This week I have had a number of conversations from concerned parents about dangerous drivers at the front of the school. I can honestly say this ‘scare me’ greatly, as if we all don’t look after our school; a serious accident is just around the corner. These requests/ worries are certainly something that has been heard loud and clear by Mildura Police and Mildura City Council who have both been down keeping an eye on our school (Police have indicated they will fine drivers doing the wrong thing)! Please parents remember that “all of our young children MUST be kept safe when leaving the school”, “Children and Parents MUST use the crossing to cross the road when the flags are out”, Follow the road rules when picking up from school (ie. slow down, DO NOT U-turn across the white line). This is not me being the grumpy ‘Know all’ Principal; this is me being a person and dad who wants all our beautiful children to be safe. Please help me in doing the right thing and reminding everyone else too. (Dennis Mitchell)

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**Principal’s Thoughts**

Thank you everyone for embracing our new school uniform. It looks fantastic and it’s great to see our little ones presenting themselves so proudly. The ladies in the office tell me the new supplies will be here for the start of Term 2, so don’t panic if your order hasn’t arrived yet!

We have had some successful Sporty people at Ranfurly in the past couple weeks. Mr Cardew has been very busy getting our year 5/6 students to interschool competitions (swimming, cricket and tennis) as well as Hockey Victoria running great sessions at school. Lots of fun by everyone!

Reading every day is a must! This week I have been spending lots of time in the classrooms of some of our new Preppies. They impress me with their smiles and enthusiasm to be here, learn and have fun. ‘That’s what school is about!’ I was very pleased with lots of these 5 and 6 year olds already achieving 20 or more reading nights for the year.

Congratulations to these little people, their parents and teachers. That’s showing Strong and Smart learning in every way. Below is a reading for you all about the importance of reading for ‘Brain Food’ and improving Listening Skills and Literacy Learning. Check it out.

http://www.k12reader.com/why-read-20-minutes-a-day/

Our year 5/6 students have begun their new Flexible Learning Interest Program lessons this week. FLIP is a way that our Year 5/6 students are able to choose their program (with their parents and teacher) for the whole year. This year’s Units include; Getting into the Wider Community, Master Chef, Becoming a News Reporter, Dance Programming and more. So far our students are very happy with this new approach to learning more about the FLIP activities and how you could get involved please see me or Mr McLeod.

WOW is the Tile of our New Before and After School program. So far we have approximately 10-15 students accessing the service each night and more and more demand is growing. This program will also be operating tomorrow on our student free day and we intend to be able to offer school holiday Activities in the near future. Congratulations and thankyou to Bec Miller and her team who have built this program from scratch. Well Done or should I say........................WOW!

**Dennis**

**PREPS COMMENCE SCHOOL FULL TIME**

Prep students will be required at school full time from Monday including every Wednesday.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Parents wanting to order school photos should return envelopes to the office prior to or on 22nd March 2016. Please ensure credit card details are completed or the correct money is enclosed. *(Please do not ask the office for change).*

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

Please note, due to the Pupil Free Day tomorrow Friday 26 February the office will be closed from midday.

**WOW Pupil Free Day 26 February 2016**

- Our Ranfurly WOW program will run tomorrow from 8.00am until 6.00pm.
- Students booking into the program should report to the BER building to be signed in.
- We still have some vacancies if you would like to make a booking for your child.
- Children will be having fun participating in some great art/craft, non-bake cooking and sporting activities.
- Breakfast, morning and afternoon tea are provided.
- Students need to wear appropriate clothing for the day and should bring a packed lunch, water bottle and a hat.
- A completed enrolment form is required for students to attend our WOW program. Students may attend for the full day, we will also offer half day sessions. Morning session 8.00 - 1.00pm:
  - Afternoon session 1.00 - 6.00pm.
- Cost for the full day is $60 per child.
- *(Rebates are paid into your nominated Centrelink account)*

**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.
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 6M for preparing and cleaning up the BER Building for a great start to 2016.

PARENTS’ CLUB FUNDRAISER

The Parents’ Club still have boxes of Cadbury Fundraiser chocolates available. If anyone would like to take a box to sell please contact the office. Money and unsold boxes need to be returned by Friday March 18, 2016.

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 are now available from the office.

HOUSE CAPTAINS & JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

House Captains will be announced this Monday at assembly. Badges will be awarded to House Captains and JSC Representatives at the following weeks assembly Monday March 7, 2016.

Sunraysia Division Tennis Tournament

Today we had three students representing our school at the Sunraysia Division Tennis Tournament. Renee Affleck, Sam and Imogen Davies competed in a knock out competition at Mildura Lawn Tennis club against the best players from primary schools across Sunraysia. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about their experiences from the day.

Sunraysia Swimming Carnival

Yesterday, 10 students represented our school in the School Sport Victoria Swimming Carnival held at Mildura Waves; Caitlin Hartwig, Mackenzie Pullman, Jena Henkel, Ky Jayet, Noah Mouskovias, Max Leeder, Xavier Hines, Seb Cross, Zayne Wood and Dylan Lawson. Some fantastic results were obtained in all disciplines of swimming, notably Noah Mouskovias’s 3rd in the 12 year old boys breaststroke and Ky Jayet’s win in the 12 year old boys backstroke. Other students were very competitive in both their individual events and also their relays. On what was a hot day I would like to congratulate the students for their efforts and patience whilst waiting for their events. I would also like to thank Mr Mitchell and Miss Ellis for transportation to and from the event.

Toby Cardew

SPORT UPDATE

Hook in 2 Hockey

Last Friday, Ranfurly Primary School was lucky to host representatives from Hockey Victoria to run clinics with our Grade 2, 3 and 4 students. Students were put through their paces by performing a range of skill based activities and applying these through engaging modified games. Special thanks to Ged and Clarke from Hockey Victoria and also Jodie Morvell from Sunraysia Hockey Association for sharing their expertise.

If students are interested in the Hook in 2 Hockey program which started last Saturday, please contact Jodie Morvell on 0409835470.

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FEBRUARY 2016

Fri 26   Pupil Free Day

MARCH 2016

Mon 2   Young Leaders Conference
Mon 14  Labour Day Holiday
Mon 21  Parents’ Club Meeting
         School Council Meeting
Mon 22  School Photos

COMMUNITY NEWS

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: 0423 481 888
Email: milduraeisteddfod@gmail.com

MUSIC TOGETHER IN MILDURA

FREE TRIAL CLASSES
FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

Come and try our fun filled and high quality Music Together classes for 0-5 year olds and then grow up with experiential education
Catherine Threlfall. Join us for joyful singing, dancing and instrumental play.

Friday 18th March at 10am and 1pm at the Government House, Alfred Deakin Centre. Registrations essential. Book now at:
www.musictogetherhandersonline.org.au or ring 0426 890 929.

CANTEEN NEWS

We have lots of delicious wraps!
Check out our menu! Full size $5.00 Half size $2.50.
Sweet chilli wraps are really popular, also the famous Deli Wrap.

THREE COLOURS REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday 6th March
Three Colours Soccer Club Shed
Soccer Park, Flora Ave, Mildura
10am—3pm
New and existing players welcome
Further info Vince Malorana 0416 054 372

UNIFORM SHOP NORMAL OPERATING TIMES

Tues 8:30 am - 9:00 am
Thur 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

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.

SUNRAYSLIA AUSKICK JUMP ON LINE

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and register at any of our 13 Auskick Centres
Register now and enjoy the fun activities over a 10 week program

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### Next Week’s Unit Topics

**Literacy:**
- Letter ‘iI’ – Impy Ink Letterland character
- Tracking – Get Your Mouth Ready to make the sound of the first letter.
- Predicting what might happen during the story.

**Numeracy:**
- Subitising
- Sorting 2D Shapes

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

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### Birthdays

*February 26th will be a Pupil-free day. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

*A big thank-you to Melissa and Laura for tidying up our Developmental Play room and to Donna for washing our dress-ups. It is greatly appreciated!*
**Year 3/4 Term 1 @ a Glance**

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

| Room 3B: | Esdras Setu for being able to organise himself responsibly to begin his learning. Great Effort! |
| Room 3D: | Satini Tuimoala for great listening and following instructions. |
| Room 3/4D: | Courtney McMullan for being an organised and helpful class member. |
| Room 4H: | Willow Simpson for always putting in 100% to her learning. |
| Room 4L: | Harmony Pullman for always producing top quality work. Well done! |

**This Week’s Unit Topics**

| Literacy: | Narrative writing and Visualising |
| Numeracy: | Place Value and Addition |

**Special Events**

- Next Wednesday 2nd March the Grade 3/4 students are going to the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club to participate in activities at the Pro Tennis Tour between 10:00am and 1.00pm. Students should have returned their permission note and $2.00, if not please bring it in ASAP.

**Birthdays**

- 26th Feb: Jay Tulloch, Jourdain Kye Jayet
- 1st Mar: Setaita Fataniavake

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

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

| Room 6M: | Lahni Graham for showing excellent leadership skills, both within and outside of our classroom, to support your classmates to get along! Great work Lahni! |
| Room 56H: | Codi-Lee Dimasi for demonstrating persistence and enthusiasm in all tasks. |
| Room 5S: | Haley Cooper for showing confidence during class discussions and being a Strong and Smart member of 5S |
| Room 5K: | Jade Currie for being persistent and really trying in group work and her own learning. |
| Room 6B: | Jonathan Holt for demonstrating determination and dedication to his writing. |

**This Week’s Unit Topics**

| Literacy: | Narratives |
| Numeracy: | Place Value |
|          | Addition and Subtraction |
|          | Science |
| Other:   | YCDI |
|          | FLIP |

**Special Events**

- Tennis Excursion on Tuesday
- Grade 5 Camp – Expression of Interest notes due back by the 1st March with $50 deposit
- Young Leaders Conference – Wednesday 2nd of March
- Reminder that there is NO SCHOOL tomorrow