2nd June 2016

WHAT’S COMING UP!

Rochy Rascals Playgroup
9am – 11am each Monday

Monday 6th June 7.00pm
Fundraising Meeting
All welcome

Monday 13th June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Friday 24th June
Forever Young Choir
Performance 1.30pm

Friday 24th June
Last Day Term 2,
2.30pm finish

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

Jett Hynes Cody
Natalie Moon
Poppy Read
Giselle Crawford
April Eeles

Dear Parents

Forever Young in concert!
On the last Friday of term [24th of June] we will be presenting a premier music event. In fact we may well be the only school to have the world famous Forever Young Choir perform at it. The senior residents from REDHS [Rochester Hospital] will be joined by our Grade 4s on stage in the BER for a half hour concert. This will kick off at 1.30 and finish with an encore at 2.00pm. I have seen the senior part of this choir perform in the past and urge anyone in our community to come and watch.

Fund Raising Meeting- Monday 6th- 7.00pm
Anyone with an interest in helping the school with fund raising either by being a helper or with a new idea of activities that can be implemented is urged to attend the meeting. I expect the meeting to run for no more than an hour and no-one will be pressured into taking on a “job”. Locally raised funds are all spent on programs that our students use.

Cross Country Squad
Congratulations to our cross country squad. Charlee Roulston, Ella Johns and Nate Rasmussen. All three competed at St Arnaud this week. To get there they had to compete in our school cross country and win through to the Echuca meeting and then win through that to qualify for St Arnaud. All three ran extremely well and Charlee Roulston competed so well that she will qualify to run in the State cross country. I don’t recall any of our students getting to this level before. We are very proud of all of you!

Pictured below: Our Grade 4 students have been working with Peg Haisman to learn a surprise song to sing to the senior part of the choir on their performance day.

Graeme
Star of the Week
Prep C  Jack Millett
Gr 1/2 Ellis  Kade Bullock
Gr 1/2 W  Blake Cooper
Gr 3/4 I  Aidan Menzies
Gr 3/4 M  Brock Keenan
Gr 5/6 Ras  Gemma Sinclair
Gr 5/6 Ros  Sneha Gosai

CURRICULUM NEWS

Level 1 & 2
The History Curriculum provides many levels to investigate varied topics. In the junior neighbourhood, one topic is Past and Present where recently we had a Grandparents Day. To enhance the special day, many children dressed up in ‘Olden Days’ clothes. This provided a very enjoyable morning for everyone with scones being made with each class and enjoyed for morning tea, and items shared between the generations when some of the visitors brought in historical items from ‘their day’.

This was then followed by some writing created together as shared writing, as well as students writing their own thoughts on the event. The curriculum topics allow many different aspects of our learning to be incorporated together and on this day we melded Science, through cooking, Language, through our talking and listening to each other then writing about the morning, Phys Ed, through the dance we demonstrated then had our visitors join in. Importantly too, was the great support this day was given by parents, friends and grandparents…. A big thank you to all who helped make this day a great one.

Some shared sentences…
Today some of our grandparents and mums and dads came into our room for Grandparents Day.
We made scones with the help of two mums.
Some of the grandparents shared some Olden Days things they brought in.
Outside we showed everyone the Olden Days dance we had learnt.
Then we danced with our visitors.
We served them scones with jam and cream.
First Aid
This term the staff have been busy upgrading their skills in CPR, Anaphylaxis and Asthma treatment. Now that all the staff are all up to date it will be the students turn next. On Monday the 20th of June, ‘St Johns Ambulance First Aid in School Program’ will again be conducted. All students in the school will be involved in this free program. Each session is directed at a specific level and fits into the AusVels curriculum. It was very beneficial last year and also a lot of fun.
Debabra Wright

Science
Although Science in Semester one is not a major focus this is not to say that we don’t do any science in Semester 1. Children are involved in science regularly, both at school and at home. We do cooking such as the scones for the Grandparents and friends day in the lower school and rewards such as making a cake in the upper school, many of the art activities involve mixing colours etc… and we are regularly involved in making observations. As we approach Semester two we now begin to look towards topics that are science based.

Regional Cross Country Finals
Yesterday the 31st of May, we had 3 children compete in the regional cross country finals at St Arnaud. They were Charlee Roulston, Ella Johns and Nate Rasmussen. These children qualified for this event by first running the cross country within the set time at the Rochester Primary School Event. This qualified them for the Campaspe Cross Country, where they had to finish in the top 12 to go through to the next stage. This earnt them the right to run at St Arnaud in the regional finals. The children did remarkably well in this event and the school is very proud of them. A particularly impressive effort by Charlee Roulston who finished 8th and has qualified for the state finals. Also, great effort by Ella Johns who came 20th and Nate Rasmussen who came 29th. Each race had close to 150 runners in it.

Level 5/6 News
Literacy
Children are busily preparing their speeches for the Lions Public Speaking Competition. The theme of this year’s speech is “A day in my life as a…..”. This has led to the children selecting and then researching about a job that interests them. Children have focused in on a great variety of jobs, such as Zookeepers, Navy Seals, Heart Surgeons and lots more. This is a daunting task for the children, but every year we are pleasantly surprised with how the children show the courage to stand up and produce a wonderful speech.

Maths
A big focus for the past fortnight for the children has been fractions. We have focused on what they look like, how we name them, converting between decimals, fractions and percentages and finding the fraction of a number. Children have really embraced fractions (A topic that normally does not excite children much). This group has really enjoyed the challenge of investigating fractions and really stretching their knowledge of fractions.

Integrated Studies
Our theme for the term has been finding out about the Gold Rush. As part of this unit, children were asked to show their understanding of life on the goldfields by creating a diorama. Children loved having the opportunity to show their understanding in a different way and the results were fantastic. Below are a few examples of what the children created.

Student Action Team Social Service
A handful of help
Our Social Service activity was launched at assembly last week….. ‘A handful of help’ …we are collecting coloured pencils, grey lead pencils and textas … (these can be left over, unused or brand new items). The Student Action team will gather these up, sort them out into a ‘handful’ and label them as being from our school. These will be sent to school children overseas who are not as lucky as we are and have little or no equipment at school.

A previous student of our school, Ayla Pearson, is travelling back to Malawi to volunteer again in the poor, underprivileged village where she spent time previously. Our aim is to have as many bundles as possible that she can take and distribute. Items can be left at the office or given to class teachers over the next 3 weeks. We look forward to your help.

Mrs Ellis and the Student Action Team
Uniform Shop *specials*

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. Our long sleeve polo shirts are on special for $5.00 & polar fleece $15.00. The new polo shirts are available to from Rochester Sportspower.

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Please Note: the Canteen is not able to supply students with forks or spoons for food other than is purchased from the Canteen. Please ensure that you supply your child with a plastic fork or spoon for any lunches they bring from home. Thanks.

The roster for Term 3 is attached to this newsletter. At this stage it is in “draft” form. If you cannot do your duty please contact the office so changes can be made. A final roster will be sent home with the newsletter dated 16th June. When you receive the final roster please keep in a safe place so you are able to see when the Canteen is open. A number of students are bringing lunch orders to school on days that the Canteen is closed.

NAMING OF CLOTHING - A reminder to parents to name clothing. We have a number of jumpers that are not named.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL – We welcome visitors to the school but request that you sign the book on the counter at the office, both ‘in’ and out’. This is a DET regulation due to OH&S.

HEAD LICE
We have had two cases of headlice reported to the office (in different areas of the school). It is important to notify us if your child has headlice. If we have several cases we can then organize a check. Information regarding the treatment of headlice is available at the office.

STUDENT BANKING
Any bank books need to be left at the school office on a Wednesday by 9.30a.m. Bank books will be returned on Thursday. Alternatively you can visit the Bank in person.

BBQ Catering  Friday 10th June

The school has accepted a catering job on Friday 10th June. We are seeking donations of slices. If you are able to assist please fill out the form and return to the Office. Slices can be frozen or fresh and left at the office on Thursday 9th. Please contact the office for a food label (must be attached to cooked items).

I ………………………………………………………………… am able to help with slices. I will supply:

Lemon slice…………… Rum balls ……………………. Hedgehog ………… Or ………………………………