All students from Prep-6 and their parents/family are invited to visit classrooms tonight and stay for a free b.b.q. Come and meet your child’s teacher and visit classrooms and then come out the back of the school to the Outdoor Assembly area for a free b.b.q.

**TONIGHT**

*(THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2017)*

*5:15 – 6:15 pm  Classrooms will be open*

*6:00 – 6:45 pm  Sausages in bread near the Outdoor Assembly Area*

BYO drinks (non-alcoholic) & chairs or bring your own picnic tea!

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**Join us for a Barbecue**

STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL

**THIS MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2017**

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

All is in readiness for our Family Community B.B.Q. & Open Classrooms tonight. We know teachers are really looking forward to sharing information about their classes and importantly meeting parents/ guardians. Please make the effort to attend!

A reminder that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden inside the school grounds at any time. This includes before and after school. Students riding a bike or scooter are required to wear a helmet. Bikes and scooters are stored in the bike shed that is locked during the school day.

All students are expected to come to school every day the school is open to students. If students can’t come because of sickness or another genuine excuse, they must provide an explanation to their teacher. Students should arrive at each class on time and ready to learn, especially the first session. Parents need to assist their child to be punctual to create the very best opportunities for their child and not miss vital instruction time, which commences at 8:45 am.

Last Tuesday the grade 3/4 classes were involved in Hockey Clinics organised by Hockey Victoria. This Thursday we have the Boys Cricket team and Friday the Girls Cricket team playing against other Sunraysia schools. We wish them all the best!

A reminder that this Monday 20th February is a pupil-free day where students do not come to school. Teachers will update their skills in Numeracy with Charles Lovitt, an inspiration Mathematics facilitator.

Mark & Mat

SMART START HOUSE ACTIVITIES DAY

Friday 17TH February 2017 (New Date)

- Ranfurly Primary School Oval
- 9.00am—11.00am

Come dressed in House colours and wear appropriate footwear for active play. Parents are welcome to come along and join in for a morning of fun and games.

PLEASE NOTE

Information regarding Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund is coming home with students today. Please check your eligibility and contact front office to apply.

STUDENT BANKING REWARDS

The following students are now eligible to order a reward.

Paige Pullman
Jenna Pullman
Zoe Culph
Adam Baldock

Please let the office staff know which reward you would like.

Colour Change Markers
Cyber Handball
Dollarmites Moneybox (2014)
Outback Pat bag tag

Congratulations from the Student Banking Team.

Student Banking Day is: TUESDAY

PREPS - NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Prep students will not be required at school on Wednesdays for the first four weeks.

Play it loud. Play it proud!

Instrumental Music Tuition
Enrolment information at front office.

Ranfurly WOW is now open for After School Care. Any parents or caregivers wishing to use this service please contact the office for information or ring Wow mobile on 0438122139.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:
- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Today I call for nominations for our School Council Elections. This process is open to all parents in the school and I encourage any parent wishing to nominate to contact me for further information. If you decide to stand for election, you can self-nominate or arrange to be nominated and seconded by persons who are eligible for the same category as you will stand for. The appropriate nomination forms are available from the Office from today.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the Acting Principal (or front Office) within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted in the week after nominations has closed

This is the timeline which will be used:

Notice of election and call for nomination ......6th February 2017
Close of nomination ...... 3rd March 2017
Display list of candidates ...... 6th March 2017
Prepare ballot papers and distribute on ...... 7th March 2017 (if required)
Close of ballot ...... 17th March 2017 (if required)
Count votes & declare ballot ...... 17th March 2017 (if required)

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office for half of the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections. Therefore, nominations for five parent and two Department of Education and Training (DET) employee positions are needed. If you decide to stand for election, you will need to nominate as a candidate in either the Parent Category or DET employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, please return it to myself (or the Office) by 4.00pm Friday, 3rd March 2017.

The nomination form is available at the school office. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted after the call for nominations has closed.

New council becomes operational from the day following the declaration of the poll. The Annual General Meeting of Ranfurly Primary School Council will be held on Monday 20th March 2017 at 6.00pm in the Staff Room where Office Bearers will be elected by the Acting Principal.

Mark Rogerson

HOCKEY ROADSHOW

Hockey Roadshow Victoria visited Ranfurly this week to conduct clinics for our Grade 3/4 classes. Students enjoyed the experience playing fun games such as Hocktopus and Numbers Hockey.

LIBRARY NEWS

Don't forget that Bookclub orders close tomorrow, Friday, at 9am! There are some great bargains so hurry and get your orders in! You may order on-line using ‘LOOP’ (instructions are in your catalogues), or send in your order and money to me in the Library. Mrs K.

Like us on Facebook

‘It’s Not OK To Be Away’ and ‘It’s Great If You’re Not Late’
CANTEEN ROSTER

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FEBRUARY 2017

- Thu 16: Open Classrooms/School BBQ 5.15pm - 6.45pm
- Mon 20: Pupil Free Day No Students At School
- Wed 22: No School for Preps

MARCH 2017

- Mon 20: Parents’ Club Meeting School Council Meeting

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

KIDNEY FOR KIDS WALK

Wentworth to Mildura (Gateway Hotel)

25 March 2017

- Come and join us to help raise funds for kids with kidney disease.
- Walk all of the way or only some of the way - it’s up to you!

Contact
Gail 0417 318 488  Desley 0400 964 599
Or check out our Facebook Page Kidney Health Mildura Walk

‘It’s Not OK To Be Away’ and ‘It’s Great If You’re Not Late’
**Preps Term 1 @ a Glance**

### You Can Do It Stars of the Week
- **Room PRB:** Slater Gilmour for using the 5 Ls of Listening and Learning.
- **Room PRG:** Atticus Cochrane for making good choices during learning time.
- **Room PRM:** Esther Kellett for using the 5 Ls of Listening and Learning.

### VIP
- **Room PRB:** Cherry Clarke
- **Room PRG:** Zakariya Maarooft
- **Room PRM:** Jack Clarke

### Next Week’s Unit Topics
- **Literacy:** Letter Ss – Sammy Snake – Letterland Character
- **Numeracy:** Patterns & Counting
- **Developmental Learning:** The 5 Ls of Listening and Learning.

### Special Events
- **Pupil Free Day:** 20th February 2017 – Students are not required at school.

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**Years 1/2 Term 1 @ a Glance**

### Super Stars of the Week
- **Room 2T:** Halla Alsady for excellent focus during learning time.
- **Room 2W:** Ella Hibberd for fantastic 5Ls of Listening.
- **Room 1M:** Taylor McMullan for completing a fantastic letter home for Open Night.
- **Room 1S:** Akipe Plawi for being a good friend and a great learner in 1S.
- **Room 1/2G:** Darby Hatcher for always being kind and helpful towards others.

### What We’re Learning About
- **Reading:** Making predictions, learning about synonyms
- **Writing:** Writing an invitation, responding to texts
- **YCDI:** Learning skills to be more successful at school

### Birthdays
- 16th February: Harrisyn Wood
- 17th February: Atiya Bel
- 19th February: Jypsie McKenzie
- 21st February: Koby Grace

### Special Notices and Events
We are looking forward to catching up with you tonight. Please pop in, say hello and stay for a sausage! Thanks to those who have donated a box of tissues, they are greatly appreciated 😊
### Year 3/4 Term 1 @ a Glance

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

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<th>Matthew Prescott for being well organised at the start of the days learning.</th>
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<td>Eric Bueno for being a friendly and well-mannered class member.</td>
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<td>Ali Mohammadi for being a considerate and caring member of our class.</td>
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<td>Room 3H:</td>
<td>Heath Beck for being a great class member and always starting the day with a smile.</td>
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<td>Room 4M:</td>
<td>Ella Dingwall for displaying good sportsmanship during hockey.</td>
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<td>Room 4S:</td>
<td>Ozde Anar for being a fantastic helper and hard worker in the classroom.</td>
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#### Birthdays

- Sienna Evans 16th Feb
- Aja McCarron 18th Feb
- Ella Dingwall 20th Feb
- Joshua Ryan 20th Feb

### This Week’s Unit Topics

- **Literacy:** Narratives
- **Numeracy:** Place Value

### Special Events

- Don’t forget our Open Night and BBQ tonight!
- Looking forward to seeing you all there.
- This Friday is House Activities please remember to wear your house colours!
- Reminder Monday 20th February is a pupil free day.
- Reminder Term 1 is ‘No hat, No play’ please remember to bring your hat.

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

#### Stars of the Week

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<th>Ashley Cornish for consistently being a great helper in the classroom. Keep it up!</th>
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<td>Room 6C:</td>
<td>Marley Kemp for writing super, scintillating sentences in VCOP writing this week.</td>
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<td>Boe Martin for his willingness and positive approach towards his learning this week! Keep up the great work Boe!</td>
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<td>Room 5B:</td>
<td>Jacqueline Nshimirimana for her wonderful start to school life at Ranfurly PS. Great Effort!</td>
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<td>Room 5W:</td>
<td>Tyler Martin for showing wonderful persistence during your learning.</td>
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#### 20th Feb 21st Feb
- Emma Ollesch
- Jaeda Kelly-Carr

#### Upcoming Events

- 20th Feb – Pupil Free Day

### This Week’s Unit Topics

- **Literacy:** Narratives
- Choosing appropriate books
- **Numeracy:** Place Value
- **Other:** Science
- Earth & Space

### 5/6 Let’s Write Topic

Due to our Pupil Free Day on Monday the 20th Feb, Students did not have a Let’s Write prompt this week.

The homework this week only included practising their spelling words.
ROOM __________
STUDENT ____________________________
TEACHER ____________________________
This student was/will be absent on: (insert dates)

APPROVED REASONS: (Tick one)
☐ Illness ☐ Holidays
☐ Appointment Eg Dr/Dentist ☐ Medical
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