No doubt Ranfurly’s extensive transition program played a significant role on our Preps confidently walking through the doors last week and having a sensational start to their primary school years. We trust that attending Ranfurly Primary is a rewarding one and that the new Preps acquire many great memories and friendships over their time here. Prep Buddies always leaves a lasting impression. In the first few weeks the Grade 5’s have been having lunch with the new Preps and doing activities such as those in the pictures above.

‘It’s Not OK To Be Away’ and ‘It’s Great If You’re Not Late’
Principal’s Thoughts

We have had a sensational start to the school year and all 385 students have settled in very well. Over the last week we have had the pleasure of visiting your children in their classrooms and specialist programs. We could not be more pleased with the atmosphere of calm and productive endeavour evident throughout the school. The teachers have built strong relationships and established a positive environment in each classroom.

A hot summer heat has arrived this week. Please do not keep your child at home on hot days. We have terrific air conditioning in all classrooms and on days of 38°C or over our students are kept in their ‘cool’ classrooms during recesses. We are a Sun Smart School and it’s great to see all those blue broad-brimmed hats on their heads during outside play. It is also wise to provide your child with a water bottle each day. Children may have the water bottle on their tables during class times and have a drink as needed – but it must only contain water!

Parents are most welcome to attend weekly school assemblies from 8:45 am on Monday mornings. Our assemblies give us the opportunity to come together as a whole school each week and celebrate our student’s achievements, to gather reports and to share information. At next Monday’s school assembly we will hand out badges to our ten 2017 School Leaders.

We are offering an invitation to all our students, parents and families to come to our welcome BBQ and P-6 School Family Evening on Thursday 16th February 2017. This will allow you to visit open classrooms and meet teachers between 5:15- 6:15 pm and from 6:00 -6:45 pm have a free ‘snag’ in bread or a taste of a fruit platter. Our staff are really looking forward to meeting parents and their families on this night.

Our School Council elections are held at the beginning of the school year. The information in this newsletter outlines the important role that School Council performs, the composition of School Council and the steps you need to take if you are interested in nominating to be a Council Member. If you would like to find out more about our School Council, please call in to speak to us.

We remind everyone of an open invitation to approach us at any time if you have an issue or concern about the school or an idea to discuss. Having said this, your child’s class teacher is your first port-of-call to discuss your child’s learning or to give positive feedback about how your child is going. Please remember that by going through the classroom teacher, the best results can be obtained for the education of your child. In the event that you have discussed your concern with the class teacher and still have a problem, then you are again most welcome to come and discuss any issues with us. Of course, the expectation is that students, parents and other members of the school community will observe common courtesy when addressing staff and other members of the community in communications.

Looking forward to seeing you around the school,

Mark and Matt
**Melbourne Storm Visit - Respect**

Last Thursday, Ranfurly Primary School was lucky enough to host Melbourne Storm player Jahrome Hughes and NRL ambassador Roy Asotasi to our school. Facilitated by our NRL Development Officer Henry Street, the trio spoke to the Grade 5/6 students about Respect. Students engaged in meaningful discussion and participated in activities that endorsed this important value. Well done to our 5/6 students for their contributions in making the session a success. Thanks also to the Melbourne Storm who continue to promote these important values amongst the community.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thankyou to those people who have returned late books outstanding from last year. However, we are still chasing 135 books! Notes have been handed out to students, so please have a good look at home and return or pay for overdue books as soon as possible. Thankyou.

The first issue of Book Club for this year has been distributed to students. Book Club is a great way to encourage a love of reading whilst also being a fundraiser for our Library. If you would like to order you may either go on-line (LOOP) or send in your orders and money to me in the Library. Please note orders close at 9am on Friday, 17th February. The books take approximately one week to arrive after that date.

Mrs K.

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**STUDENT BANKING**

Q: Would your Child like to learn how to save their pocket money?  
Q: Does your child have a bank account with the Commonwealth Bank?  

The answer is simple.

Ranfurly Primary School has teamed up with the Commonwealth Bank of Aust to help your child learn how to save money. By banking with our school your child can earn some fantastic prizes each term. You can be eligible for some incredible major prizes on offer for 2017.

If you would like more information on Student Banking please ask at the front office for an information pack.

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**PREPS - NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY**

Prep students will not be required at school on Wednesdays for the first four weeks to allow them to settle into school.
FEbruary 2017

Mon 13  Parents’ Club Meeting 4.30pm
Wed 15  No School for Preps
Thu 16  Open Classrooms/School BBQ 5.15pm - 6.45pm
Mon 20  Pupil Free Day
Parents’ Club AGM 4.30pm
Wed 22  No School for Preps

CANTEEN Roster

Fri 10/2  Tash Adair
Fri 17/2  Laura Smith
Fri 25/2  Tammy Bustard
Fri 3/3  Catherine Blaby

Songwriting Competition

The 2017 National Song Writing Competition is now open. Students have the opportunity to enter the competition and win the chance to help write the 2017 Program Song. It is a song written by students and written for students. MCUI are looking for entries that celebrate music in the lives of young people - with melodies and lyrics that appeal to Australian students. Students must write a song that follows the song brief, to have their entry/entries considered.

If you are interested see Mr. Alderton for the Song Brief or go online at musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/

Entries are due by Thursday 16 February

Girl Guides

Girl Guides have resumed meetings for 2017, and have vacancies for girls aged 5 – 18 years. Guiding offers activities designed to meet personal challenges, to learn team building and leadership skills, and to make new friends. For more information of units in your area contact Region Manager Narelle Tomlinson 0414 431 998 or mallee@guidesvic.org.au

It’s Not OK To Be Away’ and ‘It’s
## Preps Term 1 @ a Glance

**You Can Do It Stars of the Week**
- **Room PRB:** Harper-Lee Stevens for making good learning choices.
- **Room PRG:** Bailey Manning for being super organised for his learning.
- **Room PRM:** Jai Arnold for great use of the 5L’s in the classroom.

**VIP**
- **Room PRB:** Slater Gilmour
- **Room PRG:** Gabby Stewart
- **Room PRM:** Ireland Basgol

### This Week’s Unit Topics

**Literacy:**
- Letter ‘S’s’ – Sammy Snake Letterland character
- Tracking – 1-1 word matching while reading
- Predicting what might happen in the story.

**Numeracy:**
- Counting forwards and backwards
- Making Patterns

**Developmental Learning:**
- Settling into classrooms
- 5L’s
- You Can Do It!

### Special Events

*Each Wednesday during February there is no school for Prep students. Teachers use this time to conduct English and Maths assessment.*

Thank you for those parents and students who have already attended. Your child’s teacher will let you know when it is their turn.

*Please bring hat, a water filled drink bottle, and blue home reading bag to school each day.*

*February 20th will be a Pupil-free day. Students are not required to attend school on this day.*

*Please remember to put sunscreen on your children before coming to school.*

## Years 1/2 Term 1 @ a Glance

**You Can Do It Stars of the Week**
- **Room 2T:** Lakira Wighton for showing great listening skills.
- **Room 2W:** Angie Walker for her confidence when participating in class discussions.
- **Room 1M:** Alara Kandemir for being a confident role model in 1M for the start of 2017.
- **Room 1S:** Lauren Holt for a super smart start in Grade One.
- **Room 12G:** Brenna Hyde for having a red hot go at every task.

### This Week’s Unit Topics

**Numeracy**
- Counting and Place Value

**Literacy**
- Speaking and Listening
- Writing about what we have done

**YDCI**
- Getting to know our classmates!

### Birthdays

- **9th Feb:** Aiden Eneberg
- **10th February:** Homaun Rahimi, Lucy Coombs

### Special Notices and Events

Thanks to all of those families who have been reading at home each night 😊

We would appreciate it if students could bring along a box of tissues for their classroom.
### Year 3/4 Term 1 @ a Glance

#### YOU CAN DO IT STARS OF THE WEEK

| Room 3L: | Dylan Ahearn for displaying a great attitude to his learning |
| Room 3D: | Shaima Rahini for being a friendly and enthusiastic class member. |
| Room 3/4D: | Mahalia Bottrell for being organised and focused on what she is doing. |
| Room 3H: | Jessica McDonald for being a happy and bright helper in the classroom. |
| Room 4M: | Satini Tuimoala for taking pride in her work. |
| Room 4S: | Josh Ryan for his fantastic persistence during learning time. |

#### Birthdays

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### Special Events

- **Hockey next Tuesday 14th of Feb** for all Grade ¾ students.
- **Last chance for camp notes! Please bring in by tomorrow Friday 10th Feb.**

Could students please bring in a box of tissues to their classroom teacher.

Reminder Term 1 is ‘No hat, No play’ please remember to bring your hat.

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### Year 5/6 Term 1 @ a Glance

#### Stars of the Week

| Room 5/6M: | Jessie Robins for making a fantastic start to Ranfurly and getting along with his classmates. |
| Room 6C: | Maddie Kellett for an excellent start to her learning at Ranfurly Primary School. |
| Room 6K: | Mistylee Baker-Doolan for a very positive start to her Grade 6 year! |
| Room 5B: | Sean Togo for his enthusiastic and confident contribution to class and team activities. Well Done! |
| Room 5W: | Anakin Hurley for contributing and sharing wonderful ideas to class discussions. |

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#### Upcoming Events

- 10th Feb – Smart Start House Day
- 16th Feb – Open Classroom BBQ Night.
- 16th Feb – Boys Hardball Cricket
- 17th Feb – Girls Hardball Cricket

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#### 5/6 Let’s Write Topic

You are going to write a NARRATIVE that starts like this:

Everything stopped, people stood like statues all around me, people in cars, men on bicycles, babies in prams all lifeless, frozen in time...

A writing prompt went home with 5/6 students in their Homework books today. **A writing plan will need to be completed at home.** They will use this plan to support their writing in class on Monday.
2017 Family BBQ/Open Classrooms

Whole School (Prep – 6) Thursday 16 February, 5.15 -6.45 pm

You are invited to our free family barbeque

Come and meet your child’s teacher and visit classrooms

Timetable

5.15 – 6.15 pm  Classrooms will be open for you to visit
6.00 – 6.45 pm  Sausages in bread
                BYO drinks (non-alcoholic) & chairs
                Or
                bring your own picnic tea!

RSVP:
It will be greatly appreciated if you could return the reply slip before Tuesday 14 February.

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