Principal’s Report:

The window for parents to discuss student placements for next year will open this Friday [14th Oct] and continue until Thursday the 10th of November. Requests after this time are unlikely to be successful. Please ring or drop in for a chat with Graeme. Although we try to accommodate all reasonable requests this cannot be guaranteed. Please understand that requests for students to be together because they are friends is not likely to be considered unless there is a compelling reason for this.

Josh Murray
Joshua Murray competed in the shotput at Bendigo this week as representative of our Region. It was a great effort to get to this level and then to come third overall was fantastic. Well done Josh.

International Competitions
This year we had in excess of twenty students from grade 2 to 6 participate in International English and Maths competitions. These are a competition, however they are run similar to a test. There is a significant difference however in that in order to get an overall “winner” the questions become more difficult as the student works through it. A score of 22 out of 40 questions would normally be enough to obtain a “merit” mark. This year Poppy Read received a Distinction in the English paper. This is a remarkable feat and places her with the best students in the 16 countries that compete. Well done Poppy!

Film Night – Doors open at 6.30 and film begins at 7.00 [CVCC]
This Friday we will hold our first family film night. We want it to be a relaxed event where families can come, have a chat and enjoy a movie. Pop corn and primas will be available for purchase. Seating will be available but “bean bag and doona sitters” etc will have a place reserved at the front. As this is a family night children will need to come with an adult.

Cyber Safety
Each week we will be presenting a video clip or a report on different aspects of cyber safety. The school is producing an information sheet for parents on how to keep kids cyber safe at home. Please watch out for this. Next year we will be holding an evening event to showcase the students work using different aspects of the technology program. If you have any concerns over the use of iPads or computers at home or school please talk to us.

Basketball
Our senior basketball teams will be competing in Echuca on Friday. We expect to see results coming through on the school facebook page as the teams play.

Maisie the cow
Maisie [our big blue school cow] has had a holiday and spent a few days at the Elmore Field days. There was a photo of her in the Campaspe news this week. She will return from holidays soon.

Graeme
Star of the Week
Prep C  Trinity Hayler
Gr 1/2Ellis  Kobe Brown
Gr 1/2W  Jackson Threlfall
Gr 3/4I  Bridget Threlfall
Gr 3/4M  Amy Pascoe
Gr 5/6 Ras  Caitlyn Mitchell
Gr 5/6 Ros  Katrina Murray

Birthday Congratulations
Trinity Hayler, Leia Birthisel

Curriculum News

Looking Back—Term 3
Our students enjoyed a visit from Shire of Campaspe Library staff. Story time and a range of craft activities were held.

Special Events Calendar—Term 4
Please read the attached calendar and mark any relevant dates in your diary or display the calendar in a prominent place. It is a great reminder of events happening this term.
**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**

**DAIRY ASSISTANCE FUNDING**

**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE??**

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. 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.
Canada Day
We celebrated Canada Day on October 6th to honour our Mrs. May, Rosie and Willow. Our reliable male staff members flipped pancakes that we ate with real maple syrup. Our staff and students were adorned in red and white. Brodie and Kayla Moon got extra points for wearing Canucks hockey jerseys! Students learned many new things about Canada throughout the day.

Rochester Primary School Sports 24 / 10 / 16

The Rochester Primary School Athletics are being held on Monday the 24th of October, 2016 at the Rochester Recreation Reserve. For these sports to be possible, parent help is required. If there is any possibility of you being able to help out, even if only for an hour, could you please fill out the attached form, outlining what times suit you best. The day will commence at 9.30am and finish at around 2.30pm.

I am available to help out during the following times: ..............................................................

Name ..............................................................................................................................................