Principal’s Report:

Lions Club Public Speaking
On Sunday we hosted the Rochester Lions Club Public Speaking competition for the town. Students from Nanneella, St Joseph’s and our school competed in two divisions [Grade 3 and 4 and Grade 5 and 6.] We were represented by Nate Rasmussen and Bonnie Pertzel. Both students performed to a very high level and can be proud of their efforts. Both were “runners up” in their heat in what were very close contests. Well done.

Student Leadership
Congratulations to our four new school captains for the remainder of the year. Sam Felmingham, Patrick McDonald, Ellie Moroney and Teal Hocking, four very worthy recipients. I look forward to working closely with these people as they represent the students at our school. A very large thank you to our outgoing captains, Charlee Roulston, April Eeles, Cody Thompson and Cameron Keenan. They have been outstanding in their role and set a high standard for their peers.

Revamped House Program
We will be spending this semester revamping the way our house competition runs. We intend to use a model similar to the Student Action Team with a student leadership group working with Mr Rasmussen and myself. For this semester only we have four “captains” [Grade 6 students] and 2 “vice captains” [Grade 5] to act as student representatives on the House committee. For Gemini we have Ben Morris, Cam Keenan, Charlee Roulston and Kylie Harris Cardilini as captains supported by Kody Lees and Giselle Crawford as vice captains. Saturn will have Cody Thompson, Harley Butler Banfield, April Eeles and Steph Moon as captains supported by Summer Pain and Reed Hocking.

Prep 100 days!
Wow! Did we have some excited Prep students on Monday? Their first 100 days of school have been achieved and they celebrated in style with a cake and lots of special activities. Each student produced a special 100 “something” poster made out of all sorts of things, 100 feathers, 100 cotton buds, stickers and on it went. One highlight is a 100 chart made out of ear tags for cows! Big thank you to Mrs Collins and her band of helpers. [The special 100 day shirts she made were really… well….special!]

Netball Team
Well done to our Netball team at Swan Hill last Thursday. The girls played brilliantly! See photo of our winning team and report on page 4.

Graeme
Star of the Week
Prep C  Isla Haisman
Gr 1/2 Ellis  Oliver Bannon
Gr 1/2 W  Zayden Trist
Gr 3/4 I  Lily Peake
Gr 3/4 M  Brock Keenan
Gr 5/6 Ras  Amy Fitzgerald
Gr 5/6 Ros  Declan Pearse

Birthday Congratulations
Maddison McInnes, Billy Ludbey, Declan Pearse, Haylee Banfield

Level 1 & 2 News
Students in level 1 and 2 have started to investigate the Olympic Games and what they mean and when they occur. They have discovered that the Games occur every four years and that a different nation is host each games. There are mascots created for each games and watching Youtube clips students discovered the names of this years mascots. Vinicius is the character for the Olympics and Tom for the Paralympic games.

Rio’s Olympic mascot reflects Brazil’s colorful culture. This year’s Olympic mascot is named Vinicius, and it’s a creature designed to represent all of Brazil’s native animals. Its multi-colored arms and legs seem reminiscent of the country’s tropical birds, while its cat-like facial features are more representative of the Amazon rainforest’s big felines. A lizard-like tail completes the design. According to the Olympic organizing committee’s website, Vinicius was “born out of the explosion of joy that happened when they announced that Rio would host the Olympic Games.” Some students have started their own investigations at home and brought these facts to share with the class.

Student Placement
Rochester Primary School often accommodates requests from Universities throughout Victoria to provide practicum placement for students completing studies in Education. Currently Mr Stephen Rasmussen is mentoring Ashleigh Gamble, providing opportunities to develop her skills and an understanding of all aspects of our profession in the Grade 5/6 area of the school.

Prep—100 Days! Our youngest students celebrate 100 days of their school life. More photos next week
School Captains

Patrick McDonald, Teal Hocking, Sam Felmingham & Ellie Moroney

House Captains & Vice Captains

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PARENT OPINION SURVEYS

Were sent home last week. We have only received 16 back (from 40 sent out). If you have not already done so, please return to the office tomorrow. NO SURVEYS ARE OPENED AT SCHOOL. All surveys are sent to an independent organisation for collation and reporting.

FUNDRAISING NEWS—ORDERS DUE IN TODAY!

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Available from our Uniform shop are shorts, skorts, dresses and track pants in a range of sizes. Shirts and fleecy tops are available from Sportspower

Special dates this term 10th August Weird Wacky Wednesday snack day. See attached flyer.

Great News—Sushi is back on the menu. $2.50 per piece (slight increase).
Now available: Kraft Cheese Sticks $1.00 each.

CANTEEN ROSTER—August

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PRINCIPAL: Graeme Hodgens
Regional Finals Netball Team:
Giselle Crawford, Poppy Read, April Eeles, Teal Hocking, Ellie Moroney, Stephanie Moon, Alannah Weeks and Charlee Roulston

Yesterday our netball team travelled to Swan Hill for the regional netball tournament following their win at the Echuca and District Netball tournament. They played five games including the finals. The first game they played was against St Joseph's Bendigo where they lost by three. The next game was won against St Mary's Swan Hill. They won the deciding match to see if they were in the semi finals against Red Cliffs Primary School 30 to 6.

In the semi final they played St Theresa's and won by three goals thanks to star shooters, Ellie and Teal, interceptions in mid court and turn overs in the defence end.

They then progressed to the grand final against St Joseph's Bendigo, the team that had beaten them in the first match of the day. At half time they were up 15 to 3 then in the last half they scored another ten goals for a massive victory. The final score was 25 to 6.

The girls will now head off to the state finals in Melbourne. A huge thanks to Kristy for the wonderful job of coaching us and getting us this far!

School Nurse Visit
Leona Evans, our Primary School Nurse, will be visiting school this term.

Prep Health Assessments: All parents of prep grade children are requested to complete a Health Questionnaire and return the form to the school office by August 17th.

Children cannot be seen without a signed consent from a parent or guardian. There is no cost for the service.

The School Nurse can be accessed at any time throughout the year.

Referrals (All Grades): Parents and/ or teachers may refer children from any grade for assessments of vision, hearing, basic speech, toileting problems, behavioural issues or any parental concerns. Please collect a referral form from the school office.

Rochester Basketball Association
Basketball Season - Competition 2—Meeting
Wednesday, 10th August, 2016 @ 7pm
@ Shamrock Hotel Rochester
RBA General Meeting for upcoming Summer Season for both Junior and Senior Competitions.
All interested players must attend.

Rochester Basketball Representative Teams - Try Outs
Sunday 14 August, 2016
Girls – 11 years and older @ 3pm
Boys – 11 years and older @ 4pm
Any queries, please contact Darren at Rochester Sportspower or Phone 0429 843 681