Dear Parents

Road Works
The road works commenced this week and will continue for approximately three weeks. Currently the work is taking place in Edward Street and will move around to George Street. This will mean either road closures or partial closures as the work rolls on. Please be very careful dropping off and picking up children as traffic will be congested and younger children can be easily confused. Let's keep everyone safe.

Library Up grade.
Our Library will undergo a major freshen up next week. A complete repaint will take place and a general “tidy up” of books and shelves. The role of libraries has changed in schools and we need to provide the best resource we can for our students.

A special thank you to the FOS club that helped moving books today. It was amazing how many books could be carried from the library to our temporary library in room 1 in an hour. It is just as amazing to see how many books are still left to move.

Remember FOS [Friends of the School] is your parent and community group. Anyone can be involved and you don’t need to come to every meeting. It is a great way to be involved with your children’s school.

Conversations with parents
I have had some conversations with parents around what our school is doing well and what we can do to improve it. I have been given some great and honest feedback about the school, much of which we can use to go forward. If you have a spare thirty to forty minutes bring a friend along and have a chat to me. If you can’t make it you can send your thought in writing or email to the school email account. rochester.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au I would love to hear as many ideas as possible of how we can continue to keep our school great and to improve it even more.

Forever Young
Our grade 4 students have had their first session singing in the combined choir of residents from Rochester Hospital and our students. The choir is aptly named Forever Young. We will be holding a performance at school in the last week of this term. It will be something not to be missed. Each student has a special new buddy that they will spend time with each week as well as sing in the choir with. Thank you to Janine Bubb, Karen Tognolini, Peg Haisman and our own Mrs May for organising this.

Graeme
Star of the Week
Prep C  Sienna Weeks
Gr 1/2Ellis Bailey Town
Gr 1/2W Chelsea Purdy
Gr 3/4I Natalie Moon
Gr 3/4M Ashlyn Hatcliffe
Gr 5/6 Ras Harley Butler Banfield
Gr 5/6 Ros Dana Mussared

CURRICULUM NEWS

Cyber Safety - It’s Everyone’s Responsibility!

You will see attached to the newsletter, a flier about Cyber Safety Presentations for Parents, that would be well worth attending, if you can spare the time.

Following are a few suggestions that can guide you to help your child get the most out of technologies, while still keeping them safe and helping them to improve their judgment:

Become computer literate. Have your children show you what they are doing online, spend some time learning the ins/outs of the programs.

Keep the device in a common area where you can watch and monitor your kids. Avoid putting a computer in a child’s bedroom.

Bookmark your child’s favorite sites. Your child will have easy access and be less likely to make a typo that could lead to inappropriate content.

Spend time together. Teach your kids appropriate online behavior, including information about cyber bullying, ‘netiquette’ and being respectful and kind while online. Visit their favorite internet sites with them.

Monitor kids’ use of social networking sites such as Facebook, Instagram and Snap Chat etc. Be aware of what information is being revealed and what information can unknowingly identify your child.

Talk regularly with your children about internet use, the online activities they are involved with and the sites they visit. Talk to them about the dangers of interacting with strangers online and remind them that often people online can create false identities.

Encourage your children to tell you if anyone they meet online tries to get personal information from them or say things that make them feel uncomfortable.

Set up and communicate clearly what the family rules are (which you should also follow) regarding internet use, such as:

* Limit the amount of screen time that is allowed.
* Do not share personal information online, including name, address, name of school, phone number, passwords etc. Only use a screen name.
* Never trade personal photographs through the mail or over the internet.
* Never respond to threatening emails or messages.

Taking an active role in your kids’ Internet activities will help ensure that they benefit from the wealth of valuable information it offers without being exposed to any potential dangers.
Uniform Shop *specials & new polo orders*

*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. Our long sleeve polo shirts are on special for $5.00 & polo fleece $15.00. The new polo shirts are available to purchase from Rochester Sportspower ($24.00). Sportspower will be providing the shirts on a temporary basis until our tendering process is finalised.

**ORDERS MUST BE IN FOR THE FIRST BATCH BY TODAY.**

Canteen

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Please Note: the Canteen is not able to supply students with forks or spoons for food other than is purchased from the Canteen. Please ensure that you supply your child with a plastic fork or spoon for any lunches they bring from home. Thanks.

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

It is a Department regulation that the school is notified of any cases of infectious diseases eg Chicken pox etc.

**NAMING OF CLOTHING** - A reminder to parents to name clothing. We have a number of jumpers that are not named.
STUDENT BANKING
Any bank books need to be left at the school office on a **Wednesday by 9.30a.m.** Bank books will be returned on Thursday. Alternatively you can visit the Bank in person.

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE
Dear Parents,
Our school will be participating in a school cultural performance “G’Day Asia” on Monday 30th May at 2p.m in our senior neighbourhood. The amount has been partially subsidised by the school and therefore the cost of the performance is now only $4 per student.

Please fill in the note below and return to school with the $4 by Tuesday 24th May 2016.

Leanne Picone.

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE – G’DAY ASIA – MONDAY 30TH MAY

I give permission for my child/children…………………………………………………………………………………………………. to participate in the cultural performance “G’Day Asia”.

I have enclosed $4 per child for the cost of the performance.

Parent/Guardian signature………………………………………..

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BBQ Catering - Friday 10th June

The school have accepted a catering job on Friday 10th June. We are seeking donations of slices. If you are able to assist please fill out the form and return to the Office. Slices can be frozen or fresh and left at the office on Thursday 9th. Please contact the office for a food label (must be attached to cooked items).

I ………………………………………………………………… am able to help with slices. I will supply:
Lemon slice……………. Rum balls ……………………. Hedgehog ……… Or ……………………………………. 