Principal’s Report

Parent Requests
The window for parent requests closed at 4.00pm today. If parents have concerns about the placement of their child after transition day they should still discuss these with me, however making changes becomes very difficult as to move one child into another class means moving a child out of that class. [The state wide transition day is Tuesday 6th of December] I am always happy to discuss concerns that parents might have about any aspect of the school and encourage parents to phone or come in for a discussion.

RIO! Wow! Rio was the best production that I can remember and the crowd at our evening performance broke all records. The feedback I have received from parents and community members has been very positive. It was great to see our youngest students through to our “veteran” staff all participating. Thanks to everyone that assisted in any way. One of our school aims is to really promote ourselves as one school with more whole school activities such as our first family movie night and the school production. This supports existing activities such as the disco and this year’s dance-a-thon.

JUMPERS It is the season of lost jumpers. Mornings are cool and as the day progresses jumpers are discarded and forgotten. Our lost property is full and most items are not named. At the end of the year items we cannot find owners for are either used in our spare clothing department, placed into our second hand shop or sent to the Salvos. Please encourage your child to chase up missing clothing.

School Review On Tuesday day 1 of the School Review took place. A panel of six people including Casey James [as a proxy for our School Council President Darren Pain who was on the Grade 3&4 camp] and myself. The day was spent looking at the school’s self assessment of its performance over the last four years. The role of the other four panel members [other Principals, Dept Of Ed representative and a professional School Reviewer] were to check that we were addressing all the work of the school, both the areas we have been successful in and the areas we need to focus on more. Day two is in a fortnight and will look more closely at the plan for the next four years. This is an exhausting process that has taken months to prepare for. The results so far are very positive with the school showing a strong performance. As always there will be areas that we can identify to work on making a great school even better.

Grade 3 and 4 Camp A very tired group arrived back from camp yesterday afternoon. Although there wasn’t a lot of talking there were a lot of smiles on faces. The Maldon camp has a high activity based program including bike riding and walking up hills. Fantastic fun but also very tiring. Camps are successful through the background organisation that has to take place prior to the camp and then the work and attitude of the adults on the camp. A big thank you to Mrs May and Mr Irwin for everything they did to ensure this camp ran smoothly. [I believe a few late nights sitting up with children was a part of this!] A very special thank you to our valiant parents, Bec Pearse, Mitch Crawford and Darren Pain for joining in the fun!

Remembrance Day On Friday we will hold a short Remembrance day service centering on a minutes silence at 11.00am. This will be conducted by our school captains.

Trivia Night 18th November A small number [very small] of tables are left. Don’t miss out! [This is an adult only night as it does have a licensed bar and it is DET policy to not mix alcohol and students together.]

Sunday 20th November A tidy up working bee will be held from 10.00am until 12.00. [Weeding, whipper snipping etc.] Even if you can only come for an hour it would be appreciated.

Graeme
**Star of the Week**

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**Birthday Congratulations**

Rylee Harris, Kody Lees, Charlize Weeks, Cadence Major, Mercedes Watts

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**Grade 1 & 2 News**

**What is your favourite food?**

This term our theme is FOOD and our students have been talking, sharing and writing about healthy food, sorting different food names, looking at where food comes from, features of different fruit and vegetables and what their favourite food is. After writing about this, each student will practice and give an oral presentation to their class. Many mouthwatering sentences have been created!

One of the main focuses this term is Speaking and Listening skills. Our Curriculum - English Achievement Standard indicates students are expected in level 1 to make short presentations, speaking clearly and using appropriate voice and pace, and using some introduced text structures and language. In level 2 they are expected to rehearse and deliver short presentations on familiar and new topics, speaking clearly and varying tone, volume and pace appropriately.

**Welfare Update**

We are heading towards the end of a school year, but also before we know it, it will be the start of a new school year! Below are some tips for parents to help ease the transition for kids starting Primary School and Secondary School.

**Preparing your child for starting Primary School**

Starting school can be a big change for your child – and a big change in your family life too. Although it’s an exciting time, it’s normal to feel a little worried or just sad about it. Keeping your worries to yourself and letting your child know that you think he’ll go well at school helps your child feel positive too.

**Practical preparations at home**

- Get your child to try on the uniform and shoes before the first day, just to make sure everything fits.
- Make sure your child has all the extras – bag, hat, art smock, library bag and so on. Have a practice run with the lunch box to make sure your child can take off the lid (perhaps before buying the box).

**Feelings**

- Try to organise play dates with other children before the first day of school. It’ll help if your child knows another child from class before school starts.
- Give your child lots of love and support. Be excited and enthusiastic about your child starting school. This sends your child the positive message that school is exciting and that he’ll cope and have fun.
- Think about how you’ll manage your feelings on the first day. Even if you’re feeling sad or worried, it can help to keep these feelings from your child. Instead, try to see your child off with a happy, confident goodbye.
- Read a children’s book about starting school with your child – ask the librarian at your local library for book ideas. Reading books about school together can help you talk with your child about her feelings.

**Going to high school: what to expect:**

Children often have mixed feelings about starting high school. They might be: excited about new friends, subjects and teachers nervous about learning new routines, making new friends or even wearing a new uniform worried about handling an increased workload or being bullied.

You might also worry about these issues, and about whether your child will have the confidence and skills to handle them. These worries are all normal. Secondary school also means a move from the familiar to the unknown, and a whole new way of doing things.

**Here are some ideas to help with the practical side of the transition to high school:**

- Try to arrange for a parent, or other close adult to be home before and after school for the first few weeks of school.
- Find out the name of the teacher responsible for your child’s overall care, attendance and social and academic progress. This person might be called a home-room teacher, home-group teacher, year advisor or pastoral care teacher.
- Try to make your home as comfortable for study time as possible, make sure your child has a quiet place to study.
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.

ROCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL PRODUCTION

To those parents who helped at the matinee and the evening performance with the application of the make up prior to our performances, we appreciate your help. Thank you for supporting the Rochester Primary school students in our production of ‘Rio!’

The Rochester Primary School Staff.

Lost Property
The amount of lost property building up is overwhelming. Please ask your child/ren to check for items that may belong to them. At the end of term all unclaimed items will be given to the Salvation Army. The number of unnamed items is also very high.....if you name items they can be easily returned to you.
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. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend.

TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday 18th November, Rochester Sports Centre (Lawn Tennis Club)

Who won the Brownlow Medal in 2014? Which bank note has undergone a change this year? Where is the Big Prawn located? Come along, bring a few friends and enjoy an evening of trivia. Great prizes, lots of laughs & a great time. Bookings must be made at the office. $20 per head, drinks at bar prices. (Adults only—No children permitted)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rio Raffle
Congratulations to our raffle winners—1st Prize David Murray 2nd Prize Bev Peake

redhs  Rochester Hospital Auxiliary OPEN GARDENS Sunday 20th November 12.30—4.00pm $10 entry to all three gardens—Rod & Heather Turner, 55 Cohen Street; Anton Gusak, 56 Kerford street; Lynda Marshall, 86 Pascoe Street. (Afternoon tea available at Lynda’s). Plants for sale, trading table.