

RANFURLY PRIMARY SCHOOL – SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are absolutely thrilled to share some wonderful news with our Ranfurly community.



It is with great pride and excitement that we announce Chelsea Spratt has been appointed as the Acting Principal of Ranfurly Primary School for 2026.

Chelsea has been an integral part of our school's growth and success. Her leadership, her dedication to students and staff, and her unwavering commitment to *The Ranfurly Way* have shaped our school in meaningful and lasting ways.

Mr Mitchell shared, "I'm thrilled that the hard work Ms Spratt has coordinated across our school will now be continued through her commitment to our most senior position. Chelsea has played a key role in strengthening our improvement journey, and her leadership will guide Ranfurly confidently into 2026."

Chelsea brings energy, expertise, compassion, and strategic vision, a combination that reflects exactly what we value in our school's leadership. Her appointment ensures continuity, stability, and a continued focus on high expectations for every student and family in our community.

Please join us in congratulating Acting Principal Chelsea Spratt on this outstanding achievement. We look forward to a strong, successful, and inspiring year ahead with Chelsea leading the way.

Farewell to Assistant Principal Mark Rogerson



This term we farewell our Assistant Principal, Mark Rogerson, as he retires after an incredible 40+ years in education. Mark has made an enormous contribution to public schooling across Mildura and has served the Ranfurly Primary School community with dedication and care since 2009.

Throughout his career, Mark has supported thousands of students, families and staff with his calm leadership, deep knowledge of teaching and learning, and his genuine commitment to helping every child thrive. His influence can be seen in the strong wellbeing systems, routines and culture that exist at Ranfurly today.

We are deeply grateful for Mark's hard work, loyalty and the steady presence he has brought to our school for so many years. As he begins his well-earned retirement, we wish Mark happiness, good health, and plenty of time to enjoy the things he loves.

Congratulations, Mark thank you for more than four decades of service. You will be greatly missed.

HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY WINNIE



Winnie enjoyed celebrating her 4th birthday with all her RanFam on Monday 24th November Winnie started off her day with a quiet birthday cheer at assembly, then chilling under the aircon chewing on her pork twist treat and then running around showing off her new toys!

Happy 4th Winnie, we love the joy you bring to our school 🐾

F.L.I.P

COME SEE OUR NEW FRESHLY PLANTED GRAPES! Jiren, Henry, Oscar, and Lucas have been taking good care of these grapes. They're located at the fairy garden behind the grade 4s. The grapes are red and green. They will be ready to be picked from February to April 2026.

GRAPES

Christmas Raffle

Parents' Club are running their annual Christmas raffle again this year, Tickets \$1 each can be purchased at Breakfast club, at the office and also on the day during the Christmas concerts.

The raffle will be drawn during the Christmas Concert.





Preps Term 4 Unit @ a Glance



Stars of the Week

Prep E: Jack Andrew for his amazing effort and confidence with concert rehearsals. Well done Jack!

Prep C: Arlo Dunbar for always greeting his classmates and teachers in a cheerful way. You brighten our classroom everyday!

Prep L: Tasman Carr for awesome enthusiasm during concert practise. Well done Tassie!

Prep M: Maisam Shabir For showing growing confidence in his writing and always trying his best.

Next Week's Unit Topics

Numeracy –We are learning about measurement.

Literacy- We are learning the different spellings of 'w, wh' in words.

The Resilience Project- We are learning about how to cooperate.

Developmental Play - We are learning about respectful relationships.

Special Events/Reminders

**Tuesday 9th December -
Grade 1 Orientation**



YEARS 1/2 UNIT @ A GLANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

1G: Lilly Roberts for always being a positive and happy class member. You are amazing Lilly!

1C: Aeney Chhoeut for showing great confidence and persistence while learning our concert item. Well done Aeney!

1/2B: Aptin Taghavinejad for your terrific persistence during our assessment week. You put in your best effort. Well done!

2B: Kamipeli Taufa for showing resilience by working on strategies that are helping him to enjoy school.

2T: Reuben Duffield for showing excellent effort in his learning. I am proud of how organised and focused you have been in class. Keep up the awesome work!

Grade 1/2 Unit Topics

Grade One Focus

Reading: Author study: Oliver Jeffers

Sounds: /air/

Writing: Sentence types

Maths: Volume and Capacity

Integrated Studies: Different Places

- Natural and Man-made features

Grade Two Focus

Reading: Persuasive Text

Sounds: /n/

Writing: Persuasive Writing

Maths: Volume and Capacity

Integrated Studies: Different Places

- Natural and Man-made features

READING & MATHS AWARDS

Daisy-Lynn Kelly.
Archie Stevens,
Ruhan Arsallan,
Kitione Namoumou,
Daisy-Lynn Kelly,
Abigail Matthews

NOTICE BOARD

School Concert

We are busy practising
for our class dances!
Your class teacher will
be in contact as to what
your child will need to
wear.

Monday 8th December
Stay tuned for more details!





3/4 UNIT @ A GLANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

3D: Jettah Andrews for showing more enthusiasm when participating in activities and trying her best when completing her work. Great effort Jettah!

3W: Marlee Namoumou for always being kind and caring, and making positive contributions in class. You are an excellent example to others. Well done Marlee!

3M: Heiata Kailahi for consistently meeting our class expectations and being a wonderful role model to others. Well done Heiata!

4R: Elsie Maddox for always helping others and bringing a cheerful and positive attitude to our classroom each day. Keep it up Elsie!

4B: Aarushi Debnath for writing a wonderful Buddy letter and confidently sharing it with the class. Great effort Aarushi!

4T: Temperance Hagen for making a great effort with writing her buddy letter independently.

4M: Elise Anderson for working hard to complete all set tasks and showing excellent improvements in her assessment results. Well done Elise!

Unit Topics

Reading - Literature Circles
Writing - Narrative Writing
Maths - Time
Integrated Studies - Food production and eating a varied diet

AWARDS

100 Nights of Reading:
 Harriet Amani

200 Nights of Reading:
 Eloise Tyson, Lucas Baldock

250 Nights of Reading:
 Lunasha Neupane, Elsie Maddox

BIRTHDAYS

29th Nov - Sola Kaifoto
3rd Dec - Joey Barthelson



Year 5/6 Unit@ a Glance



Stars of the Week!

5C: Harley Johnston for working extremely hard on your narrative writing piece and showing more pride with your class work. Keep up the great work, Harley.

5M: Jayvon Toomey for showing Respect, Pride and Safety at all times and pushing himself to improve his reading. Terrific work, Jayvon!

5T: Kate Lyons for consistently completing her work to an excellent standard and showing great writing skills and topic-focused vocabulary in her persuasive text. Keep up the great work, Kate!

6A: Anna Roccisano for writing a suspenseful and captivating narrative. We can't wait to hear the end of your story! Keep up the fantastic work Anna!

6J: Lisia Maea for continuing to be a kind and caring member of 6J, and for bravely stepping out of your comfort zone to embrace new challenges. Your positive influence has not gone unnoticed. Well done, Lisia!

6P: Shishi Chen for showing great growth in her writing. She works hard, listens to feedback, and her confidence is improving every week. Well done, Shishi—keep it up!

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **READING:** 4 nights of reading per week and signed by an adult.
- **HOMEWORK:** Homework due **Friday November 28th**
- **CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** **Monday, December 8th**
- **YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY:** Grade 6 students have their Year 7 transition day on **Tuesday, December 9th.**
- **GRADUATION:** Grade 6 Graduation is **Thursday, December 11th.**
- **MCDONALD'S BREAKFAST:** Grade 6 McDonald's Breakfast **Monday, December 15th.**
- **BIG DAY OUT:** Grade 5/6 Big Day Out is **Wednesday, December 17th.**



Happy Birthday!

5C: Ethan Yilmaz (November 28th)
5T: Koby Sandiman (November 22nd)



AWARDS

Reading Awards:

25 Nights: Izzy Nolan, Nobel Meressa
50 Nights: Zeke James
100 Nights: Harrison Roy
150 Nights: Elena Cifra, Savannah Malycha

Mildura Paddle Steamers – Cruising the Murray since 1955

As part of our continued commitment to the local community, Mildura Paddle Steamers is pleased to extend an exclusive offer to students within the Sunraysia and surrounding districts.

For more than **70 years**, our family-operated business has provided heritage cruises on the Murray River, showcasing the rich history of Mildura, our connection to **The Chaffey Trail**, and the pioneering spirit that helped shape our region.

In recognition of this legacy and to strengthen our ties with local schools, we are offering a **20% discount to all students during January 2026** - effectively giving families *one free child cruise* with every booking.

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COMMUNITY BASH

COME AND TRY CRICKET AT A SYDNEY THUNDER COMMUNITY BASH. PERFECT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-10. NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.



FREE School Holiday Program

Wednesday 14 January - 9am-1pm
Alcheringa Oval, Gol Gol

Sydney Thunder School Holiday Program
Tuesday 13th January from 9am-1pm
George Gordan Oval, Dareton



SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP 2026

DOXA YOUTH FOUNDATION

City Camp
Monday 12th to Friday 16th January
Explore summer in Melbourne!

Malmsbury Camp
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd January
Fun in the Victorian bush!

Activities

- Live Sports Events
- Pools & Beaches
- Eureka Skydeck & Bowling

Activities

- Giant Swing, Climbing & Archery
- Canoeing & Swimming Pool
- Movie Night, Trivia & more

Transport

City Camp: V/Line & Doga supported train transport available from Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong & Pakenham Stations

Malmsbury Camp: V/Line & Doga supported train transport from Bendigo & Southern Cross Stations

*Transport will be only provided from these locations where 5 or more participants will be accessing the same service

Doga Holiday Camps are FREE

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HEALTH ADVISORY

HAND, FOOT, AND MOUTH DISEASE (HFMD)

What is HFMD?

HFMD is a common contagious illness that mainly affects children, causing fever, mouth sores, and a skin rash. It spreads easily in schools and daycare centres. The illness is usually not serious, but it is very contagious. It can also affect adolescents and occasionally adults.

Signs & Symptoms

The illness starts with a small, fluid-filled bubble often peeling and leaving a reddish area (sore). The pain and sores may develop a rash, appearing as flat red spots or blisters.

To help PREVENT catching or spreading HFMD:

- Handwashing is the best protection**
Wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after changing diapers, using the toilet, and coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
- Avoid touching your face**
Don't touch your mouth, nose, or eyes. Avoid touching your face if you have a sore.
- Clean and disinfect frequently**
Use disinfectant on surfaces that are touched frequently, such as toys and tables.
- Avoid close contact with a sick person**
Avoid sharing toys, food, or drinks.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD TO ANOTHER PERSON?

- Direct personal contact (e.g., kissing)
- Saliva with virus-containing droplets (e.g., coughs or sneezes)
- Contact with contaminated objects and surfaces
- Contact with stool

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Friday 28

- 2026 Prep Transition - Art Experience

DECEMBER

Friday 5

- 2026 Prep Transition - Performing Arts Experience

Monday 8

Christmas Concert

Tuesday 9

- Year 7 orientation Day
- Whole school transition - 9.00-10.30

CANTEEN NEWS

Pie Meal Deal \$9.00

Pie
Flavoured Milk, Milo or Juice
Ice Cream or Juicic

Nugget Meal Deal \$6.50

4 Chicken Nuggets
Popcorn
Flavoured Milk, Milo or Juice
Quelch Ice Pole

Medications

Students who require medication during school hours must have the appropriate forms completed by parents/carers. Staff are not able to dispense medication without written approval. Please contact office for further information.



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Craft sand contamination update

You may be aware of a recent alert about craft sand products that may contain asbestos.

For current information about the recall, including a list of products, visit the [ACCC website](http://www.accc.gov.au).

At our school, we are taking the steps set out by the Department of Education to collect and dispose of the products.

Current advice from national and [Victorian health authorities](http://www.vic.gov.au) is that there is a low risk to human health from these products.

If you have the product at home, however, the advice from the health authorities is that you should stop using it and follow the safety advice published here: [Safe disposal and health information for consumers with recalled sand products | ACCC Product](http://www.accc.gov.au)

UNIFORM SHOP

2026 January Opening Dates/Times

Monday 19 January – Thursday 22 January

9.30am – 2.00pm

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our Annual School Magazine is now available to purchase through Compass for a cost of **\$20.00**.

Orders close on Sunday 30 November.

Only magazines that have been paid for will be ordered.

Late orders WILL NOT be available.

*******MUSIC TUITION FEES*******

Term 3 and 4 fees are due !

**Please make sure your accounts are paid!
Before end of the year. contact the office if you
require further information or assistance in
organising payment.**