28th July 2016

Principal’s Report:

**Cyber Safety**
As a component of keeping our students safe we will be focusing on cyber safety throughout the remainder of this year. Our students have well developed technology skills but are they safe to drive it? Many of our students can drive cars, tractors etc but are they ready to go out into the world and drive on our public roads? Probably not! We need to all work together to help keep our keep our kids safe. Later on in the year we will be holding an iPad expo and a significant part of this will be talking to parents about what they can do to help protect their kids. If you are currently concerned please talk to someone who can help. School is a great place to start.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Thank you to everyone for either turning up on the night or making an alternative time to talk to teachers. A special thank you to our staff for giving up their time to run these. I appreciated the opportunity to touch base with parents I don’t get to see regularly and the positive attitude everyone brought to the night. Remember if you have concerns regarding your child at school you can book an interview with their teacher at any time of the year and I am always available for a chat about anything you are concerned about.

**Lions Public Speaking**
On Sunday our school will be host to the town level of the Lions Public Speaking Competition. We will be well represented by Nate Rasmussen and Bonnie Pertzel. Both of these students spoke extremely well and won our school level competitions. Anyone who is interested in watching some first class speeches is welcome to attend in the BER on Sunday from 1.30pm. Best of luck to our Bonnie and Nate.

**English and Numeracy Competitions**
Each year we hold competitions in English and Maths as part of an International program run by the University of NSW. Although this is a competition it is run in a similar format to NAPLAN. This year we have 22 students electing to sit for the English Competition on Tuesday the 2nd of August. This will be a valuable experience for them and we look forward to seeing how well they have done!

**Netball Team**
Our Netballers headed off today to Swan Hill to represent not only our school but our local area. They won the primary school comp at Echuca and will now compete at Swan Hill against the other district winning teams. Good luck girls we are proud of what you have already achieved.

Graeme

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**WHAT’S COMING UP!**

- **Rochy Rascals Playgroup** - 9am—11am each Monday
- **Book Week Parade**—Book Parade come dressed as your favourite story book character —— Thursday 25th August

**TERM DATES** - Term 3 - 11/7 to 16/9  Term 4—3/10 to 20/12/2016

A reminder that children are supervised in the yard from 8.45am until 3.35pm
**Star of the Week**
Prep C  
Gr 1/2Ellis  
Gr 1/2W  
Gr 3/4I  
Gr 3/4M  
Gr 5/6 Ras  
Gr 5/6 Ros

**Birthday Congratulations**
Maverick Failla, Dane Purdy & Cale James, Ameika White, Katrina Murray, Joshua Murray

**FOUNDATION NEWS**

**Sienna and Cooper**
The students are busy learning high frequency words to use in their writing.

**Atticus and Jack**
The children love Mrs Borger’s visits to the classroom where they learn about the Indonesian Language and culture. This week they watched a clip about an endangered tiger and sang an Indonesian greeting song.

**Atticus and Alantra**
The children are learning about Minibeasts and Australian Animals this term. They made caterpillars from playdough and then wrote stories about the adventures they went on with their caterpillars. Some children wrote about visits to Disney on Ice, the Zoo and the Jungle.
PARENT OPINION SURVEYS
Were sent home on Monday. If you have not already done so, please return to the office by tomorrow, Friday 29th July (with your name written on the tear off slip). NO SURVEYS ARE OPENED AT SCHOOL. All surveys are sent to an independent organisation for collation and reporting. Please fill in the survey if you receive one as they are important to our school.

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

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

Great News—Sushi is back on the menu. $2.50 per piece (slight increase).
Now available: Kraft Cheese Sticks $1.00 each.
Updated Canteen roster is attached to this newsletter. Please discard your old one.

UNIFORM SHOP
Available from our Uniform shop are shorts, skorts, dresses and track pants in a range of sizes. Shirts and fleecy tops are available from Sportspower.

HEADLICE
It has come to our attention that some students in the school still have head lice, even after the holiday break, and we seek your co-operation in checking your child’s hair on a regular basis. If you find head lice or eggs please notify the office. We are aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and we are committed to maintaining your confidentiality. Information regarding detection and treatment of head lice is attached.

We will continue with our head lice inspections and reporting home to parents regarding the outcomes. These notes should be returned to the office. Students are permitted to return to school after the appropriate treatment.

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Eden Beaumont on a recent fishing trip managed to land this cod.

National Asthma Week 1-7 September: e-newsletter version with links
The theme for National Asthma Week 2016 is Become a Better Breather. National Asthma Week coincides with the beginning of spring and as pollens are a known trigger for asthma, this is an excellent time to ensure your child’s asthma is well controlled. Sections of the Asthma Australia website that can help with asthma management include:

Take the Asthma Control Test to see if you could make improvements to help your child become a better breather.

Manage allergies often linked with asthma, including allergic rhinitis (hayfever).

Did you know? 90% of people with asthma use their medications incorrectly.

Check your child’s technique to see if they are getting full benefit from their medication.

Regular review of your child’s asthma with your GP and pharmacist will help them to become a better breather.

Need help with your child’s asthma? Contact our Asthma Assist line on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) and talk to one of our friendly Asthma Health Professionals.

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).

After School Tutoring
When: Starting Monday 18th July
Where: Rochester Community House
With: Helen Coughlin (Primary Teacher)
Time: from 3.30pm - 4.30pm (15 minute blocks)
Assistance with reading and other areas of Literacy, along with Mathematics (Primary School focus).
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
Bookings Essential. Phone 54843600 or email roch-commho@communityhouse.org.au or send us a message on facebook.

Students Improve through Tutoring

ROCHESTER LITTLE
ATHLETICS

Registrations for Little Athletics open on the first day of Athletics at the Rio Olympics. (Friday 12th August)
We have an Early Bird discount until 23rd September of $100 per athlete. Fees after 23rd Sept will be $120 per athlete. Season Starts Friday 7th Oct.
Register online at www.lavic.com.au
We have an Olympic special of a free RLAC top for new members & $10 RLAC tops for existing members.
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