**WHAT’S COMING UP!**

**Rochy Rascals Playgroup**
9am – 11am each Monday

**Monday 25th April**
Anzac Day

**Tuesday 26th April**
BOOK CLUB DUE BACK

**Friday 29th April**
School Photos
Please read notice in newsletter (page 3)

**Wednesday 4th May**
Friends of the School Meeting 9.00a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

**Monday 23rd May**
Report Writing Day (no students as school)

**Term Dates 2016**

Term 2 – 11/4 to 24/6
Term 3 – 11/7 to 16/9
Term 4 – 3/10 to 20/12

**BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS**

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**Dear Parents**

**Miss Trickey**
During the Easter break and into last week Miss Ross and I were in Canada catching up with Miss Trickey. It is quite surreal to travel to the other side of the world to watch Miss Trickey teach in Mrs May’s classroom having left our school with Mrs May teaching in Miss Trickey’s! [I won’t mention that I travelled 12000 kilometres only to have to mow Miss Trickey’s lawns – thought I was on a holiday!]
I won’t say too much about the school as both Mrs May and Miss Trickey will be able to do a better job of that. I will say that sitting in a classroom in Canada is much the same as sitting in one in Rochester and although the kids have different names you can match the personalities! Miss Trickey is really enjoying the challenge and will have a lot to share when she returns to us. Thank you to Leanne for filling in for me while I was away.

**ANZAC Service**
Our school service will be held in place of the regular school assembly on Friday. This service is run by our School Captains and is based at a level that our students can understand. [Our student of the week awards will be presented prior to beginning the ANZAC Service.]

**Conjunctivitis**
We have had a number of cases of conjunctivitis at school. This is an exclusion condition. Any students that are suffering this are not allowed to attend school until the discharge from the eye has stopped. It is very contagious and the most effective way to stop the outbreak is to reduce the contact by infected students. I will contact parents of any students that are showing symptoms and they will need to collect their child from school.

**Cross Country**
Yesterday we held the school cross country for our grade 3 – 6 students. Over the last few years we have been very impressed with the “have a go” attitude that most of our students show. We appreciate that long distance running is not everyone’s favourite sport, we do however, expect our students to “have a go”.

**Report Writing Day – 23rd of May**
Teachers are constantly assessing their students both formally and informally across the year. Over the next few weeks they will be sharing their understanding of where each child is working at with a colleague to ensure that their judgments are accurate and fair. Then they will be in a position to start writing reports. It takes about an hour to write up each report so when you multiply that by the number of students in a class you will have some idea of the work involved. Teachers will have a report writing day on Monday the 23rd of May to make a start on these. The rest will be done in their own time.

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Graeme
Star of the Week
Prep C    Trinity Hayler
Gr 1/2 Ellis  Leah Toohill
Gr 1/2 W    Tilly Millett
Gr 3/4    Harrison Foster
Gr 3/4 M    Maddison Pearse
Gr 5/6 Ross    Bowen Melauy
Gr 5/6 Ras    Ellie Moroney

CURRICULUM NEWS

Level 1/2 News.

Welcome back to another busy term. So far students have been learning about ANZAC day, as we are commemorating ANZAC DAY with our own special service at assembly. We have discussed and shared books about the ANZAC traditions and some students have shared personal stories.

We have made a start on this terms Theme of ‘Past and Present’ and are planning our major excursion for this term linked with this theme.

Tomorrow Grade 1/2 W are heading off to the Day Care centre and they will be interviewing some of the older generation about their life memories. The students have worked together and created an extensive list of questions they hope to use in an interview style set up. The intention is that this theme will initiate valuable conversations between generations, oral language being an area of intense focus this term for our students as well.

We are also having a “Dress Up” day during Education Week (week 6) where we ask that the students come dressed in olden days clothes that boys and girls may have worn to school. We will spend the day pretending we are at school like it was 100 years ago.

CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday we held our Cross Country at the Rochester Sports Centre. We had a fantastic effort by all the students participating in the run. Special well done to Charlee Roulston (12yr girls) who ran a cracking 3km in 13:05! Also to Riley Gordon (12yr boys), Poppy Read (11yr girls), Reed Hocking (11yrs boys), Jasmine Johns (10yrs girls), Nate Rasmussen, Blake Roulston (10yr boys), Jordan Town (9yr boys) and Natalie Moon & Pepper Bannon (9yr girls) who all won their age group. Thanks to all the parents for their support. Steve

Back: Poppy Read, Reed Hocking, Riley Gordon
Front: Natalie Moon, Pepper Bannon, Jasmine Johns, Jordan Town, Blake Roulston, Nate Rasmussen.
Absent: Charlee Roulston
Canteen

Friday 22
Monday 25
Tuesday 27
Wednesday 27
Thursday 28

Rita Haisman
ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
Ian McCleary
Korrie Watts
Carli & Shae

Friday 29
Monday 2
Tuesday 3
Wednesday 4
Thursday 5
Friday 6

Adie Foster
CLOSED
Rachael Major
Vanessa Fitzgerald
Terri Crockett
Tara Harris

Book Club

All orders for book club are due back on Tuesday 26. No late orders will be accepted.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - FRIDAY 29TH APRIL

Order forms and envelopes have been sent home today. The forms are personalised this year (with student names).

Please do not return forms to school before the day of the photographs. Students will hand the envelope to the photographer on the day. The office does not handle any money and will not be able to provide change.

There are 3 methods available when ordering photo packs:

1. Place your order on-line prior to photo day using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed in your pre-payment order form.

2. You can complete the pre payment order form. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on the day.

3. You can choose to wait for 5 working days to go on-line to VIEW the images and CREATE a package to suit. Please tick the “order later on-line box on order form and hand to our photographer on photo day.” Orders must be placed within 14 days of photo day to avoid postage charges.

4. If you do not wish to purchase photos, please tick “not buying photos’ under pack selection and have your child hand envelope to our photographer on the day.

5. Sibling photos will be taken on a prepaid basis. Consent/pre payment forms provided for the eldest child who should be instructed to present it with payment to our photographer at time scheduled for sibling photos.

Uniform Shop

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 only have short sleeve polo shirts in size 14 and adult small.

Special Events Calendar

Our special events calendar for Term 2 is attached to the newsletter. Please pin this up at home as it is a handy reference to events happening this term.

Grade 6 Information Night

The Rochester Secondary College will be holding their Grade 6 information night on Wednesday 4th May at 7.00pm. (at the College) For more information please contact the school 54841 844.
COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS CLUB
Is on again. Commencing TONIGHT at the Uniting Church hall. All welcome to attend and enjoy a range of fun activities.

WOULD YOU TAKE THE LEAD?

We'll show you how

This is Harry McElroy. No one wanted him so he was surrendered to an animal pound. Elkoos Animal Rescue Service took him in and now he is enjoying a wonderful life with a loving family in his new “forever home.” Harry is one of our many success stories, a story that began in the home of an EARS foster carer. EARS needs lots to help little dogs like Harry - big dogs, and neglected dogs, and old dogs, and young dogs and cats and kittens. We need more foster carers. We will welcome you into the EARS family and train you to be the best foster carer you can be. It is one of the most rewarding jobs you could take on.

A comprehensive training program, led by animal behavior and behavioralist, Kathleen Kamps, begins May 11. Won’t you join us and help make a difference to companion animal welfare in your community?

For program details and more information call Thonda on 0427 877 335 or email thonda@bigpond.com

KIDSHOTZ IS COMING!

Rochester Kindergarten
Friday and Saturday 6th & 7th May
30 Minute Box and Black & White Sitting plus
20x25cm Group Photo
JUST $20.00

KIDSHOTZ

Rochester Golf Club
Black Culvert Rd, Rochester
Equipment provided
Dress comfortably (flat shoes)

Women’s Golf Clinics
5 week Beginner Clinics Level 1
Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th May, 2nd & 9th June 2016
Time: 11.00am – 12.00pm followed by Lunch
Cash: $25 for 5 weeks
Soup & Crushy Bread Lunch

For bookings and enquiries, contact Jenny Mayor on 0406 509 854
Jeanette Kneebone on 0419 341 468

Rochester Fine Art Exhibition
A reminder that the Opening night of the Rochester Fine Art Exhibition with the announcement of the “Rochybald” winners is tonight featuring comedian Monica Dullard at the Shire Hall. Under 15 admitted free, $15 per head. The exhibition will be open over long weekend and features an extensive range of art and craft. Gala Dinner & auction Sunday 24th at Wine Tavern, bookings see www.redhs.com.au. All proceeds to our local health facility. Enquiries Judy Anderson (0408505373)

Come along and see the “Rochybald Prize” entrants and we feature a retrospective of Castlemaine Artist Brian Nunan along with many other artists of note. Sculpture, glass, paintings, ceramics, and lots more all for sale.

Exhibition open to public
FRIDAY 22ND TO SUNDAY 24TH 10 - 4 P.M. Devonshire tea available each day!
ANZAC DAY 25TH FROM 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.