STRONGER SMART HOUSE DAY CELEBRATION

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

It has been very pleasing to see so many happy young faces at school and enjoying being back! Our year has started with a ‘Bang’ and you children have been learning about ‘The Ranfurly Way’ and remembering, how we are at school and how great it is when our friends and teachers follow our school motto “Respect, Pride, Safety”.

New Families

We welcomed our new Preps to school and they have been learning about our school and how to find their way around. Also we have a number of new families attending our school so please make all our new families feel welcome. Welcome to those families, it’s great to have you here!!

It’s Not Ok to Be Away

Being at school is vitally important. Being here every day is the only way our teachers are able to get the sequence of learning that every child needs to be successful. It is important to remember a few things about school attendance:

- Attending school at a primary age is legally compulsory
- Coming on time means students don’t miss vital lesson information
- Having your children with a good night’s sleep is important for getting to school and concentrating all day.

Contacting the school when your child is going to be away and a must and sending a note to the teacher is the best way to do that, or telephoning the office is ok too.

Please make sure I see your children’s smiley faces everyday so we can continue to make them “Strong and Smart”

Uniforms

Please don’t forget our school is a compulsory school uniform school. This is important to remember as we strive to teach our students to be proud of themselves, how they look and the school they belong to. Being in uniform means that your child is in ‘full’ uniform, school shirt, blue shorts /skirt or a school dress, so to avoid any problems with your child being out of uniform please get to the Uniform Shop. I love our uniform and it is very unique, which means we stand out, and the community remember where our wonderful students come from.

Breakfast Club

Please remember our breakfast club is there for all students and that any students at school before 8:00am will be asked to go to the Walton wing. This helps us supervise our students in the morning as well as provided something yum to eat for them.

House Fun Day

A terrific day last Friday for our community with our Strong Smarter House Day and congratulations to Mr Cardew and our school Leaders for a well-run event. It was great to see all our student in their house colours having lots of fun.

Dennis Mitchell

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

The Grade 4 Lake Cullulleraine Camp is fast approaching so families eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund should lodge their application at the front office as soon as possible. Please bring your concession card with the completed application.

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 and for teachers to complete Prep interviews.

THE BRONZE BROOM AWARD

The winner of the Bronze Broom Award for this week is Mr Tonkin for doing a fantastic job putting together all the school Math equipment.

LIBRARY NEWS

Just a reminder that Bookclub orders are due by 9am tomorrow morning. Orders will take approximately one week to arrive after I have placed your orders.

Barb Kendrigan

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WALTON OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Ranfurly Primary School is excited to be releasing our new Walton Outside School Hours Care Program for 2016.

The Walton Outside School Hours Care Wing program has now commenced.

To attend the program families must complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Ranfurly Office. Bookings can be made on a permanent or casual basis.

To secure a place for 2016, Enrolment Packs are available from the front office.

**WOW Fees for 2016:**

Before School Care cost $7.75 and will run from 7:30am - 8:45am; breakfast is included in program fees. (The above price includes 50% deduction that everybody is eligible for)

After School Care cost $9.75 and will run from 3:15pm - 6:00pm, snack and drinks provided in program fees. (This price also includes 50% deduction that everybody is eligible for)

Child Care Benefits will reduce the cost of these sessions; the rate is calculated by Centrelink based on individual family incomes.

BREAKFAST CLUB

**WALTON WING IN MORNINGS**

Our School Breakfast program has already commenced under the coordination of Linda Mattschoss, with many students enjoying a meal before school. For those new to the school, the Breakfast Club operates every school day from 7.30 am and until approx. 8.20 am. All students are welcome to come along and have a full breakfast or just a ‘top up’ before school if they wish.

The Breakfast Club is a completely free program.

If any parent is interested in volunteering to help with this valuable program please contact the office on 5022 1299.

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PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking day will again be Tuesday this year. Any family who would like to commence school banking for their child/ren please collect an information pack from the front office.
SCHOOL UPDATES

FEVERUARY 2016

Mon 15  School Council Meeting 6pm
Parents’Club Meeting 4.30pm
Grade 1/2 Information Night
Library 5.45pm-6.45pm
Fri 26  Pupil Free Day

MARCH 2016

Mon 2  Young Leaders Conference
Mon 21 School Council Meeting

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spike Zone Volleyball
Sunraysia Volleyball will be hitting off the 2016 year in big
style with the start of the Spike Zone Volleyball Program this
Saturday. The program, that runs for 7 weeks, will be held at
the St. Joseph’s Stadium on 11th Street, each Saturday
morning from 9:30am – 11:00am.
Each week participants will learn the skills and rules of the
game in a coaching session with experienced, qualified
coaches. This will incorporate fun games and challenges with
the session finishing off with team based competitions.
The Program is open to girls and boys under 15 and is target-
ed at anyone interested in learning how to play the fast
exciting game of volleyball. The Program costs $5 per week
with fees payable on entry. So, come down and
join in, all are welcome!

Hook in 2 Hockey 2016
Would you like to be a part of our very successful Hookin2Hockey
program?  
Last year, we had over 140 local children come and try hockey, many
for the very first time. This is a five week skill development program,
will be run at the Sunraysia Hockey Turf, Eleventh St, Mildura, and
costs just $50 for each child. This fee includes a terrific pack which
includes a stick, ball, shinguards, and playing singlet.
The 2016 program will be starting soon in February!
For more info please contact Jodie Morvell - 0409 835 470

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UNIFORM SHOP NORMAL OPERATING TIMES

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CASH, CHEQUES, EFTPOS & BPAY available

FEBRUARY 2016 PUPIL FREE DAY
The correct date for our PUPIL FREE DAY in February is the Fri-
day 26 February 2016. Students will not be at school

SACRED HEART TENNIS CLUB
SACRED HEART TENNIS CLUB COMMEMS TRAINING AT
THE AERO TENNIS COURTS 11TH STREET MILDURA ON
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25TH – AT 4 – 5PM.
BOYS & GIRLS WISHING TO JOIN THE JUNIOR TENNIS TEAMS
FOR COMPETITION STARTING 1ST WEEK IN MAY MAY PLEASE
REGISTER YOUR NAMES AT THE CLUB ROOMS AS SOON AS
YOU HAVE DECIDED TO PLAY IN OUR TEAM TENNIS FOR
2016.
TRAINING IS FOR ALL GRADES – D GRADE TO A GRADE
FOR INFORMATION RING MERLE WATSON 50232883 OOMS

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**Preps Term 1 @ a Glance**

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<td>8th Jan - Kaylie Hadenfeldt</td>
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<td>Room PRE: Brenna Hyde for a great start to the year and following class expectations.</td>
<td>9th Jan - Tiara Lamb</td>
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<td>Room PRM: Vanessa Noun for a great start to the year and following class expectations.</td>
<td>4th Feb - Arlie Edwards</td>
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<td>Room PRB: Freya Jenkinson-Walters</td>
<td><em>Welcome to all the Preps and their families.</em></td>
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<td>Room PRE: Lauren Holt</td>
<td><em>Each Wednesday during February there is no school for Prep students. Teachers use this time to conduct English and Maths assessment.</em></td>
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<td>Room PRM: Lakum Greenaway-Kirby</td>
<td>Thank you for those parents and students who have already attended. Your child’s teacher will let you know when it is their turn.</td>
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<td>Literacy: Developing ‘Home Reading’ routines.</td>
<td><em>Please bring a hat, a water filled drink bottle, and blue home reading bag to school each day.</em></td>
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<td>Numeracy: Counting to 20</td>
<td><em>February 26th will be a Pupil-free day. Students are not required to attend school on this day.</em></td>
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<td>Developmental Learning: Settling into classrooms</td>
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**Years 1/2 Term 1 @ a Glance**

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<td>Room 2T: Angus Sutton-Scarlett for an excellent start to grade 2 with lots of effort in his work and for helping to keep our classroom tidy.</td>
<td>15th February Elvina Lawson</td>
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<td>Room 2W: Annalise Jones for being able to work independently during set tasks.</td>
<td>16th February Harrisyn Wood</td>
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<td>Room 2S: Carrisa Stewart for always being super organised and ready to learn.</td>
<td>17th February Atiya Bel</td>
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<td>Room 1M: Makennah Palmer for persisting to write a sentence.</td>
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<td>Room 1A: Sarah Penna for being confident in finishing her work.</td>
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<td>Room 1/2G: Eric Bueno for being a helpful and friendly class member.</td>
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<td>Numeracy: Place Value of numbers, counting, patterns</td>
<td><strong>Welcome Back!</strong></td>
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<td>Literacy: Making connections, chunking words and recounts</td>
<td>Parent Information night – Monday 15th February from 5:45-6:45pm in the Library.</td>
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Come and meet your child’s teacher and see their classroom.
## Year 3/4 Term 1 @ a Glance

### You Can Do It Stars of the Week

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<th>Room 3B:</th>
<th>Angus Jarrett for making thoughtful predictions when reading.</th>
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<td>Room 3D:</td>
<td>Tiannah Ybanez for being organised &amp; ready for learning.</td>
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<td>Room 4D:</td>
<td>Hamish Parsons for being organised in his learning and following instructions to a T. Well done Hamish</td>
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<td>Room 4H:</td>
<td>Tina King-Murray for always being ready for learning.</td>
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<td>Room 4L:</td>
<td>Shelby Chamberlain for being an excellent classroom manager.</td>
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### Birthdays

- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Noah Bueno
- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Samantha Delinicolas
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Annabelle Sherwell
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Sean Togo
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Phoenix Orford-Nicholson

### This Week’s Unit Topics

- **Literacy:** Narrative writing
- **Numeracy:** Place Value groups

### Special Events:
- Expression of interest for Year 4 camp went home on Tuesday, due back on the 18<sup>th</sup> with a deposit.

## Year 5/6 Term 1 @ a Glance

### You Can Do It Stars of the Week

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<th>Room 6M:</th>
<th>Ella Weston for making excellent contributions to group discussions. You have been an awesome role model for our classmates.</th>
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<td>Room 56H:</td>
<td>Amir Jafari for being kind and caring towards his Prep buddy.</td>
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<td>Room 5S:</td>
<td>Boe Martin for demonstrating fantastic getting along skills and maturity when working with the preps</td>
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<td>Room 5K:</td>
<td>Zayne Wood for having a positive attitude towards his learning and striving to be the best that he can.</td>
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<td>Room 6B:</td>
<td>Jye Ritchie for demonstrating Strong, Smart and Deadly decisions.</td>
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### Birthdays

- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Jaxon Stafford

### This Week’s Unit Topics

- **Literacy:** Narratives
- **Numeracy:** Place Value
- **Other:** Science
  - YCDI

### Special Events

- 5/6 FLIP Course Selection Night – 3.15 til 6pm
WOW

Walton Outside School Hours Wing Program

PUPIL FREE DAY

Expression of Interest for Friday 26th February

If there is sufficient demand WOW will operate on Pupil Free Days. Pupil Free Day programs will operate between 7.30am and 6pm each day. Children can attend for the whole day, or for a half day sessions are 7:30am to 1:00pm for a morning session and 1:00 to 6:00pm for an afternoon session.

Ranfurly WOW Care is seeking Expression of Interest from Parents/Guardians requiring care for Friday the 26th of February, could you please fill in this form if you are interested and return to school office by Thursday 18th February: Note we are only taking expression of interest at this stage.

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WALNUT PARK COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE USE OF WALNUT PARK!

Your Invitation

Mildura Rural City Council invites you to attend a community discussion regarding the future of Walnut Park when the rotunda is removed.

In recent times the rotunda at Walnut Park has fallen into disrepair and has become a place that is open to potential misuse.

To reduce the risk to the community associated with these issues Council will be removing the rotunda in the near future.

Have Your Say

We are now providing you with the opportunity to give us your thoughts on the future of Walnut Park.

We would love your ideas and thoughts on the future of Walnut Park so please come along, have a cuppa with us. We would like to hear how you believe this valuable community park could live up to its potential.

More Information

If you can’t make it and would like to give us your ideas or if you require any further information, please contact Kerren, Community Development Officer on:

Phone: (03) 5018 8100
Mobile: 0448 388 689
Email: mrcc@mildura.vic.gov.au
Post: Mildura Rural City Council
       PO Box 105, MILDURA VIC 3502

RSVP: 16 February 2016

When and Where

Date: Saturday, 27 Feb 2016
Time: 9:30am to 10:30am
Venue: Walnut Park
       Free Morning Tea Supplied