Today The Mik Maks visited Ranfurly Primary and lots of our students had a smiling, happy time. Lots of energy and fun was on the agenda when Ranfurly students and pre-schoolers from across the District Danced, Sang and Played to the Early Childhood group The Mik Maks. Joel McInnes, a member of the group said “it’s all about fun and excitement for these little ones and it has been terrific to see them at Ranfurly for the first time”. The Mik Maks are currently on tour and head to Broken Hill tomorrow for their next show.

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**Principal’s Thoughts**

**NAPLAN**
Our very clever students in Grade 3 and Grade 5 have been getting their brains ready for next week’s NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN measures your child’s ability of English and Mathematics. It’s important to remember that this is not a way to test if they are a good student or if they are successful at school. Success comes in many different forms and intelligence is not only about being Book Smart. However this does help our school get better at the way we teach and the way we help your child learn. Good luck everyone next week!

**Safe out the front**
It’s great to see this week lots of our students and parents acting in a Road Safe way when picking up students from school. We have had a near miss in the past and this week it has been terrific to see the way children are being accessed from here. Thank you everyone for thinking about the safety of our students during pickup and drop off times.

**Winter Uniform**
As the winter mornings are getting closer and closer, I strongly urge parents to get to the uniform shop to make sure your child is in uniform.

It is compulsory that children are in FULL school uniform including blue pants or shorts. I have asked teachers to send home notes to remind parents, so please ensure your child has the right clothes on for school.

**Cross Country a Success**
Our Cross Country has been Run and Won this week at school. Our students had a terrific morning in their house teams, supporting each other and cheering for their house. Congratulations to Mr Cardew and his team of helpers for a terrific day with lots of fun………………it definitely was The Ranfurly Way!

Dennis Mitchell
Principal

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**SCHOOL BANKING**
School Banking day is Tuesday.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**
The Library will be holding a “Monster” Book Fair from Monday 23rd May – Friday 27th May. The Fair will be open before and after school and will offer lots of great books, posters and novelty items for sale. Everyone is welcome to visit the Fair. This is a great way to encourage our students to read and develop a love of books! The Library benefits from all sales. I look forward to seeing you all.

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**BREAKFAST CLUB**
Reminder that students should not be hungry before school.

We have a wonderful BREAKFAST CLUB at Ranfurly Primary that operates every school day from 7.30 am and finishes up at 8.20 am in the Walton Wing. All students are welcome to come along and have a full breakfast or just a ‘top up’ before school if they wish. The Breakfast Club is a completely free program.
SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met on Monday night and among the items for discussion, we approved two pupil-free days, which will be staff professional development days:
- Friday 10th of June
- Monday 3rd of October

School Council also discussed the formation of a group to investigate and introduce innovative, creative and sustainable ways of building an even stronger school community and increasing parental involvement in the school. The group will have some school council members (Sally Parsons, Nikki Milner & Tae Richards) and teacher representatives, together with parent representatives. Together we will explore ways to engage parents and carers to provide opportunities for them to be more involved in school programs, activities or events.

We’re seeking some parents to join our group. It doesn’t matter how many children you have or what year level they’re in. It doesn’t matter whether you’re new to the school or have been part of the school for many years. We’re looking for interested individuals who’d like to work together as a team to come up with some great ideas! We will negotiate meeting times with all school council, staff and parent representatives once we know who would like to be part of this initiative. If you’re enthusiastic, committed and keen to be part of this initiative, we’d love to have you! You can either contact the office to let them know you’re interested OR email: parsons.sally.s@edumail.vic.gov.au and provide your contact details.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students for participating in the this year’s School Cross Country. It was great to see the students run with such enthusiasm and persistence. A special congratulations must go to the grade champions (listed below) and placegetters on the day.

Thank you to all parents for coming and cheering the students and to all staff in assisting in the running of the Cross Country.

The results for the House Cross Country shield are:
1st Kulnine
2nd Dairtnunk
3rd Cowra
4th Yerre Yerre

Year level Champions and winning times (3 to 6 times only)

Prep Boys - Jarrell O’Neill
Prep Girls - Arlie Edwards
Grade 1 Boys - Darby Hatcher
Grade 1 Girls - Ella Hibberd
Grade 2 Boys - Maurice Beasy
Grade 2 Girls - Billie Bartels
Grade 3 Boys - Scout Hatcher 6 min 38 sec
Grade 3 Girls - Roghayeh Jafari 8 min 34 sec
Grade 4 Boys - Nate Bathe 6 min 26 sec
Grade 4 Girls - Rebecca Penna 7 min 2 sec
Grade 5 Boys - Xavier Hines 11 min 39 sec
Grade 5 Girls - Ieesha Williams 13 min 27 sec
Grade 6 Boys - Seb O’Halloran 11 min 6 sec
Grade 6 Girls - Lara Burrows 14 min 32 sec

Toby Cardew
P.E. Co-ordinator

Sally Parsons
MAY 2016

Fri 20
Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport

Mon 23
To
Fri 27

Book Fair in Library

JUNE 2016

Fri 10
Pupil Free Day

Mon 13
Queens Birthday – Public Holiday

CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 6/5
Natasha Adair

Fri 11/5
Natasha Adair

Fri 20/5
Katherine Blaby

Fri 27/5
Rebecca Bailey

UNIFORM SHOP NORMAL OPERATING TIMES

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

CASH, CHEQUES, EFTPOS & BPAY available

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC.
PLACES AVAILABLE IN ALL AGE GROUP FOR 2016 FOOTBALL SEASON
All new and existing players welcome

KENNY PARK MERBEIN
Training Times
Under 16:
Tuesday & Thursday 4.30 to 6.00pm
Under 14:
Tuesday & Thursday 4.30 to 5.45pm
Under 10 and 12:
Thursday only 4.30 to 5.30pm

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Registrations are to be completed Online via website
For further information please contact:
Graeme Dunne (President) - 0407 235 751
Melissa McNally (Secretary) – 0427 502 303

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## Preps Term 2 @ a Glance

### You Can Do It Stars of the Week
- **Room PRB:** Phoenix Sutton-Scarlett for writing some of the sounds that he hears in words.
- **Room PRE:** Nyoka Handy for being organised for her learning and trying hard to finish set work. Vanessa Noun for beginning to make connections between letters and their sounds when writing.

### VIP
- **Room PRB:** Sylvia Koolmatrie-Goodes
- **Room PRE:** Brenna Hyde
- **Room PRM:** Rylan Connell

### Next Week’s Unit Topics
**Literacy:**
- Oo- Oscar Orange – Letterland character
- Get Your Mouth Ready to make the sound of the first letter.
- Making Connections to the text.

**Numeracy:**
- Developing Understanding of quantity
- Subitising
- Graphs

**Developmental Learning:**
- Going to the hairdressers

### Birthdays
- **1st May:** Ella Widdison
- **7th May:** Nyoka Handy

### Special Events
- **CLUB 26**
  Club 26 Members know all letter names and the most common sounds they make in words.
  **Congratulations to:**
  - Caleb Allford
  - Lauren Holt

## Years 1/2 Term 2 @ a Glance

### You Can Do It Stars of the Week
- **Room 2T:** Mitchell Simms for great persistence and fantastic score with his reading test this week.
- **Room 2W:** Berkan Kankal for completing set tasks more quickly.
- **Room 2S:** Abbie Jenkinson – Walters for always being a positive and friendly role model for her classmates!
- **Room 1M:** Halla Alsady for always sharing during class discussion and being organised to learn.
- **Room 1A:** Anthony Mitchell for being persistent to stay on task.
- **Room 12G:** Heath Beck for being persistent in trying to achieve his personal goal.

### This Week’s Unit Topics
- **Literacy:** Questioning and Descriptions
- **Numeracy:** Place Value
- **YCDI:** Olivia Organisation

### Birthdays
- **14th May:** Marli Martin

### Special Notices and Events
#### Home Reading
Please continue to listen to your child read every night. It is an expectation that all Gr 1/2 children read at home for at least 15 minutes every night.
### Year 3/4 Term 2 @ a Glance

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

| Room 3B: | Renae Francis-Coslovich for becoming more responsible and organised in her learning. Well Done! |
| Room 3D: | Maryam Al-Sady for being organised and ready for learning. |
| Room 3/4D: | Alice Rohde for writing a great persuasive text showing correct structure. |
| Room 4H: | Kane Gogler for showing great resilience at Lake Cullulleraine camp. |
| Room 4L: | Caiden Dingwall for being a caring and co-operative camper at Lake Cullulleraine. |

#### This Week’s Unit Topics

| Literacy: | Persuasive writing NAPLAN for year 3 |
| Numeracy: | Measurement and shape. Fraction maths groups. NAPLAN for year 3 |

#### Birthdays

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### Year 5/6 Term 2 @ a Glance

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

| Room 6M: | Ebony Luffman – For demonstrating excellent organisational skills when preparing for her learning. Well done Ebony! |
| Room 56H: | Jordan Caldow for excellent personal organisation skills and showing a willingness to support the class. |
| Room 5S: | Jasmine Caldow for always being organised for her learning at the beginning of the day. |
| Room 5K: | Dione Tuifao for always being organised with her learning and making sure her table and our classroom are always tidy and presentable. Ky Jayet for displaying organisation and persistance in all aspects of his learning. Well Done Ky! |
| Room 6D: | |

#### This Week’s Unit Topics

| Literacy: | Persuasive |
| Numeracy: | Multiplication and Division, Chance and Data |
| Other: | Science, YCDI, FLIP |

#### Special Events

- 12th May: Jonothan Holt’s Birthday
- 4th May: Ella Weston’s Birthday
- 6th May: Erin King’s Birthday
- Friday 13th May: STEM Challenge
- Next Week - Naplan
- Grade 5/6 Homework: It is an expectation that all students complete their literacy and numeracy homework and return it to their teacher by Friday. Thank you for supporting your children with their homework.