Rochester Primary School

14th July  2016

WHAT’S COMING UP!

Rochy Rascals Playgroup
9am—11am each Monday

Thursday 21st August
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 22nd August
Curriculum Day
No Students at School

Book Club
Due back  27th July

TERM DATES
Term 3 - 11/7 to 16/9
Term 4—3/10 to 20/12

BIRTHDAY
CONGRATULATIONS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to school. What a cold start to the term, however it is winter so we will rug up and battle on!

Helper Thank You
At the end of last term and on the election day our school ran fundraisers. These were led by two very strong supporters of the school [Adie Foster and Bec Crawford] A full list of their support staff will be in next weeks newsletter but a very special thank you this week for their leadership in these two events. [Also to Janis for ordering and organisation behind the scenes.]

Enrolments for 2017
All new enrolments at any level in the school are required by the end of term. If you are enrolling a student or know of someone who is please help to get the forms back to us. [Enrolment forms are available from the school or kinder.]

Lions Public Speaking- Sunday 31st of July
On Sunday the 31st of July our school will host the town round of the Lion’s Public Speaking Competition. This will run from 1.30pm until 3.00pm. Our school will be represented by Nate Rasmussen and Bonnie Pertzel, both of these students performed very strongly at the school level of the competition. We wish them well.

Curriculum Day- 22-7-16
Friday the 22nd of August will be a curriculum day for staff at school. Children do not attend school on this day. Staff will be working on a range of areas including literacy, student goal setting and cyber safety for students.

Interviews
The mid year interview is the best opportunity to ask questions and find out how your child/ren are progressing this year. The interview will allow teachers to explain the goals that are set for your child for the next phase of their learning. Teachers go to a lot of effort to prepare for these so please take the time to come in and “share” your child with their teacher. If you are unable to make it next Thursday [after school] please contact your teacher for an alternative time. If your child has not brought home an interview request form please ask them for it!

Friends of the School – Wednesday 20th July at 9.00am
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday. Steve Rasmussen will be a “guest” and will drop in to show some of the “Apps” our students are using on iPads. We also have some info from a school photographer that is worth looking at for next year. Remember FOS is for anybody with an interest in the school and kids are welcome.

Brekky Club
Our Brekky Club now runs on two days [Tuesday and Thursday mornings]. Our new and improved menu includes porridge, fruit and baked beans! The club is open to any student, even if they don’t want anything to eat it is warm and a great place to “hang out on a cold morning”. We encourage all students to come in and be a part of the “family”.

Graeme

SCHOOL MEETINGS
Friends of the School  20th July
School Council  26th July
Star of the Week

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Curriculum News

ART

As I am sure you are aware, last term saw the student’s clay sculptures make their way home. I hope these works made it home in one piece (remember the clay can be glued back together) and they are now being proudly displayed in your homes. The students enjoyed our clay unit and created some magnificent masterpieces. It was pleasing to see the students proudly showing their parents their artwork when it was on display in the corridor. More artworks will be on display in the coming weeks.

This term we will be working on many and varied artistic endeavours, including weaving, collage and stop motion animation. We look forward to sharing our masterpieces with you!

Mrs Pascoe

Grade 1/2 pinch pot

Grade 3/4 pinch pot sculpture

Grade 5/6 name plate

Grade 1/2 pencil holder

Grade 1/2 pencil holder
Welfare Update:

Breakfast Club!

This week we commenced offering two days a week of Breakfast Club. What a fantastic turn up we had! Our new menu has expanded to Baked Beans, Porridge and Fruit as well as the usual Toast and Milo. Our Breakfast Club will run from 8.30 am – 8.50 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

What are the Advantages of Breakfast Club?
Breakfast Clubs provide a healthy breakfast and nutrition information for thousands of school kids around Australia. Providing a free healthy breakfast within a school breakfast program helps children to achieve their best in the classroom and in the playground.

Breakfast clubs are about more than providing a healthy start to the day. Schools are supported to set up breakfast programs, to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children can sit down and enjoy a nutritious morning meal with others. It is also a place where caring adults can be role models for healthy eating and good hygiene.

Pictured: Mrs May enjoys her first toast & vegemite!
Student Action Team members

FUNDRAISING NEWS
Attached to this newsletter is an order form for “SafeLace” - these are a great idea to keep shoe laces tied safely. Orders, and money are due back by 4th August. A sample of the “safelace” is on display at the office. A great idea for a gift.

CANTEEN ROSTER—July
Special dates this term—Friday 29th July Sausage Sizzle & 10th August Weird Wacky Wednesday snack day

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PRINCIPAL: Graeme Hodgens
Forever Young Choir

For 7 weeks in term 2 the grade four students travelled to REDHS to meet with their older buddies. They spent time talking, sharing photos, sharing stories, and learning songs together. After their first visit, the grade fours anticipated the next one with great excitement. Throughout the weeks, the developing friendships between the grade fours and their older buddies were a beautiful sight to see. The creation of these friendships called The Forever Young Choir performed at the final assembly of Term 2. The audience was wowed as the cheerful choir sang beautifully rehearsed songs from long ago, and today. Many of the grade fours have been visiting their older buddies independently since their friendships began, and they will be meeting with them a few more times during school hours during term 3 and 4. A special thank you to Mr. Hodgens, Janine Bubb and Karen Tognolini for organising this experience and to Peg Haisman for playing the piano.

Social Service

Ayla Pearson and the Student Action Team. Last term a large number of pencils were given to Ayla as part of our Helping Hands project. Well done to all students.

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).

MUSIC LESSONS

Vacancies exist from Term 3—Piano, Organ, Keyboard

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