WELCOME TO OUR 2017 PREPS

'It’s Not OK To Be Away’ and ‘It’s Great If You’re Not Late’
Happy New Year! The start to the 2017 school year has been fabulous. It gives me great pleasure to welcome all our students and their families for 2017. We would also like to extend a special welcome to the new families that have joined us at Ranfurly Primary School this year and, of course, the new preps, who started today. I know that they will value their time here at our great school. We look forward to a very exciting time with some fantastic activities and events planned throughout the year.

This term we have three teachers away on leave for the whole of the term in Dennis Mitchell, Ange Mitchell & Trudie Clarke. We wish them well! We are very pleased to welcome as members of staff Mrs Rebecca White and Brendan Alderton for the whole year and also welcome Tamara Witte (5/6M for four days) and Hannah Wall (1/2G on Wednesdays) for Term One. We are also very fortunate to have working on Mondays and Tuesdays each week for at least the next six months the following Latrobe teachers: in Latifa Jafri, Alesia Allford, Cassandra Halacas and Jessica Cavallaro.

The buildings and grounds are in immaculate condition courtesy of lots of hard work from Des Hards. Thanks Des!

Many staff members spent a great deal of time at school over the holidays preparing classrooms, and meeting in their teams so everything was in place ready for the children on the first day. Thank you to our hardworking staff!

I am also very appreciative of the efforts of the volunteers from Parents’ Club who opened the uniform shop to allow parents to make purchases over the last week. It has been fantastic to see all students in uniform today.

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 provide something yum to eat for them.

Please remember our school motto of RESPECT PRIDE SAFETY and use it to guide how we act at all times.

Keep the following February dates free:
Thursday 16 February – Open Classrooms/ School B.B.Q. (5:15 – 6:45 pm); Monday 20 February = Pupil Free Day.

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year and I look forward to working with you towards a successful 2017.

Mark Rogerson
Acting Principal
LI BRARY NEWS

Welcome back to the Library for 2017!

We have made a few changes over the holidays, so come in and see our new look. The students are already enjoying using our new couches, ottomans and cushions!

Borrowing has already commenced. Students must have a Library bag – I have them here for just $2.00 or a shopping bag or pillow case works just as well. Please ensure our books are kept in the Library bags at home to keep them safe from damage.

Notes will be going home next week for all overdue books from last year – we still have **161 books to be returned!!!** We would ask that you return these as soon as possible, or pay for them if they are lost.

Bookclub is a great way to encourage our children to read and it also helps to stock our Library as we get commission on all items sold. Bookclub is issued twice per term (Issue 1 next week). In May we will hold our Annual Book Fair. I look forward to seeing you soon,

Mrs. K
FEBRUARY 2017

Thu 2
Prep Students Commence (except Wednesdays)

Thu 16
Open Classrooms/School BBQ 5.15pm - 6.45pm

Mon 20
Pupil Free Day

CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 3/2  Suzi Castle
Fri 10/2  Tash Adair

SONGWRITING COMPETITION

The 2017 National Song Writing Competition is now open. Students have the opportunity to enter the competition and win the chance to help write the 2017 Program Song. It is a song written by students and written for students. MCU are looking for entries that celebrate music in the lives of young people - with melodies and lyrics that appeal to Australian students. Students must write a song that follows the song brief, to have their entry/entries considered.

If you are interested see Mr. Alderton for the Song Brief or go online at musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/

SONGWRITING COMPETITIONDue 16 Feb 2017

Hook in 2 Hockey 2017
Would you like to be a part of our very successful Hookin2Hockey program?
This is an eight week skill development program, will be run at the Sunraysia Hockey Turf, Eleventh St, Mildura, and costs $85 per child. This fee includes a terrific pack which includes a stick, ball, shin guards, and playing singlet. The 2016 program will be starting soon in February! For more information please contact Jodie Morvell 0409 835470 jmorvell@bigpond.com

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CANTEEN NEWS

We are back!! A new price list was sent home earlier in the week, if you missed out call into the canteen and collect one from Tracy. We look forward to a busy year, providing lots and lots of lunches. Remember all profits from the Canteen go straight back into the school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dental services for children

Your local community dental service offers:
LOW-COST dental services for all children
FREE if you have a Centrelink concession card

Dental health is essential for overall health and wellbeing. Regular dental check-ups are important to catch any problems early.

Who can access this service?
The Child Dental Health Program is available to entitled migrants, Indigenous Australians and other Australian citizens. It is open to families who are receiving a benefit from the Department of Health and Ageing under the Child Dental Health Program.

What does the service include?

Emergency care - immediate pain relief and care.
Guaranteed:
• Regular appointments available
• Emergency service available Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 5.00pm
• Free treatments for eligible children in the State of Victoria.
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DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES VICTORIA

To make an appointment contact:
Sunraysia Community Health Services
137 13th Street, Mildura
Ph: 03 5022 1299

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For more information: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/childdentaldentalhealth

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