Dear Parents

Fund Raising Meeting
On Tuesday a small but enthusiastic group met to discuss fund raising for the year. A full list of the activities will be published after the next school council meeting. I can say that there is a heavy emphasis on family based activities that can raise money for the students but also that can be a social event for families.

We will need your help to make these events successful, if someone asks if you can make a small commitment of time to help run an activity please “yes”.

Our main area of support this year will be the Library with fund raising going to new books and refreshing the Library furniture. With your support all of our students can have access to a first class library.

Enrolments
All enrolments for next year's Foundation [Prep] intake are due by the end of next term. If you are likely to enrol a student or know of someone who is please encourage them to get this out of the way as soon as possible.

If you know of anyone who is considering where to send their child next year please encourage them to come into school for a chat and a tour. [We will organise tours for students who are enrolled later in the year.]

School Review
I would still love to talk to parents about our school, what works, what can be improved. If you have any ideas call in for a chat or give me a ring. Please have your say.

Student Behaviour
Our students have been “out and about” this week with the Grade 1 and 2 excursion to Campaspe Run in Elmore on Monday and the Senior School Sport day Tuesday followed by the Grade 5 and 6 History excursion to Echuca.

It is always a very proud feeling when we receive positive feedback about the behaviour and attitude of our students. On each occasion people have gone out of their way to say how impressed they are with our kids. Well done all.

Hoodies
It is great to see that the vast majority of students are saying “I belong to this school” and being a part of what is really a big team by wearing our school uniform. Well done. Some students are wearing “hoodies” to school. These are never allowed and should not be worn to school. [This is consistent with most local schools including Rochester Secondary College.]

Graeme
Curriculum News

Buddy Program
During term 2 the Grade 6 and Foundation buddy program has continued each Thursday morning. Students meet and interact in many activities. Last week, Grade 6 students taught Preps how to play some olden day outdoor games such as hopscotch and down-ball, which are still played today. Preps love to see their buddies arrive weekly as you can see in their following writing.

I played with my buddies. By Jett.
I love my buddies. By Alantra.
My buddies help me feel happy. My buddies are awesome. By Isla.
I like to play with Riley. He is nice. By Luke.
My buddy is nice and he is helpful. I like my buddies. By Nate M.
My buddies help me play down-ball. By Cooper.
I like my buddies. By Nate T.
I like to see Cody. By Jack.
Stephanie played ball with me. By Trinity.
My buddy helps me make things. By Atticus.
I like my buddies. They help me find new friends. By Tahlia.
My buddies help me play down-ball. They are cool. By Evie.
I played with my buddy. By Sienna.
Buddies always play with us and me. By Lexi.
I played ball with my buddy. By Charlie W.
My buddies and I like meerkats. By Charlie F.

Art
Next week, students’ clay masterpieces will commence being sent home. To assist with safe transport, please send your child/children with a named lidded container (around the size of a 4 litre ice cream container.)
Art smocks will also be sent home at the end of term to be washed. Please return first week of next term.
Thank you
Mrs Pascoe
**Netball Competition**

Last week, Grade 5/6 competed in the Echuca netball competition. We took three teams, Grade 5 girls team, a mixed Grade 6 team and the Girls Open team. Each team played at least 6 games. The girls open team was lucky enough to play in the grand final. The girls played extremely well and came out with a draw so they had to play four minutes overtime. We ended up winning so the girls open team will be going to the regionals in Swan Hill. The grade 6 mixed team very did well winning 5 out of 6 games. The grade five team also did well winning 3 games out of 6 and coming a draw once. Thanks very much to Kristy and Mr. Rasmussen for coaching the teams.

By Poppy Read and April Eeles

**SPORTS AFTERNOON**

Despite the weather conditions, our sports afternoon was enjoyed by all.

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**Uniform Shop  *specials***

Short sleeve polo shirts available in sizes: Medium

Long sleeve t shirts available in sizes: 12, 14, 16

Polar fleece jumpers available in size: 10 & 14, small & medium

School bags $20.00

School hats $10.00

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**Canteen**

The roster sent home last week with the newsletter was in draft form only. If you have not done so, please check to ensure you are available to do your duty. If you are not able to do the day rostered please let me know as soon as possible. The confirmed roster will be sent home next week.

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**CLOSED FOR REST OF TERM**

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.

With the arrival of colder weather it should also be noted that we are unable to heat food for students due to OH&S reasons. Thanks.

**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 regulations.
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.

Asthma Australia

How do you recognise asthma?
People with asthma can have a range of symptoms:
- Breathlessness
- Wheezing
- Tight chest
- Persistent cough
- Symptoms often occur at night, early in the morning or during/after activity.

A person’s asthma symptoms can vary over time - sometimes they will have no symptoms, especially when asthma is well-controlled. Symptoms often vary from person to person.

Who gets asthma and why?
Asthma affects people of all ages. Some people get asthma when they are young; others when they are older. The causes are not fully understood, although people with asthma often have a family history of asthma, eczema and hayfever. There is some evidence that exposure to environmental factors such as workplace chemicals or tobacco smoke can lead to asthma. Researchers continue to try to find out more about what causes asthma and how we might prevent it.

How do your symptoms help you understand your asthma?
Everyone’s asthma is different and can change over time: that’s why it’s important for people with asthma to see their doctor at least twice a year for an asthma checkup and more frequently if they have concerns.
If your child suffers from Asthma they need to have an up-to-date management plan. These are available from the office (need to be taken to a medical professional for completion).

Community Notices
We are happy to support the local community by placing notices in our newsletter but these can only be included if we have the space. Notices to be in by Tuesday 3pm (preferably by email).