WHAT'S COMING UP!

Rochy Rascals Playgroup
9am—11am each Monday

Friday 24th June
Last day Term 2
2.30pm finish

Special Assembly
Forever Young Choir
Performance 1.30pm.

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

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Erin Haisman
Lia Dayang
Ethan Bird
Leah Toohill
Lily Caine
Chelsea Purdy
Ambrose Dehne

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank You for Term 2.
What a wet and cold term it became! I think everyone will be very happy to
have a break and get rid of a host of “bugs” that have laid our students low.
Our “army” of parents have been supportive of the school in many areas form
fundraising to excursions and special event days. All of this is to support our
kids and to make the school a special place for them. Thank you for that
support and come back and help us again next term! A big thank you to
the staff for the work this term in what have been often trying conditions, think
weather, illness and road works.

Special Assembly
Our assembly will start tomorrow at 1.30 and run for a “bit over” half an hour.
We will be hosting the world premier of the Forever Young Choir and then our
regular assembly segments. [Mrs Povey and I are a little disappointed that
there will be no five cent pig this week. Thank you to Charlee Roulston for
presenting us with a wooden spoon last week!]

Reports
Our teachers have put many hours on weekends and evenings into producing
the reports that go home this week. Please take the time to read these
carefully. These are the summation of all the assessment and observations that
the teachers have made of each child and provide an accurate gauge of
what they are currently capable of and future directions for them to follow.

House Change
We have decided to reduce our “Houses” from three to two. Mr Rasmussen
and myself will allocate the students that are currently in Apollo into either
Gemini or Saturn. The reason behind the change is that the original House
system was set up for an enrolment of 300 plus students. We now have
difficulty with a smaller enrolment running events due to insufficient numbers in
different age group and genders. This is particularly difficult with our Athletic
sports. This is a significant change and will mean that we spill all House
Captain positions and run new elections early next term.

Lion’s Public Speaking
Over the past few weeks our students have been working on their speeches
for the Lions Club Public speaking competition. We have been involved in this
for many years now and the quality of the students work has continued to im-
prove. We now have a very even competition with many high performing
students. Thank you to Graham Willis and Leah Weston for being our guest
judges. The winning student for Grade 3 and 4 was Nate Rasmussen with the
runner up Maddison Pearse and for the Grade 5 and 6 Bonnie Pertzel with the
runner up Ellie Moroney. Our winning students will go on to compete against
students from St Joseph’s and Nanneella.

Graeme
Star of the Week

Prep C  |  Jeff Trist
Gr 1/2Ellis  |  Jake Werner
Gr 1/2W  |  Leia Birthsel
Gr 3/4I  |  Jasmine Johns
Gr 3/4M  |  Bailey Ryan
Gr 5/6 Ras  |  Lilli Patience
Gr 5/6 Ros  |  Haylee Banfield
Aussie of the Month  |  Jordan Town

Grade 3 & 4 ICT

In the grade 3/4 area this term students have applied themselves to using new skills and apps on the iPads. These skills have involved researching information from different web sources and writing the information found in their own words to create information presentations based on different topics. The students have enjoyed the challenge of identifying good sources and writing in their own words. We have also used Animation FX app which allows students to film short pieces of video and add Hollywood style effects (special effects) to it. We used this app to create exciting introductions for narrative writing pieces. In addition, we have also used a variety of apps in conjunction with our maths topic areas. These apps allow the students to apply their math knowledge and concepts learnt in an interactive and engaging environment.

Grade 3 & 4 News

Grade three and four have been learning about immigration with Mrs Picone. To celebrate their learning they went on an excursion to the Golden Dragon Museum in Bendigo. While there students spent time making their own lanterns. They also toured the museum to learn about traditional Chinese customs, what life was like for Chinese Immigrants in Australia, and how the two cultures have come together to compliment each other. After visiting the museum they had lunch and a break at Weeroona Park. Students described the day as fun and interesting. Thanks to Mrs Picone for organizing this terrific excursion.

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WELFARE UPDATE—RESILIENCE

Everybody’s life has ups and downs

Adults sometimes look back on their childhood as a time when they were always happy, but life’s ups and downs are a part of childhood too. Children need to build resilience skills to be able to both enjoy good times and deal with hard times. Helping children learn how to manage life’s ups and downs and build their coping skills supports their mental health and wellbeing now and into the future. Feeling good protects mental health and wellbeing.

Did you know that experiencing positive emotions such as joy, pleasure and having fun are essential experiences for building and maintaining a healthy mind across our whole lives?

Grade 3/4

The grade 3’s and 4’s have begun a series of lessons with Mrs. May on how to build resilience. They are examining how success, challenge, and failure strengthen personal identities. Last week they brainstormed the range of positive and negative emotions that occur during class time and playtime. Each student set a goal on how they can make class time and playtime a more positive experience for themselves and others.

Nate Rasmussen: “I know that part of being resilient is bouncing back when you get down. You really have to get back up again”

Brooklyn Sparks: “I have been resilient when something bad has happened to me. I am learning to bounce back quicker and to be more positive.

Grade 5/6

This term in our weekly Social Skills sessions, we have been focusing heavily on the topic of Resilience. Students have been engaged in many activities that have helped them to reflect on how they can learn to be more resilient, such as understanding emotions, how to deal with every day ups and downs and recognizing the strengths we can draw on in times of need.

Here are some comments from the students in Grade’s 3-6

This term in class, we have been learning about bad strengths and good strengths. We have learnt to be positive and how to be resilient. When there is someone who has a problem or they’re being bullied, then we should stand up for them. We have watched lots of videos about people who have experienced really hard things in life and how they have fought back. The last video was about a person who didn’t have any arms or legs and he was born like that. The person to start with was feeling bitter and wasn’t thinking positive. He thought that he couldn’t go to school or university. But, he became so much more resilient and tried hard. By Sneha G

The Resilience sessions have taught me that even if I think things are really bad, that things could be a lot worse. It has taught me to not be bitter about things that I do not have and to be grateful for the things that I do have. By Harley B

I have learnt that some people don’t have arms or legs and we think we have trouble doing things, but if we think of them, that helps us a lot. Anything is possible if we believe in ourselves. We can always get back up if we fall down! By Haylee B
Social Service

Our school community has been very generous in donating pencils and textas over the last month in our ‘handful of help’ drive. The Student Action Team has designed and laminated a tag to be attached to each bundle ‘a handful of help from Rochester Primary School’ proudly displaying our new logo which will be seen all the way over in Africa.

Over 130 bundles have been assembled by the enthusiastic team who have been pleased to be so busy and proud at seeing all the donations.

Ayla has collected all the bundles and was most grateful for our donation and very happy to be able to take these gifts with her. She was delighted with the great number of bundles that we collected. We wish her all the best as she ventures back to Malawi and say a very big thank you to all those families who donated to this cause.

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).

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Rochester Basketball Association
Expressions of Interest

Adult Basketball Competition
Mens/Womens
Starting August, 2016

All enquiries to Darren Pain – 0429 843 681 or Rochester Sportspower

Brianna James – 0418 580 500

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MUSIC LESSONS

Vacancies exist from Term 3—Piano, Organ, Keyboard

Contact: Mrs Peg Haismann
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COMPOSGE REGIONAL LIBRARY

Winter @ your Library
Rochester Library, 43-46 Mackay St, ROCHERST

Date and Time: Shuurday the 14th of July
12.00pm on the 14th of July.
Must be labelled and in a container
Judging commences at 1:00pm
Where: REDHS Function Room
PRIZES TO BE WON!

Categories
Young Bakers
Home Baking Legends
Nana Masterclass

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