WHAT’S COMING UP!

Rochy Rascals Playgroup  -  9am—11am each Monday  
Swimming Program  -  Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December  
Grade 6 Graduation lunch  -  Tuesday 13th December (1.30p.m. for presentation of Graduation Certificates)

A reminder that students are supervised in the yard from 8.40am until 3.35pm

Principal’s Report

Trivia Night  -  What an outstanding success last Friday evenings Trivia night was! We had a broad cross section of parents, staff and community members all joining in. Most questions had answers, some even had a few answers however our adjudicator was firm and only accepted his! Socially it was brilliant and financially it will smash last year’s profit. We will have a final tally in next week’s newsletter. Big thank you to Darren Pain for the enormous amount of work put in both on the night and in the planning. Many people chased up prizes and auction items, some highlights being those Jane Reid was able to get. Thank you to everyone for coming and joining in with such great spirit! [I believe that the Willis cat now has the most expensive cat food in Rochester.]

Swimming Program  -  Our swimming program starts on Monday and I believe we are still in urgent need of parent/community helpers. You don’t need to enter the pool to help! Due to the small size required for swimming groups we cannot run this program without your help. This program is aimed at water safety – keeping all of our kids safe. Please contact the school if you are able to help. The program runs every afternoon next week and we will take helpers for a day or a whole week, whatever you can give.

Sunscreen  -  Sunscreen is provided at school and students are reminded/encouraged to use it. A number of students have told me they only use a certain brand/type as they have a reaction to many common ones. We would encourage parents to supply these children with sunscreen for school. It is a very good idea to keep this in a plastic bag to avoid “sticky” accidents.

School Review  -  On Tuesday the formal part of the school review was completed. Graham Bastian will now write his report as the school reviewer and this will come back to staff and school council. The report will be available for parents to access at school after this. Due to the lateness of the review we may not receive the final report this year. I can say that the review was very open and honest with the school performing well in all areas. We were able to look in-depth at some concerns we have with some programs [there is always room for improvement] however it was very satisfying to have four very experienced people, external to our school, verify that we are on track. Special thank you to Darren Pain and Casey James for being a part of this and representing the parents and community. Please remember that I am available to discuss this or any other aspect of the school. Your feedback is always important.

Final Assembly / Awards Presentation- 12.30 – 2.00pm  -  Thursday 15th December  Please note the earlier start to normal. Normally we hold our Awards Assembly on the last Thursday and the Secondary College hold their Assembly on the evening of the last Tuesday. This year the last Tuesday is the final day of the school year. They will be holding their awards night on the Thursday evening of ours. This has meant a bit of juggling of times to fit both schools in.

Working Bee  -  It was a very hot Sunday morning last weekend however, Leah Weston, Janis Povey, Casey James and myself bravely battled through and tidied up a few areas of the school. There are plenty of little jobs that still need doing if anyone has a spare hour?

Graeme
Star of the Week
Prep C Charlie Watson
Gr 1/2Ellis Kayla Pascoe
Gr 1/2W Chelsea Purdy
Gr 3/4I Sienna Varcoe
Gr 3/4M Dennis Caine
Gr 5/6 Ras Alannah Weeks
Gr 5/6 Ros Jamie Knight
Aussie of the Month: Rylee Harris

Birthday Congratulations

First Aid
Again a timely reminder as the weather warms up of our Policy of wearing a broad-brimmed hat during first and fourth terms. To protect skin and eyes from ultraviolet (UV) radiation, Cancer Council Victoria recommends hats that protect the face, back of the neck, eyes and ears.

Broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats offer the best protection from UV radiation, providing the brim is wide enough. Baseball or peaked caps and sun visors are not recommended as they leave the ears and back of the neck exposed.

During the daily sun protection times (when the UV Index is at 3 or above) SunSmart recommends using a combination of the five sun protection measures.
1. Slip on sun-protective clothing
2. Slop on SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen (and re-apply every 2 hours)
3. Slap on a hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on sunglasses—make sure they meet Australian Standards

Science
It is important that young students learn science well with integrative and hands-on lessons, making the primary school years the perfect time to build an interest in the sciences. The more background children have in science, the easier it will be to expand their scientific studies in high school and higher studies.

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 to, 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.
**Dance-A-Thon**
Please note that all money and forms need to be back by Friday 25th November (tomorrow).

**Kanga 8s cricket**
Pictured are the other three team photos from our Kanga Cricket day.

**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.

**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. **These checks are valid for 5 years . There is no fee charged for a volunteer.**

**Asthma**
If your child suffers from asthma you will have received a letter and a new medical form to be completed. We have several student who, according to our records, suffer from asthma but we do not have puffers or spacers for them. If you receive a letter regarding this matter, it would be appreciated if you would take the appropriate action.
CLOSED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM

Please check your Canteen Menu (that went home last week). We have had several small price increases.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Junior Tennis Tournament
Ages: 9-16yrs @ The LBUC’s Courts

Contact Meagan
0427 341 440

Sunday December 4th @ 9am
Double Competition $10 each
Can enter as pair or individual
Entries Close Sunday
November 27th
BBQ & Drinks Available

ROCHESTER LAWN
TENNIS CLUB
2016 ANNUAL DOUBLES
TOURNAMENT

Sunday 11th December 2016
Commencing at 9 am sharp
Costs: $10 per player
Pairs may be mixed
Sections: Junior C, B, A &
Open A Juniors - for the more experienced players

Great prizes BBq lunch
Canteen available

Names to be in by 9/12/16 to
Simone: 0417336404 Lisa: 0408371837