



The Rochedale

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Rochedale State High School Values: In an article I read recently in the Principal's Digest, acclaimed author Professor Howard Gardner refers to Five Minds for the Future.

Gardner mentions the **disciplined mind** which is mastery of information in the key learning areas, the **mind** through which we make sense of what we have learned and are able to convey meaning to others and the **creative mind** where the knowledge people have learned and synthesized facilitates innovation. These three 'minds' are related to intellect.

He goes on to mention the fostering of respectfulness among students, teachers and the greater school community, the **respectful mind** and finally addresses the **ethical mind** which relates to reflective thinking about one's behaviour.

In a complex world, young people must be able to respond to change and complicated issues in a respectful and ethical way.

Now have a look at the Rochedale State High school values of success, integrity, participation, openness and equality. What you will notice is congruence between our values and the minds identified by Gardner, validation based in research that we are on the right track to develop performers for every stage expressing talents in every field.

Excellence in Teaching Award: Mrs Kris Broadway, Teacher in Charge of our Achievement and Development Centre has been nominated for a National Excellence in Teaching Award. Mrs Broadway is one of a small number of teachers nominated from over 200,000 practicing Australian teachers, in recognition of her inspirational teaching and effective teaching initiatives. This nomination is richly deserved as Mrs Broadway is absolutely committed to the improvement of life chances for students of Rochedale State High in most need of academic and emotional support and understanding. Congratulations Kris and we look forward to the next stage of the Awards which we hope will lead to an Inspirational Teacher Award.

Science Success: Rochedale students took part in the Griffith University Science and Engineering Challenge this week with great success.

The Catapult team of Aaron Hartwell, Zoe Grantham and Paige Ebersohn took first place for their design, while the other nineteen students performed extremely well in their challenges. Well done students and well done coach Mrs Gardner.

Athletics Day: Our annual Athletics Day occurs this Friday and as you would be aware this is a regular school day with a focus on participation. Students do not need to be Olympians, just be prepared to get in and have a go to support their respective houses and make this a great school event. Athletics Day is one of our 'red' events so students will be able to purchase pizzas, hot dogs and food from the barbecue as well as drinks that are not normally available. Students will also be able to have their face painted and hair coloured in house colours which will support student fundraising and add to the atmosphere of the day.

School Reports: Please watch the mail for school reports which will be mailed out for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 this week. In order to maximise teaching time, assessment for senior students took place as late as practicable so that reports for students in Years 11 and 12 will be sent out on the first Friday of next term.

School Holidays: There is no need to remind you that school holidays are upon us. Let's all have a great break so that semester two brings the rewards from effort that we are all capable of. Students return on Tuesday 15 July.

Staff Changes: This week we farewell and thank most sincerely teachers Mr Jordan Evans and Ms Eva Zhang. Mr Evans who is enriching his career with overseas travel, has been a great asset to the Performing Arts Department and will be missed by students and teachers alike. We also farewell Ms Zhang, who has encouraged our students of Chinese LOTE with her extensive knowledge and skill as a native speaker. Mrs Lehmann, our permanent teacher of Chinese will return after the mid-year break. We will also welcome back next term, Mrs Pam Tranchida who will teach Home Economics on a part time basis.

Year 8 2009 Enrolments: Could I encourage parents of Year 7 students with brothers and sisters currently attending Rochedale to make interview appointments as soon as possible? The rate at which places for 2009 are filling is unprecedented so appointments early in the new term are desired to ensure that we meet the needs of current families.

Brian Forbes
A/Principal

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

Your name _____

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(please print clearly)

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HELP KEEP WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let's work together to help create a safer school community!

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland's School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

NEWS FROM THE ARTS

ARTS COUNCIL VISITS SCHOOL FOR ALL YEAR 9, 10, 11 12 DRAMA

Live performances are an important part of the Drama program at Rochedale State High School and we are committed to ensuring that our students have the opportunity to experience them.

Queensland Arts Council (QAC) and Ninehill Productions are presenting a dynamic performance called "**Greek to Chic**". This production uses live action and multimedia to take students on a stimulating whirlwind journey from Ancient Greek to contemporary theatre. A talented troupe of actors will take students on a trip of Drama Styles through the ages from Greek to Commedia, from Shakespeare to Brecht and from 'Soap' to 'Satire'. This show is a MUST for all drama students.

The details of this performance **Greek to Chic** are as follows:

DATE: Monday 21 July 2008
TIME: 1.45 pm
VENUE: PAC Rochedale State High School
COST: \$6.00

PLEASE PAY MONEY AT PAYMENT WINDOW ASAP.
INVOICES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED.

If you have any queries about the performance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Maria Semit/Carolyn Pagliano
A/Head of Department – The Arts

SUCCESS IN READER'S CUP



On Thursday evening, 12 June, Year 8 students, Heba Bou Orm, Onyx Gendry, Emma Jackson, Georgia Steel represented our school at the Regional Final for The Reader's Cup, competing against 15 other state and private schools. For this competition students had to read 6 books: "The Dragonkeeper" by Carole Wilkinson, "Don't Call Me Ishmael!" by Michael Gerard Bauer, "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas" by John Boyne, "Run, Diego, Run!" by Deborah Ellis, "Noodle Pie" by Ruth Starke and "Peak" by Roland Smith. On the night, they were asked a range of questions about these books.

The results were very close. Our team came second, just 1 point behind the winners, Mt Gravatt State High. This was an excellent effort and was fitting, as Heba, Onyx, Emma and Georgia worked well individually, and as a team. The school should be proud of their commitment.

Multiple copies of the books they read are available in our library. Please encourage your students to borrow them as they're all great books.

Andrea Little
Teacher-Librarian



ECOMAN 2008

After our third year taking part in the ECOMAN 'experience', enthusiasm on the part of our students and teachers has not waned. Once again, through the ECOMAN program, our Year 11 Accounting, BCT and Economics students worked feverously over three days to learn all they could about running a business. This year we were hosted by the Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry and our 21 enthusiastic and hard working students became honorary employees for the three day experience.



Students and teachers both agreed that the ECOMAN is a very worthwhile program which both extends and places school studies into the real world context, enabling students to make sense of what they study at school. Entrepreneurial skills such as decision making, team building, budgeting, management and marketing were used by the students in their final day presentations to their shareholders. Judging by the comments of the students, a highly educational and enjoyable time was had by all.

"It was a thoroughly enjoyable learning experience that has given me a greater understanding of what it's like in business."
(Alex)

"ECOMAN was a very worthwhile program, which put meaning to our class work in Accounting, BCT and Economics." (Sarah)
"I would not trade this experience for anything, it was a wonderful and highly relevant experience."(Michael)

Business Staff

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

THE RSL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The RSL (QLD Branch) and Bond University will be offering the *RSL Youth Development Program* again this year.

This program has been designed to recognise and reward the outstanding efforts of high-achieving Queensland students and they were able to successfully promote this initiative in its inaugural year, and award grants to 138 year 11 and 12 students, representing an investment of over \$500,000 by the RSL for the youth of Queensland.

Over 140 grants of between \$2,600 and \$5,200 this year will be awarded to students who have demonstrated success in the following categories:

- Academic Achievement (inclusive of Arts, Drama, Dance and Media)
- Sporting Achievement
- Community Leadership and Civic Participation

Applications are now being taken online at www.RSLyouth.com.au and will close at 5pm on Tuesday 11 November 2008. Applications are open to all Queensland school students who will be completing year 10 or 11 in 2008 and they will be required to submit the following:

1. Full personal details
2. Specification of their chosen category
3. Identification and evidence of achievements
4. A letter of support from an RSL member in Queensland
5. An essay about the importance of the RSL and ANZAC values to Australia's youth

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This term I have found myself speaking to students about a common theme. We all face situations in our lives that cause us to scratch our heads, get angry, hurt or offended. These situations often occur when someone does something wrong to us. In talking to students, I am reminded again how easy it is to be affected by other people.

A common way to deal with the anger we feel when someone has wronged us is to have a fight, complain openly about them or get bitter inside. The drama with this is the lack of peace.

The Bible talks about forgiveness being the crucial start to when we've been wronged. Forgiveness is not the same as trust – that needs to be built up over time. It is letting someone "off the hook". Crazy isn't it? I have personally found this to be quite freeing on the inside. And it is easier said than done.

Over the holidays, I encourage you to try it at every opportunity.

On another note, I have run a student prayer group over the last 4 weeks during morning tea on Mondays. It has been a great help for some of the senior students during this time of stress.

Adam Gallagher
Chaplain

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAREER KEYS – "WHERE IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU"

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July School Holidays 2008 "CRICKET DEVELOPMENT" CAMPS

JULY 7, 8 & 9

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