Principal’s Report:

**esCarpes**
On Friday we will be visited by the esCarpe car rally. They will be at the Rochester Wine Tavern first and then make their way to the school. Our students will be able to get up close to the cars and talk to the drivers. The rally is raising funds for Canteen, as a part of this they will be showing a puppet play to our school. The puppets will be de-bunking myths and misconceptions about cancer. Parents are invited to come and watch the play as well. We are asking for a gold coin donation to go toward the rally’s fundraising. (Puppet Show starts at 2.00pm and goes until 3.00.)

**Assembly** - Our assembly on Friday will go ahead but it will be timed around the Camp Canteen Puppet play. It might be a little shorter than normal but please come and join in.

**Microwave for the canteen** - A special thankyou to Rachael and Brad Major for donating a microwave to the school canteen. This will make life a lot easier for our hardworking volunteers and will help provide lunches for our students.

**Mosquitoes** - As with most locations we are currently suffering from a myriad of mossies. A number of students have complained about “swarms” in the toilet block. There are a number that are seeking out places like this at school and they are a nuisance. We are very limited in our use of insecticides, particularly the use of aerosol cans due to the reaction that a number of students can have to the chemicals in these. We will be spraying in the mornings before the students arrive to reduce the problem. (Please note, students may not bring aerosol cans to school for any purpose.)

**Parent requests** - I am happy to talk to parents about student placements for next year. These are confidential and can only be made through myself. The window to do this is open until Thursday the 10th of November. Please drop in for a chat or phone me. [5484 1072] After the window closes it will be difficult to consider parent requests.

**School Production** - By now you should have heard from your child what their role is in the school production. We have many excited students eagerly awaiting the chance to perform on stage. There is a rumour floating about that the staff will be dancing as a part of the production. I have seen them, I’m not sure what it is but at this stage it is not dancing!

**Pre Schoolers to Preps** - On Monday and today we have had next years preps in for their first visit to the school. I am really looking forward to next year as this group of “preps” fitted into the school like they had been here for years. They were excited and eager to get involved in all the activities. Thanks to Maria for the extra work that she has been doing to support this program. We have more opportunities for prep visits so if you haven’t booked your child in please do so.

**Hot House for sale** - Our hothouse is for sale. It will go public next week, however parents have the first chance to make a bid on it. The lucky buyer will need to remove the hothouse. Anyone who wishes to inspect the hothouse can contact the school and I will give them a personal tour of it.

Graeme

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**WHAT’S COMING UP!**

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A reminder that students are supervised in the yard from 8.40am until 3.35pm.
Star of the Week
Prep C  Jett Trist
Gr 1/2Ells  Charlie Godden
Gr 1/2W  Eva McGowan
Gr 3/4I  Jude Mussared
Gr 3/4M  Jordy Rasmussen
Gr 5/6 Ras  Ryllie Edwards/Abby Clarke
Gr 5/6 Ros  Kody Lees

Birthday Congratulations
Zayden Trist, Kade Bullock, Patrick McDonald,

Curriculum News

Aussie of the Month
The Aussie of the Month has been awarded to Giselle Crawford. Giselle has been recognized for-

Giselle is extremely respectful of her teachers and peers and is very perceptive, regularly doing jobs for teachers, whenever they seem busy, without even being asked. She is extremely hardworking, dedicated and extremely focused on all classroom tasks. Giselle is an incredibly compassionate and caring person, regularly helping other students in times of need, whether it be if they are upset, or if they are just in need of assistance with their work. She displays outstanding manners at all times.

Athletic Sports
Grades 3 – 6 travelled to the oval on Monday for Athletics Day. The weather was perfect, there was excellent participation at all levels and in the end, the score between the two houses was close. Saturn was victorious with 194 points and Gemini 173 points. The behaviour of the students was absolutely fantastic, with children competing hard and enjoying the day. Featured are the Saturn House captains after receiving the trophy at the end of the day. A big thankyou to the CAS students from the Rochester Secondary College. These students took on great responsibility throughout the whole day and enabled it all to run smoothly. Thanks to the parents who came to help out for the day. Also, a big thank you to Lindsay Horkings and the Rochester Little Athletics Centre for not only lending us the athletics equipment, but for also helping to set up and pack up.

Below: Stephanie, April, Cody & Harley

Left: Mr. Irwin crosses the finish line.
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 identify and a passport size photo. These checks are valid for 5 years. There is no fee charged for a volunteer.

Basketball Report
On the 14th of October, Ellie Moroney, Alannah Weeks, Poppy Read, Teal Hocking, April Eeles, Kaitlyn Joyce and Charlee Roulston travelled to Echuca to play basketball. The first game was fantastic with a score of 19 - 6 our way against Echuca West. The second game every player scored at least 2 points and we ended up beating Moama Grammar 40 - 0. The next game was a 24 - 0 win for the girls against Moama Public. The fourth game, the final, we managed to beat a strong St Mary’s team 20 - 1. In our last game, we beat Echuca East, who we would again face in the Grand Final 22 - 6. This put us into the semi, where we played against St Joes Rochester. We were able to beat them 15 – 3. We were now through to the grand final, which we won 16 – 0, with the help of some fantastic team work from everyone. Congratulations to all the girls and a huge thank you to Kristy Roulston for her great tips and for taking time out of her days to help us improve before the day. Every one improved as the day went on and got more confident. Now the team is off to Swan Hill on the 28th of October, this Friday, for the Regional Basketball Finals.

On Friday 14th of October, Summer Pain and Bonnie Pertzel went to Echuca to play basketball for the All Stars Basketball team. We were a team full of students from different schools and we all played together. We had a great day with the All Stars team winning 2 games, coming a draw twice and losing one game. At the end of the day we all had fun! Well done to the Rochester Primary Girls team for winning the grand final. Bonnie Pertzel & Summer Pain.

Baseball Boys
Last Friday the boy’s basketball team set off to Echuca to play basketball. It was a very challenging day with no wins. In our first game we came up against Echuca West, it was a very close match of it being 4 all. After having a game under our belt we were ready to win. But sadly we lost by 6 points to St Augustine’s. Our third game was a disaster against St Mary’s who went on to win the day. We lost by 16 points. In our fourth game we faced off against Moama Grammar and we had a tough game. We managed to keep the pain down to 20 points. In our last game we had another nail bitter, losing by 3 points against Echuca East. Thanks to Sue Thompson for driving and Vanessa for driving and coaching us. We may have lost all of our games, but we still had fun.

Production—We are going to RIO!
Thursday 3rd November
12.30pm & 7.00pm
Family Ticket (Mum, Day & siblings) $15
Adult $5.00
Secondary College Student $5.00

PLEASE NOTE: Our Production will start at 7.00pm sharp of Thursday night.

Uniform Shop
Attached order form for the remaining items we have in stock. Reduced prices and limited numbers. Track pants, shorts, skorts & school dresses do not have the old logo on.

Trivia Night—Friday 18th November
Book your table at the office for this great night of fun and laughter. $20 per person
Great prizes but most of all a GREAT night.
CANTEEN ROSTER—Term 4 October / November

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Canteen News— Hot Dog Day on Wednesday 9th November $3.00 (hot dog in a roll). If you are interested please send your money to the office. Cannot be ordered on the day.

Cyber Smart
Each week we will feature some tips on remaining cyber smart.

DANCE - A - THON
We are thrilled to announce the first ever Rochester Primary School Dance-a-thon! The Dance-a-thon will be replacing the Wheeleathon. Students have loved learning all our dances in the School Production and we want to make the most of this enthusiasm. The Dance-a-thon will take place at the Rochester Primary School on the 15th of November. There will be 20 songs getting played and the aim is for the children to continuously dance for as many songs as they can. Children are to try and gather as many sponsors as they can to help raise money for the school. Sponsors can choose to sponsor per song danced, or they can make a donation. There will be prizes for the people with the most sponsors. The school believes this will be a fantastic event that the children will love and will be even more enjoyable if we could get as many parents, grandparents and friends to the event as possible. More information to follow.

Rochester Monster Town Garage Sale Saturday 29th October from 7am – 2pm. Come and grab a bargain at 89 different garage sales. Everything from cars, boats, chainsaws, wood lathes and tools to toys, clothing, furniture, horse gear, antiques even a bank safe and of course the kitchen sink! You name it we probably have it. Fabulous town specials and massive stock clearances by local traders. Maps $2 from 7am at Caltex, Murrays’ Milkbar, 3561, Rochester Bakery and Rochester Discounts with vouchers for the day, maps and lists of items. Info 0400 866 815

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