



PRINCIPAL'S THOUGHTS

<u>Great News!</u> So we are absolutely thrilled that the 'lock down' has been removed and all students returned to school today. With the Victorian Premiers announcement yesterday that the 5 day lock down won't be extended being extremely fantastic news not only for our Ranfurly community but for all Victorians. It is our intention to resume normal activities immediately.

With another 'lockdown' interruption this week, we have been reminded again how remarkable and adaptable our community truly is! We sincerely thank all parents and carers for so readily doing what was required over the last few days. Your support for the school, our staff and our educational programs is amazing and very much appreciated.

At Ranfurly Primary School, we see all of our Grade 5/6 students as leaders. So with our 5/6 Teachers, in conjunction with Wildside Outdoors staff, we are keen to expand students capacity in leadership, as well as developing their Team work and Getting Along skills with a Leadership Activity Day(s) at Lake Cullulleraine today and tomorrow. All of our 5 & 6 students left this morning at 8:00am. Our Grade 5 students are out for today only and will return to Ranfurly at 5:30pm this afternoon. The Grade 6 students will stay in dormitories at the RSL Camp tonight and continue with more intense Leadership activities before returning to Ranfurly at 3:00pm tomorrow (Friday 19 February 2021). We continue to place a significant value on such programs that develop student's skills, knowledge and understanding in relation to their personal growth and development.

Last School Assembly, we congratulated our **2021 Student School Leaders** with a presentation of their official school badges. One of the responsibilities of our 10 leaders is to present School Assembly every Monday morning. This group have started strong and have already made it very clear why they were elected to the position. Well done again to these students, we look forward to your growth in the role in 2021. **This Monday at Assembly we will present the House Captains with their badges.**

Being at school is vitally important. Being here every day (unless students are sick) is the only way our teachers are able to get the sequence of learning that every child needs to be successful. Contacting the school when your child is going to be away is a must and sending a note to the teacher is the best way to do that, however telephoning the office is ok too. Please make sure we see your children's smiley faces everyday so we can continue to make them "Strong and Smart".

We are offering an invitation to all our students, parents and families to come to our welcome BBQ and P-6 Open Classrooms evening on Wednesday 24 February 2021. This will allow you to visit classrooms and meet teachers between 5:15-6:15 pm and from 6:00-6:45 pm have a free 'snag' in bread or a taste of a fruit platter. Our staff are really looking forward to meeting parents and their families on the night. Please make the effort to attend!

We remind everyone of an open invitation to approach us at any time if you have an issue or concern about the school or an idea to discuss. Having said this, your child's class teacher is your first port-of-call to discuss your child's learning or to give positive feedback about how your child is going. Please remember that by going through the classroom teacher, the best results can be obtained for the education of your child. In the event that you have discussed your concern with the class teacher and still have a problem, then you are again most welcome to come and discuss any issues with us. Of course, the expectation is that students, parents and other members of the school community will observe common courtesy when addressing staff and other members of the community. Looking forward to seeing you around the school.

We hope you and your families are keeping well and safe in these challenging times!

Dennis, Mark & Mat



GRADE 5 AND 6 STUDENTS DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS!











Ranfurly Hats available from office! \$10.00

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.

CSEF

(Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund)

If you have a Health Care or Pension Card you may be eligible to apply for CSEF. Please call in to the office anytime between 8.00am and 4.00pm to fill out an application. Please bring your current card to be copied.

NB If you have received CSEF in previous years, you DO NOT need to fill out a new application unless you have a new child commencing school this year.

SCHOOL CAMPS

The CSEF is \$125.00, which WILL BE used for School Camps, unless your child will not be attending camp. If your child is in year 4, 5 or 6, the cost is generally more than this. We are more than happy for you to commence paying instalments for these camps now so you can avoid the last minute panic of having to find the money. If you have any questions please contact the office.



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SCHOOL UPDATES

FEBRUARY 2021

	Thu 18 & Fri 19	Grade 5/6 Leadership Days
		Open Classrooms/Family BBQ 5.15pm

MARCH 2021

Mon 8	Labour Day Holiday—No school
Fri 19	Pupil Free Day
Mar 25	School Photo Day
Mar 31	Cross Country

APRIL 2021

Thu 1	Last Day Term 1
Fri 2	Good Friday Holiday

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Reminder that students should not be hungry before school.

Club is a completely free

program.

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



Toasties!!!

Yum all sorts of fillings, check them out!

- Baked beans & cheese
- Chicken, Cheese & Corn
- Ham. Cheese & Pineapple
 And many more....

Tracy Lee







Hot Shots & Tennis 4 Teens @ Red Cliffs Tennis Club Term 1, 2021

Hot Shots -Tuesday 4-5pm Wednesday 4-5pm & Saturday 9-10am
All sessions @\$10 Racquets available-Plus free Hot Shots T-Shirt

Hot Shots MATCH PLAY each Saturday 10-11am @\$3 per player

Tennis 4 Teens - Wednesday 5-6pm Thursday 5-6pm Racquets available \$10 per session