Principal’s Report:

Welcome Back
It was great to see everyone back on deck with bright smiles, would be nice to see the weather turn that way now! Welcome back to a busy term that will feature our school production. For the first time the whole school will be performing so it really will be a “school” production! Please keep the evening of Thursday the 3rd of November free.

Canada Day!
Today we celebrated all things Canada as a tribute to Mrs May, Rosie and Willow. It was great to see so many of our students and staff wearing red. Thanks to the staff for cooking a special pancake breakfast for brekky club. A special thank you to all the students that offered endless advice on how to cook them!

Film Night - Friday 14th October
Drag out a beanbag and a doona and come along to our family fun film night. This will be held at the CVCC and we will be showing a brilliant family film. This is not intended as a fund-raiser, just a great family night. Popcorn and drinks will be available to purchase on the night. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Fair day
Our fantastic fair day last term returned a profit of $4500. This is a brilliant effort. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this day a success. Special thank you to Alana Godden for all the work she did in the planning stages and on the fair day.

esCarpades – 28th of October
Our school is very lucky to have been selected for a visit by the esCarpade rally. [If you have heard of the Variety Bash it is very similar.] Essentially about thirty cars that have been modified in many weird and wonderful ways are touring around NSW and Victoria. They are visiting towns along the way and apart from having a lot of fun and showing off their cars they are raising money for Camp Quality. This charity has been raising money to support families that are suffering through child cancer. As a part of their visit they will provide a free puppet show that addresses the myths and misconceptions around the illness. [More detail can be found on a flyer attached to the newsletter.] The puppet show runs from 2.00pm until 3.00pm and parents are welcome to come and watch as well.

Swimming Program – advance warning.
Our swimming program will be running for the week beginning 28th of November. We can only run this program with your help. Please check your diary and work schedules and see if you can help to keep our kids safe in the water.

Dance
All classes today started their dance lessons as a preparation for the school production. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and smiles on the students faces as they made their first attempts at learning these.

Secondary College Fun Day—Tomorrow
All students will have the opportunity to attend the secondary college fun day tomorrow from 1.00pm—2pm (under supervision of teachers). Students are able to purchase their lunches as well as enjoy a host of activities including showbags, fairy floss, hairspray, tattoos etc.  

Graeme

WHAT’S COMING UP!

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**Star of the Week**

Prep C  Charlie Watson  
Gr 1/2Ellis  Jeff Hynes Cody  
Gr 1/2W  Eden Beaumont  
Gr 3/4i  Paige Knight  
Gr 3/4M  Mackenzie Edwards  
Gr 5/6 Ras  Zac Bywaters  
Gr 5/6 Ros

**Birthday Congratulations**

Rylan Chamberlin, Pepper Bannon, Rosie May

**Curriculum News**

**Pre-service Teachers**

This week Hannah Fuller, Jessica DeMaria and Kirsty Simm commenced pre service teacher placement at our school. Hannah is working with the students in Grade Prep and both Jessica and Kirsty are working in Grade One /Two Ellis for three weeks. During this time they will be assisting the staff and working with the students, developing their skills and learning about the Education community at Rochester Primary School.

**Transition News**

Group Tours have been conducted during August for 2017 Prep students. Open sessions will take place for students enrolled on the following dates:

- Monday 24th October, 2016  Time: 9am – 2.00pm
- Thursday 27th October, 2016  Time: 2-3.15pm
- Monday 7th November, 2016  Time: 2.00 – 3.15pm
- Tuesday 8th November, 2016  Time: 9.00-2.00pm

Parents need to contact the school and register your child for the session/s attending. Children can attend one long extended morning session and one afternoon session overall. Grade 5 students will be attending the Preschool on November 17th & 18th to introduce themselves to the 2017 Prep students. Further information regarding this walking excursion will be given at a later date. Maria Collins.

**Planting of the Peace Tree**

School Captains, Ellie, Patrick & Samuel help with the planting of our Peace tree. 5th September 2016
Knitting Nest…
Thanks to everyone who has contributed this term to help knit over 20 squares of regular, traditional knitting. These have been sent to the collection point for the KNIT FOR NEPAL appeal. Even though our contribution was small compared to the many thousands of squares knitted by different community groups, our efforts were very appreciated. It is good to remember that whenever we volunteer or contribute to any community appeal, every contribution really adds to the overall end result, so we should feel happy about that.

Some new skills have been passed on and shared as well as having quiet and friendly chats with many visitors, some regulars, many popping in on different occasions.

The group will still meet each Wednesday lunchtime for term 4, with our aim to keep finger knitting. This is going to create a hanging art sculpture to display in the school. Other wool crafts will be reintroduced, such as pom pom making [by popular request].

Volunteers—Working with Children Checks
To obtain a working with children check you will need to go online at: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. After filling out the form it will need to be presented at the post office with proof of identity and a passport size photo. These checks are valid for 5 years. There is no fee charged for a volunteer.

Uniform Shop
A reminder to families that our new uniform is available from Rochester Sportspower. We do still have in stock a limited number of non logo items including shorts, trackpants, dresses and art smocks at reduced prices. Hats with the old logo are still available at $10 each.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
Parents are reminded that Rochester Primary School does not provide personal accident insurance for students. There are some companies that provide this service if parents wish to take out a policy. Below is the contact details of one such company. All contact regarding these matters must be done through the company and not the school. The school does not endorse any particular company but provides a service by passing on contact information to parents. EMB Insurance Brokers – www.studentcover.com.au

SunSmart
You may have already noticed Victoria’s UV levels are steadily rising so it’s time to dust off that sun protection gear and get into full SunSmart mode! The weather may still be cold and grey some days but please don’t be fooled. It’s the UV that can damage our skin and eyes. We can’t see or feel UV but at this time of year it starts to increase in intensity. Please remember to check the daily sun protection times. These are available on the free SunSmart app or widget, in the weather section of the newspaper and on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA. Perhaps you can add the SunSmart widget to your website.

During the sun protection times please remember to:
1. Slip on covering clothing
2. Slop on SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
3. Slap on a wide brimmed hat
4. Seek shade & slide on some wrap-around sunglasses

All students are reminded that they need to wear a hat during Term 4. No. Hat. No Play.
**Town Garage Sale – October 29th 2016**

Want something to do over the holidays? Get your children to clean out their rooms and "Cash In On It." This is a great opportunity to declutter and make cash for Christmas. Join in the amazing **Rochester Town Garage Sale** on Saturday October 29th, 7am – 2pm. Registrations open on Monday September 12th. Early bird registration special **BEFORE 8th October** $15 per household, $20 per household after this date. Town letter drop this weekend with registration forms. Drop your form into Caltex or Rochester Discounts. Info: Heather ph. 0400 866 815.

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**Rochester Secondary College**

"Funday" on **Friday 7th October 2016**

11am until 2pm

There will be many attractions, including: an Inflatable obstacle course; temporary tattooing and hairspray; competitions such as ‘longest kick’, a delicious food court, cake stalls and fairy floss, music and so much more. We will finish with an Auction.

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**Canteen Roster— Term 4 October**

Final Roster attached to Newsletter—Please mark on your calendar the days Canteen is closed.

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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)

To register or for further information please contact: Leesa Ross

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