WHAT’S COMING UP!

**OCTOBER**

Rochy Rascals Playgroup
Mondays 9.30am to 11.00am

Friday 23rd
Walkathon 9am – 11am

Wednesday 28th
Athletics 9.15 onwards

Saturday 31st October
150th Celebrations (main day)

**NOVEMBER**

Tuesday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup holiday

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS
Claire Bloomfield
Blake Trist
Jayvier Horkings

Our Little 5 cent Pig
Is waiting for 5 cent pieces. Total at the moment is $117.00.
Call in and see him at the Office.

Dear Parents

**International Teacher**

Next year Miss Trickey will be a part of a teacher exchange program which will see her swapping places with a teacher from Canada. This program is internationally accredited and can have a powerful impact on both the teachers involved and the schools that they will work in. Janine will be placed in a school on Vancouver Island which is often promoted as one of the most beautiful parts of Canada. The school is very similar in size and make up to ours. Effectively the two teachers swap lives in that they exchange jobs and houses with mutual friends expected to support them across the journey. We have had teachers involved in this program before with Miss Ross the most recent one, spending a year in Cambridge [England]. All teachers are fully vetted by their own system and the host system to ensure that they are capable of teaching effectively in the exchange school. “Our teacher” from Canada is a mother with three children and she and her husband are very excited about coming to our school and to be Australians for a year! This is a great program for our school to be involved in and we look forward to a sister school relationship developing.

**International Competitions**

Our students are offered the opportunity each year to participate in the International, English, Maths and Science competitions. We have often had students receive very high results. This year Poppy Read gained a Distinction, which in itself is a great result, however, her mark placed her in the top 2% across the International results. This is a remarkable effort. Well done Poppy!

**Bus Safety**

Recently a student travelling on one of the country buses had a very lucky escape. She walked from behind the bus to cross the road to a waiting car. Unfortunately a car coming from the opposite direction didn’t see her until she was on the road. Despite the drivers best efforts the car ran over her foot. She was hurt but very lucky compared to what could have happened. Please talk to your children about the need to wait for the bus to leave before crossing the road and ideally parking on the same side as the bus stops on. Let’s keep everyone safe.

**Working Bee**

On Wednesday next week, 28th of October, we will be holding a “tidy up” working bee to prepare the school for the 150th Celebrations. Anyone who has some time from 3.00pm on is encouraged to come and join in. Our school is looking great but a tidy up will make it first class.

Graeme
Student of the Week
Prep Collins
Gr 1/2 Ellis
Gr 1/2 Wright
Gr 3/4 Picone
Gr 4/5 Trickey
Gr 5/6 Ross
Gr 5/6 Ras

Rylee Harris
Liam Hynes Cody
Payton Johns
Reed Hocking
Stephanie Moon
Darcy Arnold
Ella Johns

Curriculum News
A huge Term ahead of us. Some events over the next few weeks include the following:

Cultural performance. This term we will be participating in a school cultural performance ‘To Federation and Beyond’ on Tuesday 24th November at 2p.m. This show is a one hour history of Australia, presented with a healthy dash of the larrikin that has made Australia the country we all enjoy today. It is an engaging show of music, participation, stories, costumes, sets and props to assist in hearing about some gripping tales of Australia from pre-colonization battlers to our current bush fire fighters and surf lifesavers.

Grade 3-6 Aths Sports (Rec Reserve). Next week 28th October. Please return the notes to school promptly and indicate if you are able to assist us. We cannot run these sports without some helpers so even an hour or two would be appreciated.

Milo 20/20 Blast Cricket. Some students will try out for selection to play Milo 20/20 Cricket. Mr Rasmussen will coach the Grade 5/6 teams at Rochester on 26th October. Mr Irwin will coach the Grade 3/4 teams at Echuca on 12th November.

3-6 Swimming Sports. Will be held on Wednesday 16th December. Please lock the date into your diary.

Staff Professional Learning. Sue Hinton from Bendigo continues to work with us at our staff meeting and in the classroom with our spelling program and teaching of strategies for students in learning how to spell. Lockington teachers joined us on Tuesday for spelling professional learning. Grade 3-6 teachers have attended Literacy professional learning about the structure of the reading block. Grade P-2 teachers will also be attending a Literacy session next week. Mrs Picone and Mr Hodgens will shortly complete their course of study on creating High performing learning cultures.

Integrated Studies Topics for Term 4. This term has a strong Science based study. Grade P-2…Toys. (How they work and move, Changes over time). Grade 3-4… See me Grow. (Life Cycles, predators & prey, effect of environmental factors), Grade 5-6… Marvellous Micro-organisms. (Life cycles, growing micro-organisms).

Transition. * New Preps will be visiting our school on 27th & 29th October, 16th & 19th November to familiarize themselves with our school and the prep classroom. Mrs Collins will be running activities for the students. If your child is beginning school next year please contact the office to book in a couple of these sessions.

*Mrs Bolitho from Rochester Secondary College visited Grade 6 on Monday and spoke to them about expectations at Secondary College, physical needs and to work on a passport to allow for further information for the secondary school teachers. The students have all received an information bag to take home for your consideration.

*P-6 will be participating in a transition reading sessions on Monday 16th November & Wednesday 25th November. All students will move up a grade for a 20 minute reading session to familiarize themselves with their new classroom area. *Our ‘Links’ Transition program will allow for further transition activities to continue through the term… particularly during weeks 7-11.

Leanne Picone.

Grade 3/4 News.

Integrated Studies. This term we are working on the scientific understandings that Living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things. We have walked our school yard to identify and categorise living & non-living things. Currently we are researching the understanding that Living things have life cycles and will be working on a project to demonstrate this understanding.

As the term progresses we will also look at how living things, including plants and animals, depend on each other (as prey and predator) and the environment to survive. On a walk down to the Campaspe River environment we will investigate how plants provide shelter for animals, investigate the roles of living things in a habitat, for instance producers, consumers or decomposers and observe and describe predator-prey relationships. Our students will predict the effects when living things in feeding relationships are removed or die out in an area and will recognise that interactions between living things may be competitive or mutually beneficial.

Maths. Our key focuses this term are… Adding with carrying using 2 or 3 digit numbers, subtraction with borrowing from the tens and hundreds places, Shape… pyramids… 3D eg. Square pyramid, triangular pyramid, multiplication 2digit x 1 digit with borrowing, comparing objects using familiar metric units of area, decimal fractions and equivalent fractions, division with no remainder, exploring and describing number patterns resulting from performing multiplication and recognising the relationship between dollars and cents.
**English.** Our focus for writing is explanation text and the vocabulary that we need to use, specifically scientific explanations. We will also be looking at posters and how we use appropriate sentence structures and vocabulary to express and combine ideas.

**Free**
We have several small fabric covered chairs that we do not need any more. If you are interested please call in and check them out. Also, we have some pinboard/dividers (hard to describe so call in and have a look).

**Canteen News**
Roster for October

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**Student Action Team**
Congratulations to the new members of our Student Action Team. Bonnie Pertzel, Giselle Crawford, Jude Mussared, Stephanie Moon, Haylee Banfield, Cameron Keenan, Summer Pain, and Teal Hocking.

**Celebrating 150 Years**
Rochester Primary School – Celebrating 150 years
When: Saturday 31st October
(11.00am to 4pm) day event at School
(7pm to midnight) evening event at CVCC (no children)

Although many of the items were wet when we opened the time capsule, we were able to retrieve some items. Photographs, coins, clothing, newspapers, videos, and minutes of the 125th meetings were just a few of the items in the capsule. These items will be on display at the 150th celebrations.
**150th Catering Help**

If you can assist with some catering for our 150th celebrations please complete the form below and return to the office. Food can be left at the office between 11 – 4pm on Saturday 31st or delivered to the CVCC from 7pm – 8pm.

| I ………………………………………………………………………………
| can supply the following
| Loaf sandwiches: filling ………………………………………
| (uncut and in plastic wrapper )
| Plate slice: Chocolate  Lemon  Hedgehog or …………………… (please indicate which type).

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**Rochester Primary School Sports**

Rochester Primary School Athletics are being held on Wednesday the 28th October, 2015 at the Rochester Recreation Reserve. For these sports to be possible, we need parent helpers. If you can help during the day, even for an hour, it would be appreciated.

**SUNSMART**

Rochester Primary School is a registered SunSmart school member committed to ensuring students and staff are protected from too much UV which can cause skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Our school uniform includes covering clothing and sun protective hats and we have shady spaces for students to access. But we need your help.

SunSmart recommends SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen be applied to any skin not covered by clothing. Our school will be implementing strategies to help remind students to apply sunscreen before heading outdoors.

Please help support this initiative by:
- Supplying your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use during school hours
- Talking to your child about the importance of using sunscreen regularly to help prevent skin damage and skin cancer
- Ensuring your child knows how to apply their sunscreen independently and has had some practise so they will be all set to apply it safely at school
- Being a SunSmart role model at home with sunscreen, hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses.

Sun protection is a shared responsibility. For more information about sunscreen please visit sunsmart.com.au

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**Community News**

![Taekwondo](image)

**Now at Echuca**

**Tuesday 6 to 7PM**

**Apex Hall**

**211 Leichhardt Street**

(Complete room & high streets)

**Commences from 10am**

First 4 weeks FREE

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**Campaspe Library News**

Two local authors, Fleur from Bunnaloo, NSW and Adem from Kyabram, Vic will talk about their books (both are aimed at Youth) on Sunday 25th October, 2.30pm at Echuca Library, 310 Hare Street, Echuca.

Adem’s Book is about – A coming-of-age story about triumph and tragedy, love and loss, acceptance and letting go.

Fleur’s Book is about - Taylor and Sierra have been best friends for their whole lives. But Taylor’s fed up. Why does Sierra always get what she wants?

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**Asthma Foundation Victoria**

**Free Asthma Education for Parents**

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria Staff can come to your school or children’s service and speak directly to Parents & Carers of children with asthma about:

- What is asthma?
- How to recognize asthma symptoms
- Asthma medications and how to take them
- What to do in an asthma emergency
- Asthma Action Plans

Please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 9326 7088 for more information about holding an education session at your school or Service.

(Please note: we require a minimum of 5 attendees per session)