Principal’s Report:

Child Safe Schools.
Significant changes are being made across Victoria in all schools [Government, Catholic and Independent]. These changes are focused directly on making schools safer for children. Our school has updated or created new policies to ensure that we can ensure our students are as safe as we can make them. These new policies are available at the school or an individual can request a copy at any time to read through and understand them. I am of course available to discuss these changes.

There are five new policies in place;
- Failure to disclose,
- Failure to protect,
- Mandatory Reporting,
- Grooming,
- Working with Children Check. Many of these had been previously covered under one policy however they are now clearly detailed in individual policies.

How will this effect Parents/Volunteers?
If I attend a camp or excursion as a helper I will be required to have a Working With Children Check. [These are free for volunteers and we can advise you how to go about this process at school.] Before the camp /excursion commences I will be briefed by staff on my responsibilities towards students that I may be working with.

Other areas that will effect parents and family members include taking photos of students that are not members of their family will need permission. Students are not to have social media contact in their own right with Staff other than for work purposes. [such as emailing homework, diaries when on holidays.] Parents can continue contact through social media with Staff members but discretion around content that may be shared with students should be used.

Obviously the need for parents to have Working with Children Checks is going to add another layer of difficulty in getting support for these events. This will be a restriction not only in all schools but is likely to work its way down into all organisations that work with students. [Sporting clubs, dance etc.] This is a significant change and will commence from the start of next term. Please discuss any of these changes with me for a greater explanation.

Fair Day
Tomorrow is Fair Day and we are still looking for volunteers to help. There are no difficult jobs however most teachers have said they are lacking support to help them run their activity. Please give a little bit of your time if you can.

Netballers
Our Netball Team performed well at the highest level our state school competition offers. To reach the State Finals meant our girls were one of only eight teams that worked their way through the previous comps. They won one and were defeated by small margins in another two games. A fantastic effort. Thank you to Kristy Roulston for the time she has given to coach the girls and run them through regular practice sessions at lunch times. A great effort.

Athletic Team
Our team of athletes that competed at Bendigo on Monday produced some outstanding results. A highlight being the first in shotput to Joshua Murray. Congratulations to Josh Murray, Nate Rasmussen, Charlee Roulston, Teal Hocking, Reed Hocking, April Eeles, Declan Pearse, Poppy Read and Lilli Patience.

Canada Day
On Thursday the 6th of October we will be celebrating all things Canada! As a part of this our Brekky Club will be a little different to usual with pancakes and maple syrup being served.

Graeme
Star of the Week
Prep C  Charlie Watson
Gr 1/2Ellis  Jeff Hynes Cody
Gr 1/2W  Eden Beaumont
Gr 3/4I  Paige Knight
Gr 3/4M  Mackenzie Edwards
Gr 5/6 Ras  Samuel Felmingham
Gr 5/6 Ros  Zac Bywaters

Birthday Congratulations
Brooklyn Sparkes, Paige Knight, Jordy Rasmussen, Bailey Town, Ashley Connor, Willow May,
Mackenzie Edwards, Shanae Banfield, Nate Mussared, Miranda Crawford, Eden Beaumont

Art
Once again it has been a very busy term in the Art Room. The junior area has spent time weaving, craft making and
collage. Some of these creations include using objects from nature to create pictures, creating Olympic inspired
crafts, book week activities, collage and some fabulous Father’s Day presents (I hope all those lucky recipients you
loved them!).

The Grade 3,4,5 and 6 students have been working hard this term creating their group Stop Motion Animation. I’m
very proud of the way that students have worked together to create their sets and characters, and produce an
entertaining animated story line.

Tomorrow for Fair Day we are opening our Art Room Gallery. Please come to see a small selection of what our
students have been up to this term. Mrs Pascoe
Netball in Melbourne

Last Friday 9th September, eight Grade 5/6 girls went to Melbourne for the State Netball Finals.

Our first game was against Ballarat, it was a nervous and rocky start but we gained our confidence later in the game. The score was 20-11 down.

Our second game was against Ivanhoe West, it was a great start with our goalers rarely missing and defence and mid court settling the game. But then it went down hill from there with a score of 23-10 down.

With our last game coming up, we were determined to win a game for the day and we were up against Wodonga. Our first half was fantastic everyone worked extremely well, as we were 3 ahead. The second half got really close but we managed to keep our heads up and keep going with a 3 goal win.

- Ellie GS consistently shot amazing and rebounded strongly, with some great intercepts.
- Teal GA drove hard on centre passes and shot some terrific outside shots with some out of nowhere intercepts.
- Alannah WA did some great driving towards the ball and great passes into the goalers.
- Charlee C smartly passed into the goalers with some incredible defence and intercepts.
- Giselle WD stayed on her player and got some amazing intercepts with a loud voice to keep the defenders going.
- Steph WD did some sneaky intercepts and great defence on her WA.
- April GD defended extremely well with lots of rebounds and intercepts to settle the game.
- Poppy GK stuck on her girl tightly and got some great intercepts and rebounds.

We would also like to thank Kristy for coaching and training us twice a week and she taught us heaps of incredible things. We all really enjoyed her being our coach. Thank you Kristy.

And thanks to all the parents who drove us to Melbourne and also cheered along. Thanks you to the Twilight Netball for their donation that enabled us to purchase new uniforms. They looked stunning on the court.

ICT News

In the 3/4 area for ICT the students have worked on and created special messages for Father’s Day (hopefully they remembered to show you!) The messages were made using the app Funny Face Maker. This allows the students to record their lips and voice and put it over an image of their choice. It made for some entertaining ICT lessons!

We have also used our iPads to create some ‘seeds’ for our writing. Students used images on their iPads and recorded facts as well as their thoughts/feelings about the picture. We are now working on our writing plans before we start drafting.

Lastly, we used our iPads to get involved in R U Okay? Day on Thursday. We created little paper signs with the #RUOKAY? and a little message before finally taking
Bendigo Athletics

On Monday the 12th of September, 9 students from Rochester Primary School went to Bendigo to compete in the Regional Athletics Championships. Children qualified for this because of their outstanding efforts at the Echuca Athletics Carnival. Students who represented the school were:

- Charlee Roulston (800m and 12 Girls Relay Team)
- April Beiles (Long Jump, Shot Put and 12 Girls Relay Team)
- Teal Hocking (Shot Put, Discus and 12 Girls Relay Team)
- Lilli Patience (12 Girls Relay Team)
- Reed Hocking (Discus)
- Josh Murray (Shot Put)
- Declan Pearse (1500m)
- Poppy Read (1500m)
- Nate Rasmussen (1500m)

The children all did a wonderful job, with many of the children recording Personal Bests. They competed with great determination and skill and should be proud of the efforts.

The standout efforts for the day were:
Reed Hocking 4th in Discus; Teal Hocking 5th in Discus; Charlee Roulston 7th in 800m; Josh Murray 1st in Shot Put.

Josh has now qualified to go to the next stage of Athletics and we wish him all the best.

Dairy Assistance Funding - Are You Eligible??

Students currently enrolled at the start of Term 3, 2016 in government and non-government schools where one or both parents:

- Own an operating dairy farm
- Are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- Hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- Work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

Evidence may include:
- A dairy industry license issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV)
- Lease documentation
- Share farming contract
- Agreement with a dairy production/supply company
- A letter from an employer
- A statutory declaration stating the family’s main business or employment is on an operating dairy farm (in case where other forms of evidence are not available.

A one-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to schools. Parents/legal guardians will need to apply for this assistance via the Dairy Assistance Application form along with evidence as requested by 18th November 2016.

Canteen Roster— Term 4 October

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PRINCIPAL: Graeme Hodgens
Rochester Town Garage Sale – October 29th 2016

Want something to do over the holidays? Get your children to clean out their rooms and “Cash In On It.” This is a great opportunity to declutter and make cash for Christmas. Join in the amazing Rochester Town Garage Sale on Saturday October 29th, 7am – 2pm. Registrations open on Monday September 12th. Early bird registration special BEFORE 8th October $15 per household, $20 per household after this date. Town letter drop this weekend with registration forms. Drop your form into Caltex or Rochester Discounts. Info: Heather ph. 0400 866 815.

Rochester Secondary College is celebrating their “Funday” on Friday 7th October 2016, from 11am until 2pm and we would like to invite everyone to come along.

There will be many attractions, including: an Inflatable obstacle course; temporary tattooing and hairspray; competitions such as ‘longest kick’, a delicious food court, cake stalls and fairy floss, music and so much more. We will finish with an Auction.

Parents, Grandparents, neighbours, siblings, friends and any other interested members of the community are very welcome to come along, have a look around and enjoy some lunch. We hope to see you there!

Demi Irwin  SRC President 2016

Rochester Holiday Tennis Clinic
Full Court Tennis Program
A three day holiday tennis clinic is being conducted at the Rochester Lawn Courts commencing Monday September 26th – Wednesday September 28th:

Session times are 2.00 – 3.00, 3.00 – 4.00, 4.00 – 5.00
1 hour session each day.
$40 per child.
Racquets are provided for children who require one
To register please phone Rod - 0429-887-220 or Lisa - 0408371837
Children’s groups days and times will be finalised as bookings are confirmed
Adult lessons also available

Coaches: Stephen Storer, Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach
         Brianna Smith, Tennis Australia JD Coach