What a momentous occasion it was on Monday to see our new Preps and their parents/guardians come through the doors, looking splendid in their school uniforms. We have 60 Preps attending Ranfurly this year and they have had a sensational start and all have settled in very well. No doubt Ranfurly’s extensive transition program played a significant role on our Preps confidently walking through the doors this week. We warmly welcome every one of the Prep students and their families, trusting their time at Ranfurly Primary is a rewarding one and that they acquire many great memories and friendships over their time here.

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Principal’s Message

Yesterday unfortunately we received a hoax threatening phone call along with several other Victorian schools that was highly disruptive and very frustrating to our school.

We have an Emergency Management Plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. After receiving the phone call yesterday, we immediately contacted the police and enacted our school’s emergency management (evacuation of all buildings). The police attended and completed a safety check; with students and staff returning to classes later.

We would like to reassure you that the evacuation worked very well and we’re very proud of our students and staff who conducted themselves in a calm and efficient manner and did a fantastic job of following instructions to the letter.

The safety and wellbeing of our students was at all times our number one priority.

Finally, the Mildura Police were awesome in their quick and professional response to this incident. Well done and thank you to everyone for their co-operation yesterday.

We have weekly assemblies on Monday mornings starting at 8.45 am in the Outdoor Assembly Area. Parents are most welcome to attend. Our assemblies give us the opportunity to come together as a whole school each week and celebrate our student’s achievements, to gather reports and to share information.

Mark and Dennis

THE RAMBLER

The school newsletter is published weekly and goes home with the oldest child in the family each Thursday afternoon and is also available on the school’s website, www.ranfurlyps.vic.edu.au

It is our way of keeping you informed of what is going on in the school. If you would prefer to have the Newsletter emailed to you, please send an email with your name and your child/ren’s name and class to ranfurly.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

PREPS - NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Prep students will not be required at school on Wednesdays for the first four weeks to allow them to settle into school and for teachers to complete Prep interviews.

UNIFORMS

Please don’t forget our school is a compulsory school uniform school. This is important to remember as we strive to teach our students to be proud of themselves, how they look and the school they belong to.

New shirts are currently on order and we will notify students and parents when they arrive. For other uniform requirements please note the uniform shop is open Tuesday 8.30am-9.00am and Thursday 3.15pm—3.45pm.

THE BRONZE BROOM AWARD

The winner of the Bronze Broom Award for this week is Mr Hards for doing a fantastic job getting our gardens and lawns ready for the start of the 2016 school year.

Smart Start Celebration Day

Tomorrow - Friday 5 February

Coinciding with the beginning of the 2016 school year, Ranfurly Primary School’s Smart Start Celebration Day will be held tomorrow (Friday the 5th of February). Students from P-6 are invited to dress in their house colours on this day (with suitable footwear for active play) and will be participating in a range of multi-aged activities between 11.45am and 1.45pm on the school oval.

During this time students will also get an opportunity to learn more about their House and its history and origin. This is a great opportunity to get together as a whole school and community to start the year in a positive way. Parents and guardians are most welcome to attend. Thanks.

Toby Cardew
P.E. Co-ordinator

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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 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

WALTON WING IN MORNINGS

Our School Breakfast program has already commenced under the coordination of Linda Mattschoss, with many students enjoying a meal before school. For those new to the school, the Breakfast Club operates every school day from 7.30 am and until approx. 8.20 am. All students are welcome to come along and have a meal before school if they wish. The Breakfast Club is a completely free program.

If any parent is interested in volunteering to help with this valuable program please contact the office on 5022 1299.

Please remember 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 to eat for them.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our first issue of Bookclub has been distributed to students! Scholastic offer lots of great books and often at discounted prices! What a great way to encourage a love of reading! And... the school benefits from all sales! There are two ways to order – either on-line (LOOP), or directly to me. On-line, you order and pay directly to Scholastic then your books are delivered to the school for me to distribute to students. OR, send your completed order form and money to me in the Library. Please note Issue 1 orders close at 9am on Friday, 12th February.

PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

STUDENT PERSONAL DETAILS

Have you changed your address, home phone number, work phone number, mobile number, custody restrictions or medical details? If so, please keep the office informed of any changes to details relevant to your children attending school. It is vital that these records are kept up to date so we can alleviate stressful situations when students may be ill or in case of an emergency and we cannot contact parents. We need to make sure your child receives the best care we can offer.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

The school car park is for staff car parking, and deliveries to the school only. In order to protect the safety of all children, we ask that parents do not park in the school car park or bus loop to drop off or pick up children. The staff car park gate is also not to be used for pedestrian access. Children and parents are not permitted to enter or leave the school via the staff car park gate for safety reasons. Please use footpath access points.

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**SCHOOL UPDATES**

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CASH, CHEQUES, EFTPOS & BPAY available

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**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.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**GIRL GUIDES**

Girls of all ages are welcome to ‘come and try free’ for a two weeks with no obligation. So what is Girl Guides all about? For over 100 years we have been providing fantastic opportunities for girls and women to meet personal challenges and have fun. Why not come along and see what you think? If you would like more info give Melanie a call on 0409 502 271.

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**Spike Zone Volleyball Starts Saturday.**

Sunraysia Volleyball will be hitting off the 2016 year in big style with the start of the Spike Zone Volleyball Program this Saturday. The program, that runs for 7 weeks, will be held at the St. Joseph’s Stadium on 11th Street, each Saturday morning from 9:30am – 11:00am.

Each week participants will learn the skills and rules of the game in a coaching session with experienced, qualified coaches. This will incorporate fun games and challenges with the session finishing off with team based competitions.

The Program is open to girls and boys under 15 and is targeted at anyone interested in learning how to play the fast exciting game of volleyball. The Program costs $5 per week with fees payable on entry. So, come down and join in, all are welcome!

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**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, shin guards, and playing singlet.

The 2016 program will be starting soon in February! For more info please contact Jodie Morvell - 0409 835 470

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PREPS WILL RESUME AT A GLANCE FROM NEXT WEEK

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<td>Room 2T: Tarnesha Bailey for a confident start to Grade 2.</td>
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<td>Room 2S: Matthew Prescott for a super start to grade 2.</td>
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<td>Room 1M: Darby Hatcher for a confident start at Ranfurly Primary school. Well Done!</td>
<td><strong>10th February</strong></td>
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<td>Room 1A: Alexandria Thomas for starting the year with confidence.</td>
<td><strong>29th January</strong></td>
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<td>Getting to know our teachers and students.</td>
<td>Parent Information night – Monday 15th February from 5:45-6:45pm in the Library. Come and meet your child’s teacher and see their classroom.</td>
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### Year 3/4 Term 1 @ a Glance

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<td><strong>Room 3B:</strong> Dinusha Perera Morawaka for being a confident and helpful Grade 3 student.</td>
<td>Feb. 6&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Willow Simpson</td>
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<td><strong>Room 3D:</strong> Ella Dingwall for enthusiastically completing her work and helping others.</td>
<td>Feb. 11&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Joel Marks-Moyle</td>
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<td><strong>Room 3/4D:</strong> Antonia Bailey for having the confidence to carry out responsibilities around the school.</td>
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<td><strong>Room 4H:</strong> Jaeda Kelly-Carr for her caring and thoughtful contributions to Smart Start discussions.</td>
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<td><strong>Room 4L:</strong> McKayla Roberts for making a confident and hard working approach to the new school year.</td>
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#### This Week’s Unit Topics:

**Smart Start**

**Literacy:**

**Numeracy:**

#### Special Events: 3/4 Parent Information Evening, Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:45-6:45.

Notes went home yesterday.

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

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<td><strong>Room 6M:</strong> Lucy Walls for displaying excellent ‘getting along’ skills. You have been a role model for your classmates to follow. Well done Lucy!</td>
<td>7&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Feb Carla Luffman</td>
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<td><strong>Room 56H:</strong> Tyrone Hudson for having an enthusiastic attitude towards school and learning.</td>
<td>9&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Feb Kaitlyn Dunstan</td>
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<td><strong>Room 55:</strong> John Pitt for his positive and confident start to the year.</td>
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<td><strong>Room 5K:</strong> Nikkiita Ybanez for being a positive and supporting class member.</td>
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<td><strong>Room 6B:</strong> Renee Affleck for demonstrating enthusiasm and pride towards her work.</td>
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#### This Week’s Unit Topics

**Smart Start**

**Activities**

**Literacy:**

**Numeracy:**

#### 5/6 Information Night – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb – 6pm til 7pm in the BER
Welcome to 2016

Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome to the 2016 School Year at Ranfurly Primary School. We have a fantastic year ahead with lots of planning to do. This Year Parents’ Club are looking to jazz up our School Library with some bright new colours and furnishings among other small projects to be discussed throughout the year. In order to do this we need your help with fundraising. Parents’ Club are looking for some fresh new faces and some brand new ideas. Every effort no matter how small or large is worth it for our great School. There are a number of ways that you can help out our school. Please fill out the form below as to which would suit you best and return to the school office as soon as possible. And remember that every effort makes a difference no matter how small.

Name:...........................................................................................................

Contact number:...........................................................................................

☐ I would like to help out and be a part of Parents Club and can attend meetings. (1st Meeting is Mon Feb 15th at 4.30pm)

☐ I would like to help out and be a part of Parents’ Club but I am unable to attend meetings.

*Please keep me informed by either Text or email.

Phone..............................................

Email............................................................
Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

This money is only available to the individual student in each family and cannot be used for siblings.

Your current valid Health Care or Pension Card which must be presented with the application.

Families who successfully apply at the start of Term One do not need to re-apply at the start of Term Two. We will notify you if there are any issues with the application.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Ranfurly Primary School

School Name

5346

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb

State

Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ – ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ – ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ – ☐ OR

☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant __________________________ Date __ / __ / ___
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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