Dear Parents

Academic Growth – My School
My School is a website that is operated by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority [ACARA]. They are responsible for NAPLAN testing as well as school curriculum. If you “google” up the MY School website you will be able to search for our school. For all schools the improvement in student achievement from grade 3 to grade 5 [called growth] is the most significant. Our school has shown very strong growth across all the areas that are reported, Persuasive Writing, Reading and Numeracy. This is compared to different groupings including All Students in Australia and Students from Similar Schools. It is fantastic to have an outside agency rate our work so highly. Very proud to be associated with these students, staff and supportive parents. Well done!

FOS
Our second meeting had a great roll up and the parents enjoyed the opportunity to ask a wide range of questions about the school. In the process I received some very valuable feedback. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday the 23rd of March at 9.00am. Our theme will be school lunches. Please come with ideas to share. It could be great ideas that you create at home or it might be a commercial product that your kids love and you can share. If you are simply stuck for healthy but “yum” ideas come along and learn from others.

New Uniform
School Council have decided to launch the new polo shirt that is the most significant change to our uniform. The new logo is still being developed, however, as many parents have expressed their desire to buy uniform shirts but are waiting for the new uniform we have decided to provide the new shirts now. It will be possible to retro-fit the logo once School Council makes a final decision. Our current uniform will be phased out over two years so students can continue to wear what they have. We will be selling our existing stock of this uniform for discount prices so bargains galore. These will still be great for everyday school wear.

Easter Hat Parade Neighbourhood Natter Lunch
Thursday 24 [last day of term]
Our last day of term will feature an Easter Hat Parade followed by a bring your own picnic lunch. Come and join in the fun! [There will be no assembly in the final week]
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep Collins
Grade 1&2 Ellis
Grade 1&2 Wright
Grade 3&4 Irwin
Grade 3&4 May
Grade 5&6 Rasmussen
Grade 5&6 Ross

Cooper Eriksson
Kaylah Moon
Haydn Wilkins
Paddy Eeles
Jordy Rasmussen
Teal Rasmussen
April Eeles

Science News

Why is Science Important for Primary School Students

At a glance
• Science involves a lot of communication with other people.
• Science develops patience and perseverance in kids.
• It can help kids form a healthy dose of scepticism.
• Science teaches kids about the world around them.

Science can spark in kids’ minds that they, too, can help solve the world’s big problems.

"It helps kids to think about what could happen before they do it, to create a hypothesis in their mind. Then kids learn that not everything works the first time. Some experiments fall in a heap and you have to find out what went wrong, and try again.

Science in school also teaches kids about the way the world works eg, how clothes are made or why volcanoes erupt.

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Grade 1 & 2 News

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Canteen

Friday 11th
Monday 14th
Tuesday 15th
Wednesday 16th
Thursday 17th
Friday 18th
Monday 21st
Tuesday 22nd
Wednesday 23rd
Thursday 24th

Vanessa Moroney & Cath Moore
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
HELP WANTED
Leesa Purdy
Naomi Watson
Adie Foster
CLOSED
Tara Harris
Rachael Major
CLOSED

Available Now
Milo Yoghurts $1.50
Frozen Oranges (half) 50cents

Uniform Shop
Attached to the newsletter is a uniform order form. Over the next two years we will be phasing in a new uniform so we are selling our older stock on hand at a reduced price. Please note that we have limited sizes left in the short sleeve polo shirts.
SUNSMART TIPS
Choose SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. Make sure it is within its use-by date and is stored below 30 degrees. If you can see skin, UV can reach it. It is best to apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any exposed skin around 20 minutes before going outdoors. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours even if the stated level of water resistance is 4 hours. Shade is also a practical, user-friendly form of sun protection. Shade can significantly reduce UV exposure as well as keeping you cool and comfortable. Shade can be natural (trees, shrubs or shadow cast from nearby buildings) or man-made structures such as shade sails and pergolas.

ROCHESTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Due to this weeks RJFC Training Cancellation
Apparel Orders or New Registrations can be given to Leisa during the week or next Wednesday at training.
Any players born 2004/05 that would like to play U12’s please sign up.
www.rochesterjfc.sportingpulse.net
Both Boys and Girls are encouraged to play.
We would love more players in U12, U14 & U16 age divisions.
All players and Parents please sign up for TEAM APP: www.teamapp.com
and ask to join Rochester JFC
Leisa Evans: leisa157@hotmail.com Ph: 0428 842 157

Bunnings Warehouse – Colouring Competition
If you would like your child to enter this competition you will need to return the poster to Bunnings by Monday 28th March. Three winners will receive $50 worth of products.