WHAT A FANTASTIC WAY TO FINISH THE YEAR

Merry Christmas and Farewell

What a terrific night this week when we sent off our Graduating Grade 6 class at ‘It’s a Ranfurly Christmas’. Our school would like to thank all of the Ranfurly Families who attended the night and celebrated an amazing year together. Our students once again stole the show with lots of laughs and proud parents watching them. Well done all! A special mention to Ms Clarke for bringing the night together and each classroom teacher for preparing the student acts. I must also mention the very enthusiastic Staff Choreographer (Ms Le Gassick) who brought a very enjoyable moment together for us. Congratulations once again to our year 6 class and good luck next year!

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Principal’s Message
The end of the school year is here and the December month has flown by. It’s the time of year when we all remind the people around us how important they are to us so I think it timely for me to do the same.

School Achievement
A year ago I challenged our teaching team to gain the standard growth measurement on average for every grade in the school in Maths and Reading (1.0 growth). In fact our goal was 1.2 for every grade in these learning areas. I also challenged ourselves to make Ranfurly the most ‘engaging’ place for Students and Parents and to focus on how well all get along together.

Well the results are in! In 2015 the average growth for our students in Reading was 1.502 (a year and a half growth) and in Mathematics Number was 1.12. These results are well above the state average and a standard that reinforces our commitment towards ‘High Expectations Culture’. What a great success!
This is achieved by the commitment and hard work of all the educators here at Ranfurly and our teachers knowing the ‘Next Step’ in the learning journey of every child in their class. I am very privileged to have such a great team and they love teaching in ‘The Ranfurly Way’.

The Back Office
I personally have been well supported by a terrific group of people in the front end of the school this year; Mrs Hards, Mrs Gray and Mr Rogerson. These people do a huge amount of work to help the school tick over perfectly and without them we wouldn’t be having the success we are. Also I need to mention the ‘Culinary Wizard’ in our school Canteen; Mrs Lee and Mrs Kendrigan in the Library. Again much of the work they do goes unseen but has massive impact on our school. Our community are very lucky to have such high calibre people in and around the school.
Lastly I would like to highlight the work of Des Hard (or Mr Hards) as the kids call him. His tireless effort to have our grounds looking the way they do is first class. Des spends lots of time making sure the grounds are ready for our students and present the school in perfect condition at all times. Thanks Des.
Farwell for the year, please make sure I see you all happy and smiling in the New Year. Happy holidays everyone,
Dennis Mitchell - Principal

PARENT’S CLUB
Thankyou, to all the families and teachers who donated to this year’s Christmas raffle. Thanks also to Grade 6 mum’s Andrea Stewart, Jodie Simpson and Fiona Dowdy for helping with the Grade 6 Graduation preparation and dinner last Thursday/night. To Tania Holt, Linda and Jess Mattchoss, thanks for lending a hand with the drinks stall/raffles on concert night.
Thanks and well done to Mel McMullan for keeping the Parents’ Club on track this year! Also, I would like to acknowledge and thank Donna Holt, Margaret White, Tash Adair, Carrie Barlow and Catherine Blaby for their help, especially over the last month.
On behalf of the Parents’ Club 2015 we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Wendy Affleck
Treasurer.

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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 will commence on 28 January 2016.
To attend the program families must have completed and lodged 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.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?
Please ensure you let the school office know if you have changed address or updated mobile phones with new numbers. This information alleviates stressful situations when students may be ill and we cannot contact parents.

We have the following dates locked in for our

2016 MAJOR CAMPS:
Grade 6 Five-Day Canberra Trip
Monday 1 - Friday 5 August 2016 (Term 3)
Grade 5 Five-Day Ballarat/ Melbourne Trip
Monday 1 - Friday 5 August 2016 (Term 3)
Grade 4 Four-Day Lake Cullulleraine Camp
Tuesday 26- Friday 29 April 2016 (Term 2)
Grade 3 Swan Hill Trip
T.B.A.

We will be sending Expression of Interest Forms out for the above Camps at the end of February with confirmed costs and itinerary.

OUR CLASSROOM TEACHERS FOR 2016

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DECEMBER 2015

18
Last Day Term 4
Dismissal @ 1.30pm

JANUARY 2016

28
First Day Term 1 for Grades
1 - 6 Students

FEBRUARY 2016

1
First Day Term 1 for Prep
Students

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note the Canteen is closed tomorrow.

NB: NO lunches will be available tomorrow, the last day of
term. Thanks for all your support during the year. Many
thanks to my ‘Friday morning’ volunteers.
I’d like to wish everyone a happy holiday.
See you next year
Tracy Lee

WHOOPING COUGH

We have been advised that there is a
possible case of Whooping Cough in
the school.
These are the school guidelines for
this:
‘exclude for 21 days after the onset
of cough or until they have
completed 5 days of a course of
antibiotic treatment’
Contacts aged less than 7 who have
not received three doses of the
vaccine should be excluded for 14
days after the last exposure or until
they have taken 5 days of a course of
effective antibiotic treatment.

1.30pm Dismissal tomorrow

Enrol now for VicSwim programs

VicSwim is running Learn to Swim programs for children
aged 4+ at local pools this summer. $30 for 5 sessions.
(Additional entry cost may apply at some pools)
Five day programs will run on the following dates:
Monday 4 – Friday 8 January: Merbein 1pm – 5.30pm
Monday 11 – Friday 15 January: Red Cliffs 10am – 2.30pm
Monday 11 – Friday 15 January: Colignan 9am – 2pm
Monday 18 – Friday 22 January: Irymple 10am – 2pm
For more information or to enrol your child please call
VicSwim on (03) 9271 3800 or go to
www.vicswim.com.au

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

There are 8 magazines left which are available to
purchase. If anyone would like to buy one please
come to the school office before 1.30pm tomorrow.

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