Principal’s Report

Links with Rochester Secondary College
I am currently privileged to be a member of the review panel at Rochester Secondary College. To be able to sit in a meeting that runs over two days and delves into how the college works, what its strengths are and where it intends to focus its improvement strategies is not only an honour but also an insight into how our two schools align with each other. Mr Altmann is a member of our school’s review also. This partnership is aimed at highlighting some areas of common need that we can share and grow together.

Trivia Night – This Friday – Doors open at 7.00pm
Darren assures me that the questions are not hard [he also said that last year] and that everyone will be able to answer some of them. There are some great prizes including meals and accommodation up for the winners. He has a few more competitions to run on the night with great food and a licensed bar operating. [Please remember as it is licensed - no children] This will be a highlight of the school’s social events and we can still squeeze some individuals in.

Forever Young Choir - Thursday at 5.30pm
Tonight [Thursday] our combined old and young choir [the Forever Young Choir] will be making a return performance at the redhs Annual Meeting. This will take place at the Rochester Hospital with the choir commencing proceedings. If you missed out last time this is a final chance for this year. Thank to our Mrs May, Karen Tognolini, Janine Bubb and Peg Haisman for the work they have done to keep the choir going.

Dance-a-thon
Our first ever dance-a-thon was an outstanding success, with most students completing the maximum 20 dances during the time. The basketball court was a sea of neon colours moving to the beat as 150 dancers swayed their way through the music. Our resident DJ May lead the event with great support from the staff. A special mention to our senior students, these whole school events work best when they lead from the front. They were brilliant and encouraged the younger students to be involved.

Grade 5 Buddies off to Kinder!
On Thursday and Friday of this week our Grade 5 students will visit the kinder for their first work as “buddies” to next year’s preps. They will make the journey [for many back to where they started] to develop a relationship and just get to know their new school friends under the watchful eye of Mrs Collins. Buddies is a critical program, particularly in the first term, to help get our new students off to a great start.

Working Bee – Sunday – 10.00am – 12.00
A “tidy up” working bee, weeding, cleaning spouts and whipper snipping will take place on Sunday from 10.00am until 12.00. This will not only ensure our school looks great but eliminate our fire risk.

Early Arrivals
A reminder to parents that students are not supervised in the yard until 8.40a.m. Recently we seem to have a number of students arriving very early. If there is any need for your child/ren to arrive early, please see me.

Graeme

WHAT’S COMING UP!

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Star of the Week
Prep C  Sienna Weeks
Gr 1/2Ellis  Ameika White
Gr 1/2W  Rylan Chamberlin
Gr 3/4I  Lachie Joyce
Gr 3/4M  Erin Haisman
Gr 5/6 Ras  Louise Hocking
Gr 5/6 Ros  Dane Purdy

Birthday Congratulations
Nate Toohill, Stephanie Moon, Patrick Reid, Kobe Brown

3/4 Level News

Last week the grade 3s and 4s attend the Blue Light Camp in Maldon. We travelled by bus, stopping at Lake Weeroona on the way to Maldon for some food and a play on the playground. We then stopped at Maldon Gardens for lunch and enjoyed the playground there as well.

Upon arriving at camp the students were put into their cabins and given their bike to use for the next couple of days. The grade 4 students were able to ride out on the road travelling to the BMX track and the dredge for yabbying. The grade 3 students were able to ride around the track at the camp, play mini golf, tackled the obstacle course, rock climbing and beach volleyball.

We went for a bush walk on the first night and attended a disco, with smoke machine and lights, on the Tuesday before getting a good night sleep for the big hike on the final day. The students and adults did a great job of tackling the hike to enjoy the amazing view from the lookout tower.

The camp was thoroughly enjoyed by students, parents and teachers with some very tired students (and adults) on the bus ride home. A big thankyou to Mitch Crawford, Darren Pain and Beck Pearse for coming along and helping over the three days!
Dance-A-Thon
Our first Dance-a-Thon was a great success with all our students participating and having a great time. Mrs May was an amazing DJ for the morning! Please note that all money and forms need to be back by Friday 25th November.

Kanga 8s cricket
Last Monday, 32 students from Grade 5 and 6 went to the Rochester Recreation Reserve to play in the Kanga 8s cricket carnival. The school entered 4 teams, 2 boys and 2 girls. The kids had a fantastic time and the enthusiasm and support they showed for the day was fantastic. The children played some great cricket for the day, with the Boys 1 team winning 3 games, which qualified them for the Grand Final. The boys had a wonderful game in the Grand Final, but ended up just being beaten. Cody Thompson was outstanding in the Final. The Boys 2 team won 2 games and narrowly missed out on also playing in the Final. Both girls team won 2 games for the day and really got into their cricket. The Girls 1 team ended up making the Grand Final also, but was beaten by a very strong Tongala team. A big thank you to our Secondary College coaches; Paul Brian, Pierce Cail, Harrison McPhee, Macy McCaig and Georgia Waters.

Pictured is a team photo from one of the four different teams that played on Monday. More photos next week.
Canteen News
Attached to the newsletter is an updated Menu. Please throw away your old one. A couple of minor changes to prices.

TRIVIA NIGHT — TOMORROW NIGHT** 7.00pm at Rochester Sports Centre (Lawn Tennis)
It’s not too late to book a table. $20 per head with drinks at bar prices. Great prizes and auction items.