Principal’s Report:

**Athletic Sports**
This week our students in Grades 3&4 attended the Inter school Athletic sports in Echuca on Tuesday and our Grade 5 &6 students on Wednesday. Our students have been training hard for these events and were well prepared. Over the last few years we have been cultivating a “have a go” attitude for all students. It is very pleasing to see that this is now a part of our school culture and our students do really join in and try.

**Let’s Read**
Let’s Read is an initiative of the Shire of Campaspe and is run across the shire. This year it was launched at our school. Students from the Pre-School and local prep classes enjoyed a range of reading activities. [including the Mayor reading a book to them.] Our Grade 4 choir sang the National anthem to help start proceedings. This was a great way to finish our Book Week program.

**Book Parade/Book Week Celebration**
The annual book week multi-age activity that ran today is always highly successful. Our older students are mixed with our younger and work together on a variety of activities based around this year’s shortlisted books. The book parade was a spectactule of colour and imagination! There are always some great costumes and staff provide a few laughs as well! A big thank you to Mrs Pascoe, Mrs Collins and Miss Ross with the Student Action team for their work.

**Coming Events**
Trivia Night – 18th of November and Community Fun Night- 14th of October
Last year’s Trivia night proved to be very popular. We will be running this again so please put the date in your diary and start to gather a team. We are chasing prizes and auction items so if anyone can donate something or have a great contact please let Darren Pain or myself know.
Our first Community Fun night is planned for Friday the 14th of October. We intend to run this in the CVCC as a low key “fun family” event. We will have popcorn and other treats available and will be watching a movie. A great chance to bring along the kids and a bean bag or two and enjoy a great family night. More information will be available closer to the event. Thanks Carmen and Karalyn for organising this. [This replaces our regular movie night at Echuca.]

**School Fair**
Our School Fair is only a few weeks away. We need you to be a part of it. Helping can be as simple as bringing the children’s grandparents to school for lunch, helping on a stall or baking a cake. There are many ways to be involved even if you can’t be there on the day. This is our big fundraiser and we need you to be a part of it.

**NAPLAN**
The school has received the results for this year’s Naplan tests. Individual results for all students that sat the test will be sent home today. We received the data in the last few days and will need some time to work through the various reports that accompany these. Whilst results for individuals can be variable depending on how they performed on that one test on that particular day they do provide very valuable information to the school. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss your child’s results.

Graeme
**Star of the Week**

Prep C  Sienna Weeks  
Gr 1/2 Ellis  Kade Pearse  
Gr 1/2 W  Charles Frawley  
Gr 3/4 I  Charlize Weeks  
Gr 3/4 M  Blake Roulston  
Gr 5/6 Ras  Louise Hocking  
Gr 5/6 Ros  Harika Aktepe

**Birthday Congratulations**

**Evie Coghill, Bowen Meloury**

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**Echuca Athletics**

On Tuesday the 23rd of August, our 9 and 10 year old students travelled to Echuca to compete in the Echuca Athletic Sports. There were 8 schools from in and around Echuca that were involved in the carnival. The children competed with great enthusiasm, determination, effort and sportsmanship. They completed 8 events across the day and their individual performances went towards an overall point competition between the schools. We came 6th in the relays, with the 10 year old boys recording the best result of 4th. The overall results had us finishing 6th in the relay competition and 6th in the overall competition.

The following day, it was the 11 and 12 year old students turn to compete. Again the efforts of the children were outstanding and it was wonderful to see them trying so hard in all their events. Some of the highlights of the day included;

- An incredible come from behind win in the 800m from Charlee Roulston where there were 0.22 seconds that separated 1st from 3rd.
- The 12 year old girls relay team winning their event.
- Reed Hocking winning the discus with a throw of 21.30m.
- Teal Hocking jumping 1.28m in High Jump.

It was incredible to see so many ribbons that the children had won by finishing in the top 3 in their events. The results at the end of the day had us finishing 6th in the relays and finishing agonisingly short of being the overall winner, losing by 4 points to finish 2nd. This is the second year in a row that we have finished second, showing just how many talented and determined athletes we have in our school.

Congratulations to these students who have qualified to compete in the Regional Finals in Bendigo later this term.

**Under 11 Boys**

Reed Hocking: Discus (21.3m)  
Josh Murray: Shot Put (8.42m)

**Under 12 Girls**

Teal Hocking: Shot Put (8.64m), High Jump (1.28m) and Discus (18.1m)

April Eeles: Shot Put (7.93m) and Long Jump (3.29m)

Charlee Roulston: 800m (3mins 15seconds 44hundredths)

Under 12 Girls Relay Team: Teal Hocking, April Eeles, Charlee Roulston and Lilli Patience.
PLANT STALL
Can you help us? We are after plants and cuttings for our plant stall.
We hope to have a good selection of plants on the day.

SCHOOL FAIR - THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER - Keep this day free.
11A.M. TO 2.00P.M. Lasagne Cooks - Can you help? We 4 people to make a tray of lasagna. Foil trays and a recipe (that is easy to follow) will be available. Please contact the office if you can help. Lasagne may be frozen before the day and sent to the office. Thanks

Many activities and stalls including: Novelties/Lucky dips, Jumping Castle, Cake & Produce, Showbags, Milkshakes, BBQ, Lob a Choc, Hair Spray, Face painting and much more.
**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. Old style skorts are on sale for $10.00 (while stock last). School bags reduced to $15.00.

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**DAIRY ASSISTANCE FUNDING 2016**

Students currently enrolled at the start of Term 3, 2016 in government and non-government schools where one or both parents:

- Own an operating dairy farm
- Are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- Hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- Work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

Evidence may include:

A dairy industry license issued by Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV)
- Lease documentation
- Share farming contract
- Agreement with a dairy production/supply company
- A letter from an employer
- A statutory declaration stating the family’s main business or employment is on an operating dairy farm (in case where other forms of evidence are not available.

Families who received the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. However families that have previously qualified for the CSEF Drought assistance are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy assistance funding.

A one-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to schools.

Funds can be used for the following:

- School camps/trips
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions/incursions
- Swimming and other school organized sporting programs
- If there are no camps, sports or excursion related expenses, the payment may be allocated towards other school based education expenses incurred by the family for the eligible student*

*These guidelines only apply to the Dairy Assistance funding (not the CSEF payment which was paid separately and is subject to CSEF policy).

Parents/legal guardians will need to apply for this assistance via the Dairy Assistance Application form along with evidence as requested by **18th November 2016**. Forms available from the school office.

This one off payment will be made to the school from September 2016 and allocated when required.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER—August / September**

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PRINCIPAL: Graeme Hodgens
ROCHY LAWN TENNIS CLUB
2016-2017 season
INTERESTED IN PLAYING SATURDAY COMPETITION TENNIS SENIORS – AFTERNOON
JUNIORS – MORNING
R.L.T.C are now taking names of - new and previous players for all sections.
Names to be in by 7th September to
Seniors – Rod: 0429 887 220 or Kate: 0439 657 380
Juniors – Lisa: 0408 371 837 or Simone: 0417 336 404
Hot Shots – Rachel: 040 9862 380 (starting in November)
Season commencing early October
Registration forms from Sportspower or rochesterths@gmail.com

Monday 3rd OCTOBER 4-6PM
PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT CLUBROOMS, EFTPOS AVAILABLE
Online: RLTC BBS: 633 108 A/C 141248757
Reference: Name(s) Type m/ship
& WILSON REP ON HAND WITH ADVICE ON RACQUETS – SUPPORTED BY ROCHESTER SPORTSPOWER.
& JUNIOR TRAINING ALSO COMMENCES

Rochester Angling Club
Presents
TAKING FISHING TO ANOTHER LEVEL
“The Cod Hunter”- ROGER MILES
Renowned Fishing Mentor – will help you master all aspects of fishing including:
• Habitat- where the fish are
• Techniques and Tips
• Sharing a wealth of his fishing experiences.

EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT A FISHERMAN, COME AND HEAR FROM THE EXPERT.
Wednesday 14th September, 6.00pm at our Clubrooms – Recreation Reserve.

Everyone welcome - Free Entry
Sausage sizzle (Gold Coin Donation)
Lucky door prizes.
Enquiries: - Les 0427 841 823
Bringing Up Great Kids Rochester Primary School

This 6 week program for parents and carers will provide and discuss information on:

- building strong and positive relationships with your children.
- increasing your children’s confidence and resilience.
- listening and talking with your children.
- understanding messages from your children and how to respond to them.
- supporting children’s brain, social and emotional development.

When: Term 4 DATES
Tuesday afternoons
130pm-330pm

Where: Rochester Primary School

Facilitators: Leesa Ross (Rochester PS Wellbeing), Prue Robertson (DET Social Worker) & Shayna Davis (DET Social Worker)

To register or for further information please contact: Leesa Ross