Principal’s Report:

Film Night
Those people who were able to attend our Family Film night had a great experience. Approximately 100 people came and enjoyed the Jungle Book and ate their way through lollies and popcorn. A great film, good family night and we were all cleaned up and out in less than half an hour after the film ended. Special thanks to Carmen Moon and Karalyn Stewart for their work in getting this up and going. We will be holding another one next year.

Parent Requests
I am happy to talk to parents about student placements for next year. These are confidential and can only be made through myself. The window to do this is open until Thursday the 10th of November. Please drop in for a chat or phone me. [5484 1072] After the window closes it will be difficult to consider parent requests.

Pre-School Visits
Next week the first of our Foundation [Prep] visits for next years enrolments will take place. On Monday we have the first of our longer sessions [9.00am – 2.00am] and on Thursday an afternoon session. [2.00pm – 3.15pm] Anyone wanting their child included should ring the school to book them in.

Working Bee – Sunday 20th
School Council will be holding a “weed and whipper snip” working bee on the 20th of November. The rain has been fantastic for growing weeds and we have lots of them! Anyone with an hour to spare is encouraged to join in the fun of pulling weeds out or using their whipper snipper to tidy the yard.

Production – 3rd of November
Under the tutelage of our international director, Mrs May, our cast and ensemble is coming together in what will be a magnificent display of acting and dancing. One night only so don’t miss out. This is a whole school production with all classes performing.

Trivia Night—Friday 18th November
Its on again so book your tables before they are all gone! Tables of ten, $20.00 per person. The venue this year will be at the Sports Centre. [Tennis/Golf rooms]. Bookings can be made through the school.

Rochester Primary School and redhs Choir- 17th of November at the hospital.
Our Forever Young choir will be making a return performance. The main act at the redhs Annual Meeting will be our students with their older friends. This is a public meeting and the choir will be singing at 5.30pm to commence proceedings. If you missed it last time this may be a final opportunity to see them.

Hot House
Our Hot House is to be sold. If anyone is interested please contact Graeme. It will be sold “as is” with the removal the responsibility of the buyer. We will be taking the best offer received by the 17th of November.

Graeme
Star of the Week
Prep C  Luke Birthisel
Gr 1/2Ells  Bailey Town
Gr 1/2W  Leia Birthisel
Gr 3/4I  Willow May
Gr 3/4M  Jayde Ballinger
Gr 5/6 Ras  Abbey Clarke
Gr 5/6 Ros  Aiden Burcombe

Birthday Congratulations
Blake Trist

Curriculum News
Grade 3/4’s have been working on expanding their knowledge of different writing genres. Mrs. May and Mr. Irwin have been impressed with how enthusiastic they are about improving their writing. This week they are working on biographies so that they can be experts when it’s time to write biographies on the performers in our upcoming production. They will be on display in the foyer of the CVCC so make sure you have a read before finding your seat.

We have also been hard at work practicing our dances for the upcoming school production! We have been delighted with the enthusiasm and persistence the students have displayed in learning their dances. They are doing a fantastic job!

History
History is an interesting component within the curriculum. Within each History Level description there is Personal and Community Histories. For instance, in Foundation to Level 2, students study personal, family and local history. Students learn about their own history and that of their family, including stories from different cultures and other parts of the world. This year, having our overseas visitor, it would be hoped some of the history of Rochester can be taken back and shared in Canada. Every place and person has a history so as well as when classes delved into activities such as: locating Rochester, Melbourne, Murray and Campaspe rivers on maps and in an atlas, drawing onto a map of Victoria, looking up Rochester on iPad, we investigated Canada in various ways and enjoyed a fun day recently, learning some of Canada’s history and their special day, Canada Day.
Volunteers—Working with Children Checks
To obtain a working with children check you will need to go online at: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. After filling out the form it will need to be presented at the post office with proof of identity and a passport size photo. These checks are valid for 5 years. There is no fee charged for a volunteer.

OH&S
It is important to practise Emergency Evacuation procedures so everyone is very familiar with what is required. Each workplace has to have an off site emergency collection place as well and our school has Rochester Secondary College oval as our site. Every person within the school (even short time visitors) have to follow these procedures during our practises.

Civics and Citizenship
Rochester Primary School has been lucky to be selected in a pilot for the national online sample assessment in Civics and Citizenship. On Tuesday a sample of 20 Grade 6 students participated in this test using their iPads.

The NAP-CC sample assessment supports the goal of Australian schooling that students become active and informed citizens. In doing this, the assessment collects information about students’ civics and citizenship-related knowledge and understanding, attitudes, beliefs and behaviours.

The purpose of the online assessment is to inform schools, education ministers and the community about the levels of student achievement in civics and citizenship education among Year 6 and Year 10 students across Australia.

Students and teachers also completed a survey to have their say in the test and the Civics and Citizenship program. We look forward to receiving our results for reflection. Leanne Picone.

Production—We are going to RIO!
Thursday 3rd November
12.30pm & 7.30pm
Family Ticket (Mum, Day & siblings) $15
Adult $5.00
Secondary College Student $5.00

Cyber Bullying
Attached to this Newsletter is some important information on Cyber Bullying.

Ice Cream Fundraiser
On Wednesday the 26th of October, your child will have the opportunity to buy an ice cream with topping and sprinkles. This is a school fundraiser to help cover the costs of the School Production. The cost of the ice cream will be $2.00. So bring along your money and enjoy! Thanks, Steve

Rochester Primary School Athletics
Next Monday, students from Grades 3 – 6 will be competing in the Rochester Primary School Athletic Sports. Children will compete in seven different events and relay races throughout the day. We would love to see as many people at this event as possible cheering the kids on. Please encourage your child to wear their house colours to the sports.

Headlice
Pesky little characters but unfortunately hard to eradicate. We have had one notification of a case of headlice so it would be appreciated if parents could check their children. Please notify the office (if we have enough reported cases we can arrange a head check) information on treatment is available from the office.
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.