On Tuesday and Wednesday respectively, our boys and girls hardball cricket teams competed in the District championships held at Aerodrome ovals. Both teams acquitted themselves to an extremely high standard both on and off the field demonstrating our school values of respect, pride and safety amongst others. Unfortunately Mildura West Primary School proved too strong in both the boys and girls competitions and will go on as our District representative in the Division championships.

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Principal’s Message
Our Breakfast Club is there for all students and that any students at school before 8:15am will be required to go straight to the Walton Wing. This helps us supervise our students in the morning as well as providing something yum for them to eat.
Each day our classrooms are opened at 8:30 am before school. This is an opportunity for students to prepare for their learning day. Depending on the classroom, students will be required to read the program for the day which will be displayed in the classroom, put away their own school bag, set up their table for learning, get their own drink bottle and healthy ‘brain’ snacks ready, change their own reading books, and ensure they have the learning tools on hand for the day. Once they have organised themselves for learning, students may decide to stay in the classroom or play outside.
Over the last week, our 1/2 Unit, 3/4 Unit & 5/6 Unit had Information Nights that were a great success with many families and children visiting classes, meeting teachers and socialising together. A big thanks to everyone who attended the Information nights and also to all staff members who assisted in many and varied ways to ensure the nights ran smoothly.
On Friday 26 February 2016 there will be no students attend school. This will be a Pupil-Free Day. Ranfurly Staff will be having professional development on Writing and Indigenous Studies.

Mark and Dennis

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photo envelopes will be sent home with students today. If you wish to order School photos please return envelopes to the office with credit card details completed or with the correct money enclosed as soon as possible. (Please do not ask the office for change).

School Council Elections
Our School Council Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 21 March. Nominations for School Council membership will be called for shortly.
This process is open to all parents in the school community.
Nomination forms, timeline for nominations and elections will be made available early next week.

Parents’ Club
Welcome to 2016 - We are off to a flying start with a lot of new members this year. It was wonderful to see so many eager faces at our first meeting with some fantastic ideas already. We have quite a busy first term ahead with the Chocolate Drive and the Easter Raffle over the next few weeks. Notes will be sent home with students today in regard to the Chocolate drive so keep your eye out for those.
2016 A.G.M - The Parents club Annual General Meeting will be held on March 21st at 4.30pm in the staff room. All positions will be made open for re-election if anyone is interested in taking on a position please feel free to attend the meeting and put your hand up.
Easter Raffle - Ticket books for the Easter Raffle will be available at the office from March 8th and the Raffle will be drawn on March 23rd. More information will go out over the next couple of weeks.
Thank You - After such a wonderful year last year I need to say a big Thank You to all of the people who helped out tirelessly throughout the year on and off the committee. Every little bit helps. For the parents who can't help out but send gifts for the stalls, you are truly appreciated! The time and effort spent from home is just as important to us as the every day hustle and bustle. Thank you to the ladies in the Office who assist us throughout the year. Jen & Janine you are fantastic. To Mrs Wendy Affleck who works around the clock and is always there when no-one else can. You are truly a treasure and an amazing attribute to the Ranfurly Team. Couldn't do it without you!

Mellissa McMullan

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCUSIONS FUND
CSEF is financial assistance provided by the Victorian Government to help eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a current Health Care, Pension Card or are a foster parent you may be eligible for CSEF. To apply please bring your completed application and concession card to the front office as soon as possible.

PREPS - NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY
Prep students will not be required at school on Wednesdays for the first four weeks.

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RANFURLY SPORT UPDATE

Hockey Victoria Roadshow Clinic
Tomorrow, all students in grade 2,3 and 4 will participate in a hockey clinic ran by Ged Grimwade from Hockey Victoria. This is a fantastic opportunity for participants to learn more about the game of hockey and further develop their skills. Please don’t forget that ‘Hook in 2 Hockey 2016’ is also beginning in February where more information can be obtained by contacting Jodie Morvell on 0409 835470 or email - jmorvell@bigpond.com.

Grade 3 – 6 Tennis Excursion
On Tuesday the 1st of March and Wednesday the 2nd of March, students in Grades 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a range of tennis activities coinciding with the Mildura Grand Tennis International. Below is a list of these activities which are designed to bring tennis to the forefront as a fun and engaging sport that students can participate in not matter what experience or ability they are. Please ensure that your child(s) note is returned to their classroom teacher along with $2 to cover the cost of travel to and from the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club before the afore mentioned dates.

Schools Experience 2016;
- ANZ Hot Shots on court (a chance to have some fun on court and learn new skills)
- Pro Tour Passport (an interactive adventure around the courts)
- In The Stands (an opportunity to watch some great tennis)
- Inflatable Twister (how many balls can you catch – a great hand eye coordination activity)

There may also be an opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the game’s elite through a Question and Answer session.

House Captain Speeches
On Monday straight after assembly, candidates running for house captain will be delivering their speeches to their grade 3-6 peers. Candidates have been working hard on these and once they have been delivered, their peers will have the opportunity to vote on who they think will best represent their house. Parents, family and friends are invited to hear these speeches which will take place at the following locations;

- COWRA - Library
- DAIRTNUNK - BER Building
- KULNINE - Gym
- YERRE YERRE - Outdoor Assembly Area

Congratulations to all candidates for the work they have done thus far and good luck with the selection process.

Toby Cardew
P.E. Co-ordinator

WALTON OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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.

THE BRONZE BROOM AWARD

The winner of the Bronze Broom Award for this week is Grade 5K for having a wonderfully presented classroom.

38th MILDURA EISTEDDFOD

Registrations are now open for the Mildura Eisteddfod. Registrations close on Friday 18th March 2016. Please note: NO late entries will be accepted.

The Mildura Eisteddfod is being held from Thursday 2nd June to Monday 20 June 2016.

For more information visit:
Website: http://www.milduraeisteddfod.org
or Phone Michele: 0429 481 898
Email: milduraeisteddfod@gmail.com

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FEBRUARY 2016
Fri 26  Pupil Free Day

MARCH 2016
Mon 2  Young Leaders Conference
Mon 21  Parents’ Club Meeting
       School Council Meeting

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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UNIFORM SHOP NORMAL OPERATING TIMES

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CASH, CHEQUES, EFTPOS & BPAY available

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Merbein Golf Club Junior Clinic
355 McEdward Street, Cabarita

Dates
Sunday February 28 9.30am - 11am
Sunday March 6 9.30am - 11am
Sunday March 13 9.30am - 11am
Saturday March 20 9.30am - 11am
Sunday March 21 - Merbein Junior Clinic Competition

Ages Eligible
Boys and Girls from Grade 3 - Year 8

Cost
$15 includes entry into Competition and Sausage sizzle after each clinic

What to bring
Hat, sunscreen and Waterbottle

Juniors will have access to Golf Equipment during the clinic
For more information contact the Club via Facebook, email royal.merbein@gmail.com or Secretary Melinda Binding on 0447 790 949

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

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<td>Room PRE: Theodore McCoy for making good choices and working hard during learning time.</td>
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<td>Room PRM: Alara Kandemir for being resilient when feeling sad and making new friends.</td>
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**This Week’s Unit Topics**

**Literacy:**
- Letter ‘Ss’ – 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!

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

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<td>Room 2W: Rebecca Gale for problem solving in maths.</td>
<td>19th February Jypsie McKenzie</td>
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<td>Room 2S: Kobe Kelly for always having an awesome attitude and a super smile!</td>
<td>21st February Sarah Francis-Coslovich</td>
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<td>Room 1M: Anthony Kelly for being a deadly learner in 1M.</td>
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<td>Room 1A: Sienna Reberger for persisting to write ideas in her writing.</td>
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<td>Room 1/2G: Aja McCarron for having confidence with her maths.</td>
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**This Week’s Unit Topics**

**Numeracy:**
- Place Value of numbers, counting, patterns

**Literacy:**
- Making connections, chunking words and writing sentences

**Special Notices and Events**

**Homework**
- Reading every night is a must do for our children.
- Please help your child to become a successful reader by listening to their book in their blue home reading bag.
- Please bring along a box of tissues to share with the class.

**Uniform**
- Great to see our beautiful school uniforms being worn daily.
### Year 3/4 Term 1 @ a Glance

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

| Room 3B: | Rachalle Slater for being an organised and responsible Grade 3 student. Great Success!! |
| Room 3D: | Ali Mohammadi for persisting with all tasks and completing them to the best of his ability. Well done Ali. |
| Room 3/4D: | Noah Bueno for working hard and staying focussed on his learning. |
| Room 4H: | Kane Gogler for being a thoughtful member of the class and always using his learning time properly. |
| Room 4L: | Ashley Cornish for being well organised at the start of each day and making the most of his learning opportunities. |

#### Birthdays

- **Feb 20th**: Ella Dingwall, Joshua Ryan
- **Feb 20th**: Emma Ollesch
- **Feb 21st**: Jaeda Kelly-Carr

**This Week’s Unit Topics**

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

**Special Events**: expression of interest for Year 4 camp went home last Tuesday, due back on Feb 18th (today) with a deposit. Pro Tennis Tour, March 2nd notes and money due back before Feb 25th

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

#### You Can Do It Stars of the Week

| Room 6M: | Kiera Nagyidai for showing excellent Getting Along skills. Congratulations on a great start to the year Kiera. |
| Room 56H: | Seth Mouskovias for demonstrating excellent getting along skills by being friendly and caring towards others. |
| Room 5S: | Eveline Mbazumutima for her positive and persistent approach to her learning. |
| Room 5K: | Ieesha Williams for being helpful, organised and having a positive attitude towards her learning at all times! Jade Barlow for consistently being a fantastic role model by demonstrating ‘The Ranfurly Way’ in all that she does. |
| Room 6D: | Jade Barlow for consistently being a fantastic role model by demonstrating ‘The Ranfurly Way’ in all that she does. |

#### This Week’s Unit Topics

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

#### Special Events

- **15th Feb**: Shakyla Laomahei
- **18th Feb**: Alex Nishimwe
- **19th Feb**: Jai Ritchie
  Tyrone Hudson
Parents Club are running a chocolate drive to kick start the fundraising for Term 1.

- Chocolate boxes will be available from the front office
- There are Variety Packs and Freddo Packs available.
- All chocolates are $1 each. (50 pieces in a box)
- Money raised and chocolates not sold will need to be returned to the school office no later than **Friday 18 March**.
- Boxes will not be sent home with students unless a request form is filled out by their Parent/Carer and handed into the office.
- To keep our students safe we ask that your child/ren do not sell door to door without adult supervision.

**RANFURLY PARENTS’ CLUB**
**CHOCOLATE DRIVE FUNDRAISER**
**18 Feb - 18 March 2016**

Can you please send one box of 50 chocolates Freddo / Variety *(please circle preference)* home with (Name)................................................................. (Room)...............  
I will have the money or the unsold chocolates returned to the office by **Friday 18 March**.  
Parent/Carer Name................................................................. Date...............  
Signature.................................................................