



THE RAMBLER

Strong in the heart and Smart in the head

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RESPECT PRIDE SAFETY

NAIDOC ACTIVITY DAY POSTPONED...



NAIDOC Day is one of our very special events at Ranfurly Primary School. Our students have already performed some traditional dances in Term 2. Unfortunately due to the current restrictions in place we have postponed our Activity Day until Term 4 so that our families and other Community members will have the opportunity to attend.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING COVID RESTRICTIONS

Government & Department of Education restrictions are now introduced in all Victorian schools for at least the next two weeks. Thank you in advance for following these restrictions below:

1. Parent access to the school grounds is **not** allowed (however please phone the office on 5022 1299 if it's necessary to be on-site)
2. If we have students/parents still isolating, they must follow Department of Health rules & can only come back to school after being given a Department of Health clearance
3. If you're child has any symptoms of being sick, you need to keep them home
4. Social distancing is required at pick up time and do not congregate outside the school front gate
5. Masks are to be worn both outside & inside

'It's Not OK To Be Away' and 'It's Great If You're Not Late'

PRINCIPAL'S THOUGHTS

It was so wonderful watching and greeting our students arrive yesterday morning through the front gates after another lockdown. So many happy faces and all straight back into their learning. We started with the staff checking on the wellbeing of students, setting clear expectations and encouraging regular communication with you at home.

Well, the return to school for Term 3 didn't last long, with 2 stints of lockdowns following each other, it was a time of uncertainty. This is something that nobody wanted, however we are all relatively practised now, and the staff and students at Ranfurly were able to slot back into remote learning quickly. Thanks to all the parents/carers that became 'home teachers' again. We know this was a huge challenge and we appreciate the efforts you put in. We want to reiterate to you, that the approach we took to do paper copies for remote learning was one that aimed to ensure maximum flexibility for families.

One of the big issues identified around the repeat lockdowns is lack of continuity of activities. Certainly, trying to run events over the past 12 months has been challenging. I am sure the students are feeling this as well as the parents, particularly when they see another year when they may miss out on special events/occasions. We are trying to go back to as 'normal' as possible and over the next two weeks we will consolidate our calendar with new dates. We have again postponed the NAIDOC Activity morning to term 4. The five-day Grade 6 Melbourne Camp at this stage will still go ahead in Week 6 under the current guidelines of the Victorian Government & the Department of Education restrictions in place.

For our student safety, we have over 30 staff qualified in first aid with most staff having to update now. A fantastic opportunity has come up with a qualified First Aid instructor being available on Monday 9 August 2021 to do a First Aid Course with all Staff. So that staff continue to upgrade their first aid certificate, there will be a **pupil-free day on Monday 9 August 2021** when all students do not attend school.

We continue to thank our parent community for your support.
Here's to good health and being safe,

Mark & Mat

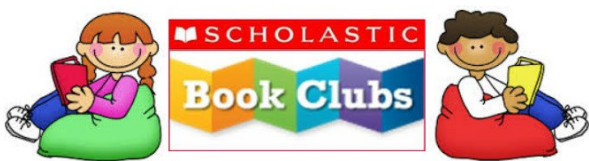
HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?

Very Important message to parents/carers

Recently, during lockdown we had phone numbers that were disconnected and mail that was returned to the school. **It is important that we have current phone, address and e-mail contacts for all parents or carers. If you have changed any of these details please ensure you contact the office so we can update this information. Thank you to the families who continue to update their details.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Due to our recent lockdown, the closing date for Bookclub orders will now be tomorrow, Friday, at 9am.



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 7.30am and finishes at 8.40 am in the 5/6 Building. 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.



Hearing Clinic

10-13 August

The University of Melbourne, Department of Audiology & Speech Pathology is currently running a research project looking at school-based hearing testing. This project has been developed in collaboration with the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) and is being funded by the Department of Education. The project is being *offered* to students in **Grade 3-5** at Ranfurly.

What will my child be asked to do? Each of the hearing tests will be carried out in a quiet room at the school. Children will be withdrawn from class during periods of private study in consultation with the classroom teacher to minimise disruption.

Screening Testing: Each child will undergo a 10 minute, computer-game based screening assessment (Sound Scout) which provides an estimate of sound detection levels (the softest sounds a child can hear) and speech understanding in background noise. Children with normal results will be discharged from the program. Students who do not adequately complete the screening will be referred for follow-up assessment

For students identified with possible hearing impairment we will also be offering a full hearing assessment (also carried out at the school).

If you would like your child to participate in the project and receive a free hearing screen please complete the attached consent form (sent home today) and **return to classroom teachers by next Friday 7 August.**

Friday 7 August.

For further information please contact Mrs Byrnes in The Hub.



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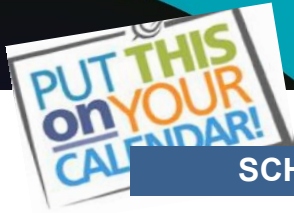
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SCHOOL UPDATES

AUGUST 2021

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| Mon 9 | Pupil Free Day |
| Mon 16 - Fri 20 | Grade 6 Melbourne Camp |

School Car Park

The School Car Park is for staff car parking, disabled 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.

School Crossings

Our School Crossings allow children and parents to cross the road safely. Students and parents are asked to use, and set a good example by using the school crossings at all times when coming to and from school.



Canteen

We are back and the Canteen is open!

We have some reat burger choices..

Big Chicken Burger with mayo, lettuce, cheese, tomato & beetroot.

\$6.00

Chilli Chicken Burger, with cheese, lettuce & sweet chilli sauce.

\$4.00

TOASTIES (Gluten Free Available)

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| Ham & Cheese | \$4.00 |
| Ham, Cheese & Tomato | \$4.50 |
| Tuna, corn, red onion, cheese, mayo | \$4.50 |
| Chicken, cheese & pineapple | \$4.50 |
| Chicken, cheese & corn | \$4.50 |
| Cheesy corn | \$3.50 |
| Baked Beans..... | \$3.50 |
| Baked Beans, cheese & tomato relish | \$4.00 |
| Cheesymite – vegemite & cheese | \$3.00 |
| Cheese | \$3.00 |