Principal's Report:

Peace Run
Our students [and ourselves] seem to be hit with a constant barrage of bad news in the media. A lot of this is related to terrorism and is beyond our understanding and beyond theirs. A constant saturation of this can leave people believing that only bad things happen or that bad things are going to happen. The Sri Chinmoy Home Peace Run is a torch relay that runs across much of the world with the Australian leg commencing in Wangaratta on the 5th of September and will visit our school next Thursday [8th] at 2.00pm. It is not affiliated with any political association or cause other than to provide hope and a positive statement that good things can and do happen. As a part of this visit we will be planting a “peace tree”.

Medical Form
We are in the process of developing an online medical form that parents can download. If this is saved on your home computer it can be filled in and saved for future use. More information on this will come out when it is ready to go.

Survey
Included in this newsletter is a very open survey to identify community opinion on our school. What is important in a school will vary from family to family and we need to know what you value and what you would like to see change. If you prefer to have a chat instead I am readily available to discuss any issue to do with the school. We will be working through a major school review with an external “reviewer” next term and then creating a new four year plan for the school. Please have your say.

Book Sales
We still have lots of books that have been removed from the library. Please drop in, bring a supermarket bag, and grab a bargain. [Students can still purchase books.]

Footy Day
Today is Footy Day! Last chance for me to wear my Travis Cloke jumper. Great to see the school a sea of colour and our students enjoying a fun foot clinic supported by footballers from the Rochester Football Club. The special footy lunch was also very popular. Thanks Student Action Team, Mr Rass, Miss Ross and Mrs Povey.

Disco
Yes it is almost here! The one time of the year I get to bust some moves and show off my prodigious dance skills. The disco is for all students at our school and is one of the most popular events we run. The theme this year is anything beginning with “S”. Doors open at 5.30 for a 7.00pm pick up. Cost is $5 per student.

Fair Day
We are counting down the days. Anyone with books, old treasure or plants they wish to donate please start dropping these items in to the school. Most importantly make sure you come and join in the fun.

Graeme
Star of the Week
Prep C  Nate Mussared
Gr 1/2Ellis  Patrick Reid
Gr 1/2W  Sophie Joyce
Gr 3/4I  Lachie Joyce
Gr 3/4M  Pepper Bannon
Gr 5/6 Ras  Riley Gordon
Gr 5/6 Ros  Angus Harding

Birthday Congratulations
Maddie Howard, Reed Hacking, Shannon Hatcliffe

First Aid
As the end of term three approaches and the weather is starting to improve, it is time again to remind students of the need to wear sun protection. In term four it is compulsory to wear a wide brimmed or bucket hat during recess, lunch play, sport and on excursions. School policy is ‘No Hat, No Play. We encourage student to wear sunscreen and ask that, when possible, they apply before school and reapply at school before break and sporting activities.

Science
Semester two is our major science focus across the school. In the junior neighbourhood, students have been learning about mini-beasts. We have been working on classifying, recognising common features and have investigated life cycles of mini-beasts, such as, butterflies. The senior neighbourhood are focusing on different types of energy, and have participated, through investigative activities, in topics such as: water power and static electricity. As part of the transition program from Rochester Primary to Rochester Secondary College, the grade six students have visited the science labs within the high school and been involved in rotation type activities of various science themes.

Farm & Road Safety
Junior Neighborhood students have been very busy, with the Farm and Road Safety Expo, Mini Olympics and Book-week. At the expo many stands were visited by groups of students where important safety messages were presented. One important message passed on to us through a question was “Do the children know their name and address and an emergency contact number in case of an emergency?” This is a very important reminder for parents.

Mini Olympics at Lockington
On Thursday 18th August student from our Junior Neighborhood joined with students from Lockington Consolidated School to participate in the Mini Olympics. Children were involved in events such as the egg and spoon race, sack race, gumboot throw and tunnel ball race. The event included an opening ceremony and medal presentation. Thank you to the parents for travelling to Lockington to show your support. The students had a great time and many of the comments were that the students loved making new friends.
Bookweek

On Thursday 25th August staff and students dressed up as characters from story books to celebrate Bookweek. A parade was held and then the children participated in various art activities related to the shortlisted books this year. A big thanks to all the parents who attended the colourful and fun filled parade to show their support for their children and the school. These multi-age activities encourage socialization and friendship building across the school and are considered valuable sessions to integrate students across our school. The book of the Year winner: Early childhood category was “Mr Huff”.
Athletic Helpers
I forgot to thank the parents and grandparents that helped at the Athletic Sports in Echuca last week. It would simply be impossible to run this event without the parent help that we get, which would mean that we would not be able to participate in the sports. So, a huge thank you to all the parents that helped out, particularly to Kristy Roulston and Ros Eeles who helped all of the two days that we were at the Athletics. Thanks, Steve

Maths
The school is heavily focusing its maths teaching around problem solving. We deem this to be the most critical part of maths learning. Often we see children that have excellent number skills, that is, they know their times tables and can confidently add and subtract numbers. However, some of these children are not able to apply these skills successfully to real life maths problems. Having this knowledge of number, without being able to apply it to maths problems, means that the child is very limited.

A way that you can help your child enormously in maths, is to give them real life maths problems that they can work through. Questions such as:
• How much money would these three items cost at the supermarket?
• If I was travelling at this speed, how long would it take me to go get to Echuca?
• If a can of coke costs $2, how much would it cost me to buy a can for everyone in the class?

Any question that makes them apply their maths knowledge to a maths problem, helps them to develop their skills in this area. Encourage the children to explain their thinking, how did they come up with the answer they did?

Maths is everywhere, the earlier we can get the children thinking about maths problems, the easier it is for them to grasp this concept.

FAIR NEWS—ONLY 14 DAYS TO GO!!!!

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.

LUCKY DIP & NOVELTIES—This year, Grade Prep will be running the Lucky Dip stand and the Novelty stand at the school fair. We are asking for donations from families for our lucky dip stall. If you would like to donate a brand new item or items for the boys or girls lucky dip to the value of $1.00 we would appreciate your assistance. Thank you, Maria Collins & Grade Prep.

Pre Order Lunch – If you would like to pre-order lunch for your child/ren, please complete the attached form and send to office. with the correct money.

FOOD AVAILABLE AT THE FAIR

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Prep C Novelties/Lucky dips
Gr 1 / 2 Ellis Jumping Castle
Gr 1 / 2 W Cake/Produce
Gr 3/4P Showbags
Gr 3/4M Milkshakes
Gr 5/6 Ross Lob a Choc
Gr 5/6 Ras Hair Spray/Food Tickets/Sports

BBQ Lunch, Plants, Books, Trash & Treasure, Photo booth, Mister Brooks coffee van and MUCH more....

ACTIVITIES (approx prices)

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UNIFORM SHOP
Available from our Uniform shop are shorts, skorts, dresses and track pants in a range of sizes. All items are reduced, once they are sold we will not be restocking.

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.

CANTEEN ROSTER—September
Term 4 draft roster is attached. Please check and if you can’t do your day, or you can do a day that help is required, please contact the office.

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Legacy Week 2016 - Starts 1st September

Legacy Week is the annual national appeal to raise awareness and funds for the families of our incapacitated and deceased Veterans. It is held in towns and cities big and small across Australia and supported by young and old. The funds raised from Legacy Week help Legacy continue to assist approximately 80,000 widows and 1,800 children and people with disabilities Australia-wide, with essential services such as, counselling, special housing, medical, advocacy and social support.  Please support this Fundraising Week.

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**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 372 837 or Simone: 0417 336 404

Hot Shots – Rachel: 040 966 280 (starting in November)

Season commencing early October

Registration forms from Sportspower or rochester!tc@gmail.com

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**Monday 3RD October 4-6PM**

Payment can be made at clubrooms, EFTPOS available

Online: RLLC BSB: 653 108 A/C 141248757

Reference: Name(s) Type of Club

Wilson Rep on hand with advice on racquets – supported by Rochester Sportspower.

Junior training also commences

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**** DISCO MANIA ****

Cost to enter is $5 per student, which in-

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**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)

**Australian Childhood Foundation**

To register or for further information please contact: Leesa Ross

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