Principal’s Report:

Rio! Today is the day and tonight is the night! We are all off to the Olympics at Rio! Under the directorship of Mrs Phebe May and choreographer Aimee our cast has been rehearsing and is ready to go! Our main event is the evening performance and we are hoping for a big crowd to be there to support our cast. Curtain opens at 7.00pm. This is the first whole school performance with not only students from Prep to Grade 6 dancing across the stage but staff also taking an active part. The theme of the show is based around the Rio Olympics and is just as high paced and exciting. You really need to get to this!

World Teachers Day Last Friday was World Teachers Day. We celebrated it at school with a special morning tea. We are extremely fortunate to have the calibre of staff that we do. I truly believe that our kids are in good hands and that the culture of the school is going so well largely due to the work that these people do. Much of their work is completed away from school and is unseen by parents. I see it and I appreciate the efforts that they make.

Parent Requests for 2017 The “window” for parent requests closes next Thursday the 10th of November. If parents have not discussed their requests by this date it will be unlikely that we can accommodate them. Please have your say before the deadline.

School Review Day 1 of our school review will take place on Tuesday the 8th of November. A panel including four people from outside our school will examine a wide range of aspects of the school including curriculum, student assessment data and welfare programs. Day one will identify the greatest areas of need and be followed two weeks later by a second day that focuses on the areas that we need to work on over the next four years.

Basketballers Our girls basketball team put on a very competitive performance at Swanhill in the Regional finals. They won two games and lost one narrowly just missing the play off final. Another fantastic performance from a talented group.

esCarpades Our school hosted a number of cars from the esCarpade rally on Friday. I’m not sure if the cars or the drivers were the craziest. They created a lot of laughter and fun during their visit. As a part of the rally Camp Canteen put on a puppet play that our students enjoyed. We are asking for gold coin donations to go toward Camp Quality, these can be sent to school with students or dropped off at the Office.

Trivia Night – Friday 18th The excitement is building for this and tables are booking fast. Please contact the school to book a table of ten people. [$20.00 per person]. This was a great social night and fundraiser last year and a number of people were disappointed when we sold out. This year it will be at Sports Centre [Tennis/Golf Club Rooms.]

Market Day BBQ A team of talented cooks provided BBQ as part of the town’s Market Day on Saturday. This was a fundraiser for the school and raised over $400.00! Well done Casey and Alan James , Virginia Toohill, Clayton Sparkes, Brad & Rachael Major, Nathan Roulston and Naomi Watson.

Working Bee We will be holding a tidy up working be on Sunday the 20th of November from 10.00am – 12.00. This will concentrate on weeding and whipper snipping our garden beds with some spouting also needing cleaning.

Camp Maldon Next Monday our Grade 3 and 4 students will head off to Maldon for their annual camp. This is a high action camp with bike riding, archery and many other “hands on activities”. They will also get to take on the Mountain in a bush walk. We look forward to the “stories” that always come back from camps. Graeme
Star of the Week
Prep C  Charlie Failla
Gr 1/2 Ellis  Nardz Hamot
Gr 1/2W  Lia Dayang
Gr 3/4I  Angel Allen
Gr 3/4M  Miranda Crawford
Gr 5/6 Ras  Abbey Grey

Birthday Congratulations
Kylah Chamberlin, Eli Bransgrove, Kylie Harris Cardilini

Curriculum News

Staff Professional Learning. Sue Hinton from Bendigo finalised working with staff in the classroom with our spelling program and teaching of strategies for students in learning how to spell. We have received positive feedback and future learning considerations for spelling. Some teachers will join with Lockington teachers for professional learning on the new Victorian curriculum. Teachers in Grades 3-6 visited Carlton Gardens PS last term to work on writing. Grade 1,2 teachers will do so this term. Mrs Collins will shortly be visiting 2 local schools to look at Prep writing. All teachers will participate in the analysis of our NAPLAN data which will allow us to make recommendations for the teaching and learning program.

Integrated Studies Topics for Term 4. This term has a strong Science based study. Grade P-2...Food. (Chemical Changes & Nutrition). Gd 3-4...Melting moments. (Changing states of things), Gd 5-6... Change Detective Chemical Science (Changing states of things).

eSmart Program...This semester, Students in Grades 3-6 have been participating in a program that offers children practical guidance on managing risks and reinforce the importance of responsible online behaviour. The key issues we have been looking at include... Protecting personal information, Online privacy, Cyberbullying and eSecurity. Students should be able to identify information that should not be posted online, where to seek assistance if things go wrong online and the difference between sensible and risky online behaviour. Please talk to your child about these issues.

Transition. * New Preps have been visiting our school on 24th & 27th October, and will continue to do so on 7th & 8th November to familiarize themselves with our school and the prep classroom. Mrs Collins will be running activities for the students. If your child is beginning school next year please contact the office to book into a session. Grade 5 students will visit the prep-school in the next few weeks to meet with their new prep buddies.

*P-6 have been participating in a transition reading sessions on Mon 16th Nov & Wed 25th Nov. All students have moved up a grade for a 20 minute reading session to familiarize themselves with their new classroom area.

*Our ‘Links’ Transition program will allow for further transition activities to continue through the term.... particularly during weeks 7-11. These activities include sport, testing practices with online tests, literacy activities and of course the Orientation day on Dec 6th.

Camps and excursions.
♦ Best of Luck to Mr Irwin and Mrs May and Grade 3/4 students who head off to Maldon for their camp next Mon-Wed. This camp is a Blue Light bike education camp run by qualified Bike Ed trainers.
♦ Grade 2 will participate in a Sleep over at school on Dec 8th. Information will be sent home shortly.
♦ Milo Cricket. Good luck to our teams in Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 who participate in Milo Cricket next week. Thanks to Mr Irwin and Mr Rasmussen for organising this.
♦ Sink or Swim Program will visit our school on November 24th to work on water safety with all students across the school. There is no cost to parents for this program.

Congratulations and thank you to all students and staff on a fantastic production today. If you didn’t make it today then don’t miss it, starting at 7pm, tonight. Such an exciting and brilliant day for our school. Leanne Picone.
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.

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

Production—We are going to RIO!
Thursday 3rd November
12.30pm & 7.00pm
Family Ticket (Mum, Day & siblings) $15.00
Adult $5.00
Secondary College Student $5.00

PLEASE NOTE: Our Production will start at 7.00pm sharp tonight.

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 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.

Top Tips for Sunscreen at School

Teachers at school are not expected to apply sunscreen to students but we do have sunscreen available in each classroom for students to apply. Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.

Choose SPT30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. Make sure it is within its use-by date and is stored below 30 degrees.

It is best to apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any exposed skin about 20 minutes before going outdoors. Sunscreen should be reapplied every 2 hours even if the state level of water resistance is four hours.

For more information visit sunsmart.com.au

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 Wheelathon. 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.