4. Young. Ladies. Experiences. F.R.E.E. S.T.Y.L.E. is aimed at girls aged twelve to fourteen years old, in grade seven to nine. The program will be led by three young female workers of the Mt Gravatt PCYC as Youth Worker Trainees, whom all have very diverse backgrounds to contribute to the group.

The program is based on creating a safe and fun environment where these young girls can discuss all the positive and negative aspects of transitioning from girls into teenagers and womanhood. Topics that will be discussed during the term include bullying and manipulation; body/self image; friendships and relationship issues;

peer pressure; transition from Primary to High School; and Personal Development.

F.R.E.E. S.T.Y.L.E. only has fifteen spaces available so if you or your daughter is interested in enrolling in our program, please contact one of the Youth Worker Trainees at Mt Gravatt PCYC on 3420 4655.

Jasmin Ford	Sarah Joseph
Youth Worker	Commencing
Trainee	Youth Worker
0433 386 821	Traineeship

2007 BURSARIES FOR STUDENTS OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION. An Information Sheet for Students.

About Career Keys:

Career Keys is a not-for-profit community organization based in Marsden, Logan City. A major part of Career Keys' work is assisting young people to transition from school to work. In 2007, for the first time, Career Keys is offering two \$2000 Bursaries to outstanding Vocational Education students.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

You are eligible to apply if you are completing Year 12 in 2007, have undertaken the study of Vocational Education subjects, and have overcome some personal hardships.

When Must I Submit my Application?

The closing date for applications is 4.00 pm on Monday 12 November 2007. For more information please see Ms Moor/Ms Neilsen.

HAVE FUN WHILE EARNING \$\$\$ MONEY \$\$\$ OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Get caught up in the Christmas fun with Babies & Bears Photography, who will be taking the Santa Photos in various Shopping Centres, leading up to Christmas this year.

An excellent opportunity exists for an enthusiastic, outgoing person, with great communication skills, to work as a Customer Service Assistant, to liaise with parents while their kids are having their photos taken with Santa.

Working hours are *every day*
From **1st Dec to 24th Dec 2007**
From **10 am to 4 pm**

If you think you would be suitable for this position, please email your interest **before 27th October 2007** to Barry Sheppard: info@babiesandbears.com.au with 'Xmas Staff' in the Subject line, and we will forward you an application form to complete and return.

NEW QUT SCHOLARSHIP GUARANTEE FOR 2008 – A MESSAGE FROM QUT

QUT is proud of the fact that thousands of our students are the first in their family to attend university. Many of those students had a helping hand to get in (an OP boost), and most have a scholarship to help with books and living expenses.

In 2008, QUT has combined these benefits so more current Year 12s can be assisted. The 2008 scholarship guarantee provides a boost of up to 3 OP points, and a guarantee of a scholarship valued between \$1500 and \$4500.

Students and parents can find out more information by phoning QUT on 3138 5886 or by visiting www.qstep.qut.edu.au.

Note – Students can apply for this scholarship guarantee at the same time, or after, they make their QTAC application.

**QUEENSLAND CONSERVATORIUM GOLD COAST CAMPUS –
Dr Donna Weston**

The Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University is developing the very best national and international raw talents into innovative and creative musicians. Located on Griffith University's Gold Coast campus, the programs provide a conservatorium environment that nurtures creative abilities in world-class facilities.

January 2008 sees the launch of a holiday extension program, **Rock School** for musicians and music students from 15 to 18 years of age who wish to expand their skills in popular music. It will provide tuition in areas core to popular music performance and production while also introducing students to a tertiary environment.

Students who play and who have at least a developing instrumental skill, and a passion for popular music should not miss this opportunity to mix with students from around the state and to work with and learn from highly experienced teachers from the music industry. Classes are limited to 25 students to ensure that students can gain the most from their experience. See Guidance Officer/Music teacher.

QUT. Start QUT and UQ Enhanced Studies are programs offered to Yr 12's to study first year Uni subjects while still in Yr 12 in 2008. Students interested need to be academically capable, able to attend QUT lectures and committed to completing Uni Study successfully in addition to other school and life commitments.

If your Yr 11 student is interested in this Start QUT Program (applications close 30 November)/UQ Enhanced Studies (applications close 9 November), please see Ms Neilsen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EMMA PERRIOTTE AND CRYSTAL GORE for successful applications to the Griffith Uni Connect Admissions Scheme at Logan Campus. Both Emma and Crystal are guaranteed entry into B. Business for 2008.

HEALTH MATTERS

Last week we celebrated "Mental Health Week" at Rochedale by having "Flipside Circus" perform on parade and follow up with a workshop during morning tea. Approx. 80 students had a go at juggling, rhythm sticks and balancing acts.

Why a Circus for Mental Health Week? Well we know that Mental illness is caused by a physical dysfunction of the brain but we don't know what triggers this dysfunction. What we do know is that stress increased the effect of Mental Illness. It prolongs the episodes and increases the severity of the episodes of Mental Illness.

To decrease STRESS we need to

- Have a laugh
- Have fun
- Try something new
- Relax

Flipside Circus allowed the students the chance to do all of these things.

So this week how about your plans to do one of these things. Doesn't have to be a big, start little, just share a joke or quote and have a good week. DE-STRESS.



UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be in need of volunteers to help with the back to school rush. Contact the school if you are able to assist.

We will need help on:

Monday 3 December	8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Wednesday 5 December	8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Friday 7 December	8.00 am – 1.00 pm Orientation Day
Saturday 19 January	9.00 am – 1.00 pm
Monday 21 January to Friday 25 January	8.00 am – 1.00 pm

Your help with fitting the new students would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Marlene Protheroe.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

Your P & C Association would like to start selling good quality second-hand uniforms, as we realise that many parents would appreciate this service.

To do this, we will need donations, so if your child has grown out of their uniform or they are leaving the school, we would appreciate very much your donation.

Alternatively, we will, of course, still be keeping on with the second-hand book for those parents who will still wish to sell their uniforms. All of the money raised in the Uniform Shop and the Canteen goes towards benefiting the pupils of this school.

Marlene Protheroe
Uniform Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD PROGRAM

This program donates a percentage of the money spent by our customers to their nominated club, school or charity. Customers! Would you like us to donate money to your service or sporting club, your children or grandchildren's school or kindergarten, your local hospital, or your favourite charity, every time you shop with us?

Do you belong to an organisation that is likely to be seeking funds this year?

Imagine!

- No more preparation of lengthy grant applications!
- No conditions on how you spend the money!
- No performance monitoring!
- You control the amount you receive!

- Ritchies' Community Benefit Care program is simple to work with and participate in!

Application forms are available at all Ritchies supermarkets and liquor stores.

Every time you shop at Ritchies, you will need to present the card or key tag to the cashier.

Every time the bar code on the card is scanned, 1% of the money you spend is automatically allocated to your nominated group.

QLD RITCHIES SUPA IGA STORES locations:

DAISY HILL

Shop M1, 3-5 Cupania St, Daisy Hill Qld 4127
Phone: (07) 3299 4799

LOGAN CENTRAL

Ritchies Supa IGA Logan City, 429 Kingston Rd, Logan Central Qld 4114
Phone (07) 3808 6355
Fax (07) 3386 0984

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – SEEKS VOLUNTEERS – TRAINING PROVIDED!

St Vincent de Paul Society – Child & Family Program is seeking volunteers from the Beenleigh, Brisbane South, Logan, Redland and Gold Coast areas for the Stronger Families Program. As a volunteer you will be required to visit families in the local area to support them on a wide range of issues in the family home – parenting skills, routines, budgets, cooking skills, behaviour management strategies etc. No experience is required; however volunteers will need to commit to attend a comprehensive training course and on-going fortnightly meetings. Training will commence in November 2007 including 4 full Saturdays and 3 weeknight sessions. For more information contact Shelley on 3391 8149 or email shelley.miles@svdpqld.org.au and an application package will be forwarded to you.

CHRISTMAS CAMP

How would you like to go on a camp full of cool activities like Laser Force, tubing, swimming, ten-pin bowling, spotlight, cable water skiing, cool music, the beach, sports galore, the greatest New Year's party ever, and lots more? Plus, we'll ask the big questions about God and the universe! And best of all it's FREE.

What: YFC (Youth for Christ) Christmas Camp
When: 29 December 2007 - 3 January 2008
Where: Watson Park Convention Centre
Who: Grades 8 – 10 students

SIGN UP NOW FOR YOUR FREE HOLIDAY!
Limited places available! Get in early to avoid disappointment!
Call 3369 3700 for more details!

2008 BRISBANE TERTIARY STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Raymont Lodge Residential College provides fully furnished accommodation for students undertaking tertiary study in Brisbane. The college is located 4 km from the heart of Brisbane and in close proximity to the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology. All public transport is within easy access to the College.

Raymont Lodge provides modern and comfortable single room accommodation for up to 120 students. All meals are provided as well as a number of other services that include: internet access, individual telephones, common room, and swimming pool.

Additional information is available on the net at www.raymont.com.au or by contacting (07) 3377 9903 and requesting an information kit. Raymont Lodge is a ministry of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Sy