Principal’s Report:

Child Safe
All schools are currently ensuring that their policies and programs are compliant with the standards expected by the State Government. This has meant that a number of our policies around camps and excursions will need to be modified. These will be presented to School Council to be verified and any member of our community can have access to these once they have been through the drafting stage. Any organisation that works with children will be asked over the next twelve months to go through a similar review process. Any impact that these changes have on the way parents, volunteers and community members operate in our school will be clearly outlined. The focus is on keeping all children safe and this is something that we will all work on together. If anyone wishes to discuss this with me please contact the school.

Student Absences
Children are absent from school for a variety of reasons however, every absence needs to be accounted for. If your child is missing from school please contact the school directly or send an absence note to school explaining why they are missing. The Victorian Government expect all students to attend unless an approved reason is provided. [The child’s birthday or a visit from a relative are not reasons why a child should be absent.]

Fair Day
Our annual Fair Day will be held on the 15th of September. This is our major fundraiser for the year. We need you to come and be a part of this day. Helpers are always appreciated. More details will be in next weeks newsletter.

“Have a Go!”
Over the next few weeks our students will be involved in practice for athletic sports. This will be followed by the sports themselves. We do not expect everyone to be a champion athlete but we do expect them to “have a go.” Students should ensure that they have appropriate footwear [runners] at school each day. Unless a signed note or a phone call is received, students will be expected to participate. We have had a great response from our students over the last few years, please help us to keep that going!

Book Parade
As a part of our Book Week celebrations we will be conducting a loud, colourful and exciting book parade. Students and Staff will be dressed as a wide variety of book characters. Come along and join in the fun!

Graeme

WHAT’S COMING UP!

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TERM DATES - Term 3 - 11/7 to 16/9 Term 4—3/10 to 20/12/2016

A reminder that children are supervised in the yard from 8.40am until 3.35pm
Curriculum News

History

As this is an Olympic year, it is an opportunity across all levels to include the theme of The Olympic Games into our studies, which is happening as the Games unfold. Many new resources of various kinds provide current facts and information as well as the important history and evolution of this world-wide event from ancient times. Investigations and activities all have associated links with our learning intentions at the appropriate levels. For instance, The Junior Neighbourhood is looking at the Olympic Rings, what they mean and the significance of the colours. Identifying our Australian flag and flags of different countries is another investigation. This links in with the strands of Historical Knowledge and Historical Concepts and Skills.

At all levels this can also include learning about and celebrating famous sporting heroes and all the varied sports that athletes compete in. To follow an individual’s road to the Olympics is always a story of determination, persistence and resilience.

It always makes us happy to have special visitors to our rooms... Sam the lamb did just that to the grade 1 and 2 classes.

Let’s Read

The Rochester Community are welcome to attend the official local launch of Let’s Read Campaspe at Rochester Primary School on Thursday 25th August at 2pm. This will be part of Children’s Book Week celebrations and we would love to see pre-schoolers and their parents pop-in to celebrate the launch.

Let’s Read is a national program that promotes the love and importance of reading from a very young age. Parents across the region will now be receiving a Let’s Read bag for their baby when they visit their Maternal and Child Health nurse and then other bags will be available at libraries across the Shire when the child reaches 12 months, 18 months and 3½ years.

Let’s Read is locally funded including a generous donation from Rochester Lions Club to assist with the purchase of book bags and resources. At the launch there will be reading stations, Save the Children Bus activities and more information about the Let’s Read program. For more information contact Jenny Mustey, Echuca Library, 54812400.

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The grade three’s and fours have kicked off their science focus called May the Force Be With You with an investigation on what affects motion. They were strategic and creative as they discovered what is necessary to make a marble move slowly, medium, and fast. They drew impressive sketches of their discoveries and recorded their results like true scientists.
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

100 Days of Prep

CANTEEN ROSTER—August

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Football Favourite Meal Deal Day — Thursday 1st September

Football “Pie” day is Thursday 1st September. Please complete the following form and return (with money & brown paper bag) by Monday 29th August to allow orders to be collated. Bakery order will be placed on Monday so NO late orders will be accepted. Please note: NO OTHER FOOD CAN BE ORDERED ON THIS DAY. Please complete one form for each child. Thank you

Pie □ Pastie □ Sausage Roll □

With sauce □

OJ □ Apple Juice □

Enclosed: $................... $5.00 per meal

Name ........................................................................................................... room no. ............

Whole School Football Theme Day— Thursday 1st September.

What: All students are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite Football colours or Football gear.

All grades will be involved in hands on football rotations on the oval from 11.30 a.m. -1.00 p.m. Players from the Rochester Tigers Football Team will also be assisting with this session. Parents and friends are welcome to come and watch the students participate in the Football Rotations.

Hot pies.............Student’s will be able to order a Footy Theme Meal Deal for this day.

Breakfast Club
On Tuesday and Thursday mornings in Room 6. Come along and enjoy breakfast, a hot milo or just a chat with other students and staff. Breakfast is supplied free of charge.

Pictured: Mrs McPhee and Mr. Hodgens enjoying breakfast and a chat.

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Asthma Management in Winter and Spring:

Asthma is one of the most common chronic childhood conditions, affecting 1 in every 10 children in Australia. Emergency admissions and hospitalisations peak during the winter for children with asthma and flare-ups are often more prevalent during the winter and spring. Good management however can help children with asthma and their carers get through this tricky time of year with more confidence. Here are a few tips for parents and carers:

- make an annual appointment for an asthma review by your child’s doctor
- update your child’s Asthma Plan at the start of each year and provide a copy to the school
- talk to the teacher and other key staff about your child’s asthma – their usual triggers, symptoms and medication
- provide an in-date blue reliever puffer and spacer for use at school (clearly labelled with child’s name and date of birth)
- help your child understand the importance of taking their preventer medication every day, as prescribed
- ask their doctor about having a flu vaccination
- encourage hand washing and covering one’s mouth when coughing to help prevent the spread of germs

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.

Community Notices

**Kids Club**

The Uniting Church Kids Club is back! Starting next week Thursday 18th August from 4—5:30pm. All welcome to attend and enjoy fun activities. Vicki Dow (Coordinator)

**RSPCA Cupcake Day**

Cupcakes (chocolate & vanilla) will be available to purchase on Wednesday 24th August at a cost of $2 each. Cupcakes will need to be pre-ordered. To order complete the attached form and return to the box on the front counter by 19th August with the correct money. Please note that this is not a fundraiser for the school and no money/orders will be accepted by office staff. This is a fundraising event arranged by a parent. All money raised will be donated to the RSPCA.

**Rochester Basketball Association**

**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