WHAT'S COMING UP!

**Rochy Rascals Playgroup**
9am—11am each Monday

**TOMORROW**
Friday 22nd July
Curriculum Day
No Students at School

**Book Club**
Due back 27th July

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

**BIRTHDAY**
**CONGRATULATIONS**
Charlie Godden
Louise Hocking

**School Captains**
Our Grade six students have voted on the School Captains for the second semester. This followed election speeches by the nominated students. I was very impressed with the quality of the speeches both in the content and also in the delivery of them. This reflects a lot of work by teachers over the last four years on developing student public speaking. Normally we would announce the new Captains at this weeks assembly, however this will not occur due to the curriculum day. A formal presentation of badges will be made next week and parents will be invited to attend. The new captains [and their families] will be informed early next week to allow them to start their new roles.

**Girls Footy Team**
On Wednesday our girl’s football team headed off to play interstate football in Moama. Eight different teams compete in this event and our girls have always performed well. Today they lost two, won one and had a draw in the fourth game. Mr Rasmussen said they all played well and most importantly displayed great sportsmanship throughout. Well done girls.

**Interviews**
Our parent teacher interviews are on tonight. We look forward to seeing you at school and taking the opportunity to talk to your child’s teacher. If you cannot make it tonight please contact the school for an alternative time. This is the best way to share the program that your child is involved in at school.

**Curriculum Day – Tomorrow- No students attend.**
Tomorrow [Friday] staff will be involved in work on literacy, cyber safety, future directions for the school and digital technologies. It will be a busy day but will allow us to implement some new programs into our student programs.

**Enrolments**
Please make sure your enrolment forms for next year are in. This is for any new students but particularly for our new preps. If you have students currently at school and will be enrolling a prep we really need you to get your form to us. I start next years planning now and can only work on confirmed enrolments.

**Young Baker Award**
Congratulations to Nate Mussared for winning the Young Baker award at redhs cooking without sugar competition. I have yet to taste his granola bar but he assures me they are delicious! [We love to celebrate our students success so please share with us anything your child has been successful.]

**Mrs Wright is back!**
Mrs Wright has been overseas on Long Service Leave but is back full of stories of her travels and the interesting places she visited. . Thank you to Simone Mitchell for filling in last week, we are lucky to have such good replacements when our staff are away.

**Thank you** to our recent BBQ helpers Leesa Purdy, Garry Millett, Sue Thompson, Ingrid Tysoe, Greg Tiller, Casey James and organisers Beck Crawford and Adie Foster.
Graeme
**Star of the Week**

Prep C
Tahlia

Gr 1/2Ellis
Maverick Failla

Gr 1/2W
Haydn Wilkins

Gr 3/4i
Natalie Moon

Gr 3/4M
Jasmin Moroney

Gr 5/6 Ras
Makayler Tatt

Gr 5/6 Ros
Reed Hocking

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**Curriculum News**

**INTERVIEWS.** Parent teacher interviews are on today after school. If you have requested an interview and not heard back then you may need to check your child’s schoolbag for a return interview note. These notes were sent home last week.

**TERM TOPICS.** Teachers have been planning the curriculum for this term. Topics taught will include.

- **PREP, 1/2**—Living Things, Minibeasts/Animals and the Olympic Games.
- **Grade 3/4**—May the Force be With You (Force - Pushing and Pulling) & Olympic Games.
- **Grade 5/6**—Essential Energy (Science - Using energy) & The Olympic Games.

**TERM EVENTS CALENDAR.** This will be attached to the newsletter today. It is a very busy term with a number of excursions, both sporting and curriculum based. Please be sure to check the events and jot them into your diary. There are a number of events where we would be grateful for your help. If you are available for any of these events please let your child’s teacher know.

**DANCE FOR THE FUN OF IT.** Our school will be participating in a school cultural performance ‘Dance for the fun of it’ at 2pm on Monday 8th August in our Senior Neighbourhood. The show explores dance styles like Hip Hop, Melbourne Shuffle, Conga, The Sailor’s Hornpipe, Ballroom & Ballet, Macarena, Hokey Pokey, Chicken Dance, Disco, Nut Bush City Limits and Popping. It combines humour, audience participation, surprise, costumes, and of course, dance. The amount has been partially subsidised by the school and therefore the cost of the performance is now only $4 per student. Notes will be sent home with the newsletter today.

**LIONS CLUB PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.** Best wishes to Bonnie Pertzel and Nate Rasmussen who will represent our school at the Rochester Lions Club finals at Rochester on Sunday 31st July. The winners of this competition will then proceed to the next round at Tongala on 7th August.

**TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING.** Curriculum Day. Tomorrow teachers will participate in activities and learning in the following areas. Mindfulness, Writing Conferencing, eSmart, student individual learning plans, student goal setting, ICT (digital technologies) and school communities. We are also very lucky to have a guest speaker in Mrs May who will talk to us about education in Canada and her experiences in our Australian education system and Aussie life in general.

**LIBRARY.** The library painting has been completed and also book culling has been completed. Our shelves are about to go back in and books replaced back onto shelves. Students will be back borrowing as soon as this is completed. A special thanks must go to Jessie Wilson for marking off the codes of deleted books and to Kate and Kayla who continue to delete these books from our computer system. We are currently getting quotes for some bright new furniture for this room. Teachers are continuing to review and cull all of the old posters and charts as well. Keep your eyes out for more information in regards to our ‘GRAB A BOOK BARGAIN’ sale... coming soon!

**‘LET’S READ’ PROGRAM.** This program will be launched within the Rochester Area on August 25th at the covered area at RPS at 2pm. Parents with babies, toddlers and pre-school children have been invited to attend. All children will receive a book bag and a free book. This is a national evidence-based early literacy initiative that promotes reading with children from birth to five years. It was developed by the Centre for Community Child Health and the Royal Children’s Hospital. It works in partnership with the Dept. of Education, The Smith Family, our Local Shire and other community based groups.

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**Reading is a really important part of your child’s development.** Sharing books with your child from birth is fun and helps build the skills needed for starting school. ‘Let’s Read’ supports families to share words, rhymes, songs, books stories with their children anytime, anywhere.
Boys Football Tournament

Last Wednesday, the 13th of July, 16 students from Grades 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Echuca to represent the Rochester Primary School in the local football tournament. The boys played against teams from in and around the Echuca area, Lockington, Kyabram schools and Moama. Due to illness and injuries we were only able to take 16 players, this soon got worse when we lost our captain Cody Thompson before the first bounce of the first game. We were soon to be down to 14 when our ruckman Riley Gordon hurt his hand. Despite the lack of numbers, the boys never stopped trying and put in some really positive performances. We produced our best game of the day against Echuca 208, narrowly losing by a goal. Although we were unable to win a game, the kids had a great day and we did not stop encouraging and trying all day. Best players for the day were Reed Hocking, Cameron Keenan and Declan Pearse. Harrison Foster kicked 3 goals for the team for the day.

Girls Football Carnival

On Wednesday the 20th of July, 18 keen young ladies went to Moama to represent the school in the Echuca Girls Football Carnival. The girls played some ferocious footy, being prepared to tackle hard, throw themselves in at the footy and were able to team up all over the ground. We started with Echuca East, who have now won the last 3 tournaments. The girls played some terrific footy and thanks to a goal from Giselle Crawford, were only 1 goal down at half time. Although we had our chances in the second half, we ended up losing by 13 points. Next, we played against Tongala and a Teal Hocking goal meant that we had a thrilling draw. The girls looked tired and sore when they came up against Echuca 208 and were beaten easily. Our last game of the day was against St Mary’s and this is when the girls played clearly their best game for the day. With great tackling and teamwork, the girls ended up winning by 19 points. In a very even team performance for the day, best players were Teal Hocking, Charlee Roulston, Stephanie Moon, Poppy Read, Alannah Weeks and Ellie Moroney.

Level 5/6 Area News

Kids and teachers have jumped straight back into work following the holidays. The last week of term last year was a fantastic week for our students.

Mindfulness Day

We had our first Mindfulness day where children listened to different presenters including Jack Wilson, a Pro Golfer, Jake Edwards from Beyond The Locker Room Program and Katherine Watson who is a dietician.

We also had an aerobics session led by Kristy Roulston, a Yoga session instructed by Jenna Carnie and a Mindfulness session co-ordinated by Shayna Davis.

The theme of the day was how to look after yourself and making smart life decisions.

This term our Integrated Studies focus will be Science based and will focus on Energy. Our Grade 6 students have just given their School Captain Speeches and we will be electing our 4 new school captains at the next school assembly. This term promises to be action packed and we look forward to another fantastic term with two wonderful Grade 5/6 classes.
Level 5/6 Area News (cont.)

Lions Public Speaking

We also had our Lions Public Speaking Competition where students produced a 4 minute speech on a Day in the Life of a chosen profession. The standard was incredible and in a close contest, Ellie Moroney was declared the runner up and Bonnie Pertzel won with her speech on a truck driver. She will now represent the school in the Regional Finals.

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS

Next Monday 40 families will receive a Parent Opinion Survey. As in other years families have been chosen at random. Please complete the survey and return to the office by Friday 29th July (with your name written on the tear off slip). NO SURVEYS ARE OPENED AT SCHOOL. All surveys are sent to an independent organisation for collation and reporting. Please fill in the survey if you receive one as they are important to our school.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

“SafeLace” - these are a great idea to keep shoe laces tied safely. Orders, and money are due back by 4th August. A sample of the “safelace” is on display at the office. A great idea for a gift.

Knitting Nest News

Our Wednesday lunchtime knitting nest has started again with a couple of projects as our mission. As well as finger knitting and conventional knitting there is an invitation to others in our community to join in with a Knit for Nepal appeal where squares are being knitted. These squares should be 20cm x 20cm, roughly 44 stitches in a row with size 4mm needles (old size 8) using 8 ply wool. They can be dropped off at our office or at Rochester Newsagency.

CANTEEN ROSTER—July/ August  (A full roster for the term is on the back page)

Special dates this term—Friday 29th July Sausage Sizzle & 10th August Weird Wacky Wednesday snack day.

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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).

MUSIC LESSONS

Vacancies exist from Term 3—Piano, Organ, Keyboard

Contact: Mrs Peg Haisman
PH: 54841 379
MOBILE: 0477 202 555

After School Tutoring

When: Starting Monday 18th July
Where: Rochester Community House
With: Helen Coughlin (Primary Teacher)
Time: from 3.30pm - 4.30pm (15 minute blocks)
Assistance with reading and other areas of Literacy, along with Mathematics (Primary School focus).
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
Bookings Essential. Phone 54843600 or email roch-commho@communityhouse.org.au or send us a message on facebook.

Rotary Club of Rochester
Tuesday 16th August 2016
10am till 2:30pm
Rochester Recreation Reserve

18th Farm & Road Safety Expo

What you can see and do at the 18th Farm & Road Safety Expo.

Campaspe Library

Entertainment for Pre Schoolers

SHAPE STATION is coming to Rochester!
Tuesday 26th July at 10.30am

A great show for pre schoolers with questions to answer, problems to solve and imagination to explore.