I’m sure everyone who met Mr Alderton this week is really excited about Performing Arts next year. He will be taking over our school program from Ms Clarke who will be taking leave and although we are saying goodbye, we are also saying hello to a very experienced and enthusiastic Arts teacher.

Mr Alderton comes to Ranfurly with a wealth of knowledge of teaching from his experiences at Mildura South Primary School and a real passion for Musical Theatre. He is very eager to get started on our 2017 School Production with Mr Barker and had a terrific time visiting our school yesterday.

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Principal’s Thoughts

It was fantastic to see our 2017 Preps settle into their classrooms so well during their Orientation visit on Tuesday. They met their teachers and participated in a variety of activities. Thanks to our teachers for organising many Prep Orientation sessions during this term.

Our Grade 6’s also spent the last two days at their 2017 Secondary Colleges doing lessons and familiarising themselves with the next stage of their life-Secondary Education.

Grade 6’s will have a big night tonight as they take part in their Graduation Dinner followed by the Graduation Ceremony. The dinner for students, provided by our Parents’ Club will be held in the Walton Wing and Grade 6 students must arrive in time for a 5:30 pm start. The official Graduation Ceremony will start in the Gym at 7:00 pm sharp and parents and guests are asked to be seated at 6:50 pm.

The Ranfurly Rockers Choir will once again be performing at Mildura Carols by Candlelight at Nowingi Place by the riverfront, commencing at 7:00 pm this Sunday 11 December. We wish them well!

Over the last few weeks a great deal of thought and discussion has been put into developing grade lists for 2017. We look carefully at academic and social needs of each child and allocate students where we believe that they will learn best. Next Thursday 15 December students will move to their 2017 classrooms with their 2017 teacher for a short time. Next week’s newsletter will announce the 2017 Staffing at Ranfurly.

Everyone is looking forward to our ‘It’s a Ranfurly Christmas’ End of the Year Concert & Award Ceremony Night this Monday 14 December. All students are involved and are expected to attend. The Concert will start at 7:00 pm sharp and students need to be in front of the stage on the oval by 6:45 pm. There will be food and drinks available for purchase from about 5:30 pm or families can BYO picnic tea. The Concert will be held on the back oval and families are reminded that smoking and alcohol are not permitted. It will be great fun and we will finish the evening by saying farewell to our Grade 6 group and present Student Awards.

Dennis and Mark

QUEST FOR KINDNESS

This term the Quest for Kindness FLIP group have decided to organize a Ranfurly Wishing Tree. The items that get donated will be given to Mallee Family Care. This is because we want the kids who are less fortunate than us in Mildura to have a happy Christmas.

We have had lots of donations but we would love to have more gifts to pass on to Mallee Family Care. If you still have some second hand toys or games that your children have outgrown or don’t use anymore please forward them to school tomorrow (last day).

There will be a Christmas tree located in the BER where you can place your donation. If you can send it with your child to their classroom and a Quest for Kindness member will come and collect it to put under the tree.

LIBRARY NEWS:

A reminder to everyone that all library books are now due to be returned. Overdue notices will be issued next week.
DONATIONS/SPONSORS FOR CONCERT
If any of our Ranfurly families/businesses would like to make a donation or to sponsor the End of Year Concert please contact the front office.

We would also appreciate any Christmas Decorations for the School Concert you may not be using. Please forward to Miss Clarke in the Music Room.

PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS
Thank you to the many Ranfurly parents and friends who have already donated goods for our Christmas Raffle. Tomorrow, Friday December 9 will be the last day to forward any more contributions, as baskets will be collected Monday. Anyone who would like to assist with putting the baskets together, please come to the Walton Wing at 9am on Monday morning. The Parents’ Club will be holding a stall at the Concert, selling drinks, crunchas and icy poles. You will also be able to buy last minute raffle tickets prior to the winners be drawn on the night.

WALTON OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Vacation Care will be running in the Christmas School holidays from 9th - 25th January 2017. Booking sheets and enrolment forms will be available from Ranfurly Front Office. Further information will be sent home with students next week.

FRIDAY FUN CLUB AT RANFURLY
- Blocks
- Painting
- Lunch Included
- Dress Ups
- Art & Crafts
- No Cost
- No need to book
Every Friday
1.30 - 2.45pm
For more information
Jasmin Parker at Ranfurly on 50221 299

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Thu 8       Grade 6 Graduation  Students 5.30pm Meal Walton Wing  Ceremony Parents/Friends 7pm Gym
Sun 11      Ranfurly School Choir  Mildura Carols by Candlelight
Mon 12      School Concert  ‘It’s a Ranfurly Christmas’
Wed 14      Grade 5/6 Pool Day
Mon 19      Grade 5/6 Big Day Out
Tue 20      Grade 6 Maccas Breakfast  Last Day of Term 4  Dismissal 1.30pm

CANTEEN NEWS

We are open until Monday 19th December for lunch orders. The Canteen will be closed on Tuesday 20th December.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hurry as places are filling fast in the January School Holiday Program.

The School Holiday Program offers a wide variety of fully supervised activities for young people aged 12 – 16 with free or discounted social, recreational and educational activities.

For information about the activities offered during the January 2017 school holidays click the link below or call Youth Services Mildura on (03) 5018 8280.

Enrolments Close Friday 6 January at 5.00pm

PLEASE NOTE

Due to early dismissal on the last day of school Tuesday December 20, students who would normally catch a Mildura Buslink bus will need to make their own way home as the buses will not be running at the earlier time of 1.30pm.

‘It’s Not OK To Be Away’ and ‘It’s Great If You’re Not Late’
### You Can Do It Stars of the Week

- **Room PRB:** Indianna Chamberlain for outstanding effort during concert rehearsal.
- **Room PRE:** Ella Widdison for outstanding effort during concert rehearsal.
- **Room PRM:** William Hendy for becoming more persistent during concert rehearsal.

### VIP

- **Room PRB:** Chloe Clarke
- **Room PRE:** Izabella Johnson
- **Room PRM:** Aylah Parker

### This Week’s Unit Topics

**Literacy:** Revision of blends taught so far. Revision of Reading strategies taught.

**Numeracy:** Introduction to Division – (Sharing)

**Developmental Learning:** Resilience – Ricky Resilience

### Special Events

- **Christmas Donations:**
  
  There is a tub in each room ready for any donations for our Christmas Raffle. Thanks to the families that have already made a donation! 😊

- **Christmas Lunch: 14th December**
  
  Cost: $6
  
  A note was sent home last week with more information. Signed permission notes and money are due back by Friday 09/12/2016. The Camps and Excursion Fund money will cover the cost of this if your child is covered.

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### You Can Do It Stars of the Week

- **Room 2T:** Angus Sutton Scarlett for great persistence when using a world map.
- **Room 2W:** Shomonique Wighton for using reading strategies to help her work out words she doesn’t know.
- **Room 2S:** Macy Jayet for being a wonderful helper to a visiting teacher.
- **Room 1M:** Halla Alsaday for always showing enthusiasm during concert practice.
- **Room 1A:** Nicko Johnson for always putting effort in during concert practice.
- **Room 12G:** Madison Lemar for being strong and smart and following the Ranfurly Way. Well done Madison.

### This Week’s Unit Topics

- **Numeracy:** Location and Transformation
- **Literacy:** Getting Knowledge Ready/Procedure Writing
- **YDCI:** Rosie Resilience

### Special Notices and Events

- **MOZZIE BITES**
  
  As the mozzies are particularly bad at the moment, it may be a good idea for your child to have a spray of repellent before coming to school in the morning. If your child is being bitten a lot, mozzie patches and mozzie bands are an effective way to prevent bites. Thanks for your help.
### Year 3/4 Term 4 @ a Glance

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

| Room 3B: | Kyran Cook for being a more thoughtful and helpful student in our class. Well Done! |
| Room 3D: | Christopher Modeste for his enthusiasm, great rhythm and dance skills during concert practise. |
| Room 3/4D: | Courtney McMullan for showing persistence with problem solving. |
| Room 4H: | Allira Kirby for showing resilience and a smiling face when she needs to. |
| Room 4L: | Deniz Kankal for always presenting her work in a neat and attractive way. |

#### This Week’s Unit Topics

Concert practise. Fun activities.

#### Special Events

- School Concert on Monday evening, come one come all! Come along and see some terrific songs and dances.

### Year 5/6 Term 4 @ a Glance

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

| Room 6M: | Lucy Walls for her excellent persistence and team work during Mr Tonkin’s marshmallow challenge. |
| Room 5/6H: | Montana McCallum for her enthusiasm and commitment to learning the 5/6H School concert item. |
| Room 5S: | Jayda Johnson-McDermott for her enthusiasm and persistence during concert practice. |
| Room 5K: | Dione Tuifao for trying her best when practicing for the school concert and always having a big smile on her face. |
| Room 6B: | Georgia Blaby for showing confidence and stepping outside of her comfort zone when practicing for the school concert. |

#### This Week’s Unit Topics

- Literacy: Writing to Entertain
- Numeracy: Money Maths
- Other: Science
  - F.L.I.P

#### Special Events

- **Grade 6 Graduation TONIGHT!**
- **Big Day Out and Pool Day notes to be returned by FRIDAY 9th Dec**
- **2017 School Leaders to be announced at the School Concert 12th Dec**
- **School Concert 12th Dec**
- **Pool Day 14th Dec**
- **Big Day Out 19th Dec**