Dear Parents

**Logo and Uniform**

School Council have selected the final design for the new school logo. This will be unveiled at our School Assembly on Friday. I am very pleased with the new design. It is based on the shortlisted designs we asked people to vote on last year however in the hands of Rod Murphy, our graphic designer, it has transformed to be a very modern and stylish logo. This will mean the new uniform can be ordered with the logo. Our new polo shirts will be available to order from Rochester Sportspower on a temporary basis (end of term 3) until our tendering process is finalised.

**School Review**

This year our school will undergo a major school review. This occurs every four years. A qualified school reviewer will work with a team of people to examine all aspects of the school. Three other external people will be involved including Paul Hon [from Regional Office] and two other principals. Our School Council President, Darren Pain will also have a significant role in the process.

**Round Table Discussions**

I am keen to meet with small groups of parents or community members to have round table discussions about what the school is doing well and areas that the school could look to change. I find a number of small groups work better than one large community meeting. All you need to do is gather two or three other people together and arrange a time with me to have a cuppa and a chat. Generally these meetings last up to 45 minutes. The conclusion of the school review process is to set a four year plan in place and this is your chance to have your say.

**Friends of the School [FOS]**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th of May [next week]. I would like to spend some time discussing the school review and getting some feedback from parents. Remember FOS is for any parent or community member who has an interest in the school and young children are welcome.

**School Captains and ANZAC Day**

Thank you to our School Captains, April Eeles, Charlee Roulston, Cam Keenan and Cody Thompson for the manner in which they conducted both our school service and the way they represented the school at the town service.

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*BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS*

Brady McInnes
Jasmine Johns
Charlie Watson
Tameika Wild
Flynn Pain
Bonnie Pertzel
Jeff James
Hope Wright

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Graeme
Star of the Week

Prep C  Charlie Watson
Gr 1/2Ellis  Meg Harding
Gr 1/2W  Maddie Howard
Gr 3/4I  Henry Millett
Gr 3/4M  Denis Caine
Gr 5/6 Ross  Aiden Burcombe
Gr 5/6 Ras  Cody Thompson

CURRICULUM NEWS

LEVEL 3/4

In grades 3 and 4 we have been working hard to get ready for NAPLAN, which is happening in week five of this term. The students have been working on practice tests and understanding what is required during the tests and are doing a fantastic job!

We have also continued our rotation classes this term between Mrs May and Mr Irwin’s rooms. On Wednesdays the students have been having Health with Mrs May and P.E. with Mr Irwin. In P.E. we have been working on our throwing and catching skills. We have performed a lot of different drills and are trying to improve these areas in game scenarios. It has been enjoyable, with many close games all enjoyed in great spirit with exceptional sportsmanship displayed.

A big welcome to Ashlyn Hatcliffe and Mackenzie Edwards who have very recently joined Mrs. May’s class. Both of them have commented on how they quickly felt comfortable at their new school. We know that this is because of the friendly and welcoming environment that all the grade 3’s and 4’s create. Well done!

Science

What are the advantages of students learning science in primary school?

Science becomes a focus from Foundation to Grade Six, during semester two at Rochester Primary School. This doesn’t mean that we don’t teach science in semester one but our themes in semester two are science based.

- Science involves a lot of communication with other people.
- Science develops patience and perseverance in kids.
- It can help kids form a healthy dose of scepticism.
- Science teaches kids about the world around them.
- Science can spark in kids’ minds that they, too, can help solve the world’s big problems.

Science Coordinator Debbra Wright
Integrated Studies

This term our focus is on Past and Present. Grade 1/2 W spent their time at the Daycare centre last Friday interviewing some of the older generation there. Before they went students talked about how things may have been quite different 50 or 100 years ago and through shared writing came up with an extensive list of questions to ask, such as... What did you learn at school? What did you do at lunchtime? What games did you play as a child? Did your family have a car? This topic allows us to communicate some wonderful things with our younger generation and these community visits provide a great opportunity to do the same.

Throughout this topic we also will be examining changes in technology over several generations by comparing past and present objects and photographs, and discussing how these changes have shaped people’s lives (for example changes to land, air and sea transport; the move from wood fired stoves to gas/electrical appliances; the introduction of television, transistors, FM radio and digital technologies).

Peta Ellis

Canteen

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - TOMORROW

Order forms and envelopes have been sent home. The forms are personalised this year (with student names). PLEASE DO NOT RETURN FORMS TO SCHOOL BEFORE THE DAY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS. STUDENTS WILL HAND THE ENVELOPE TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON THE DAY. THE OFFICE DOES NOT HANDLE ANY MONEY AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CHANGE.

There are 3 methods available when ordering photo packs:

1. Place your order on-line prior to photo day using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed in your pre-payment order form.

2. You can complete the pre payment order form, include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on the day.

3. You can choose to wait for 5 working days to go on-line to VIEW the images and CREATE a package to suit. Please tick the “order later on-line box on order form and hand to our photographer on photo day. Orders must be placed within 14 days of photo day to avoid postage charges.

4. If you do not wish to purchase photos, please tick “not buying photos’ under pack selection and have your child hand envelope to our photographer on the day.

5. Sibling photos will be taken on a prepaid basis. Consent/pre payment forms provided for the eldest child who should be instructed to present it with payment to our photographer at time scheduled for sibling photos.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL (FOS)

School Lunches Tip 1.
To stop cut apples from browning [oxidation] put a pinch of salt into a bowl and soak the cut and peeled apple for five minutes. Pat dry and wrap as usual. The apple will last all day!
Uniform Shop

Over the next two years we will be phasing in a new uniform so we are selling our older stock on hand at a reduced price. Please note that we only have short sleeve polo shirts in size 14 and adult small.

Grade 6 Information Night

The Rochester Secondary College will be holding their Grade 6 information night on Wednesday 4th May at 7.00pm. (at the College) For more information please contact the school 54841 844.

GUIDED TOUR DAY - Monday 2nd May, 2016
PARENTS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS - YOU ARE INVITED!!
Rochester Secondary College is opening its doors to parents of prospective students and any interested members of the community. Join a Principal and student led tour, which will take place viewing normal classes along with facilities such as the technology centre, weights room, canteen, art centre, computer facilities etc.
Tour group will leave from the office foyer at 10.00 am Monday 2nd May, 2016. Please feel welcome to come into our school on this day. Contact the College for further details 54841844.
Rochester Secondary College is YOUR School

FOUND
2 rings (one gold and one silver). Please contact the office with a description of the rings if you think they belong to you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WOULD YOU TAKE THE LEAD?

This is Hairy McClusky. No one wanted him so he was surrendered to an animal pound. Fellow Animal Rescue Service took him in and now he is enjoying a wonderful life with a loving family in his new “forever home.” Hairy is one of our many success stories; a story that began in the home of an EARS foster carer. EARS needs you to help little dogs like Hairy and big dogs, and neglected dogs, and old dogs, and young dogs and cats and kittens. We need more foster carers. We will welcome you into the EARS family and teach you the best foster carer you can be. It is one of the most rewarding jobs you could take on.

A comprehensive training program, led by animal trainer and behaviourist, Kathleen Kemp, begins May 11. Won’t you join us and help make a difference to companion animal welfare in your community?

For program details and more information call Rhonda on 0427 677 335 or email training@earms.org.au.

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Kids shotz is coming!
Rochester Kindergarten
Friday and Saturday 6th & 7th May
30 Minute Box and Black & White Sitting plus a
20x25cm Group Photo
JUST $20.00

Kids shotz highly qualified professional photographers are visiting. Kids shotz are booked out at most places they visit.
Book Now!