



THE RAMBLER

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RESPECT PRIDE SAFETY



Teachers and
Staff Welcome
Back Students
To Ranfurly!
(Details inside)

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

PRINCIPAL'S THOUGHTS

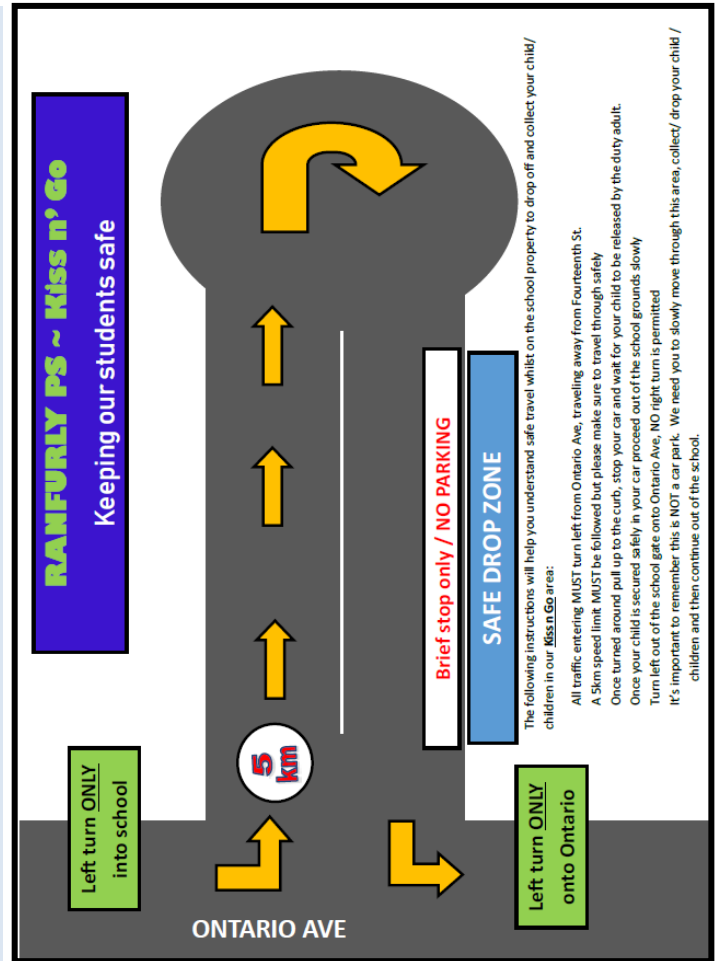
How are you going parents? **Well done to all Ranfurly parents and families** and hats off to you all for managing Home Learning. We really appreciate the commitment you have gone to supporting your child/ren with their home learning, getting them on-line, submitting work, etc. Huge effort!

The formal announcement made by the Premier last week has provided a known timeline which now allows us to begin planning for the return of all of the children with certainty. Now, we need to work together in ensuring a smooth transition back to classrooms and school routine. **The first welcome back on Tuesday 26 May will see our Preps, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students** along with, all eligible Ranfurly staff (regardless of level or teaching area). **The second welcome back will be on Tuesday 9 June for our Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students.**

In preparing for this and working towards a successful transition parents can do a great deal to assist. We ask that you join with us over the next 1-2 weeks and engage with your child/ren to ensure that they have accurate information **(please see our questions and answers in this newsletter to help with return to school)**, some understanding of the process and that they have the opportunity to express any concerns about coming back to school and have these addressed. **Please assure them that we, along with all the teachers and staff are really looking forward to welcoming them back to school.**

A reminder that this Monday 25 May 2020 will be a pupil-free day **with no students attending Ranfurly.**

Dennis & Mark



MRS LEE'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

BANANA BREAD

2 eggs
 ½ cup vegetable oil
 ¼ cup golden syrup
 ½ cup castor sugar
 1/3 cup milk
 2 mashed ripe bananas
 Mix all of the above ingredients together

1 ½ cups wholemeal self raising flour

Add to mix

Pour into greased and lined loaf tin, sprinkle top with rolled oats

Bake at 175 degrees for 50 minutes. Cool in tin before removing and slicing. YUM!!!

Mrs Lee

**GREAT LUNCH
BOX SNACK!**



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL

Now that we know the good news it's time to get into some of the actual details of what needs to happen so that all students, staff and parents are kept safe as we return to school. Understandably, as we move into the new COVID-normal, things will look and be very different from our normal school routines. Hopefully we attempt to answer the questions below:

What does the Pupil - Free Day on Monday 25 May 2020 mean?

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has made Monday 25 May 2020 a state-wide pupil-free day. So no students will be at Ranfurly Primary School on this day. Schools will use this day to ensure the health advice will be followed, re-establish school routines, establish an approach to assessing student learning progress and identify students in need of immediate health and wellbeing support.

When do students return?

Prep to Grade 2 students return in Stage 1 on Tuesday 26th May 2020.

Grade 3-6 students return in Stage 2 on Tuesday 9th June.

When do the Home Learning Packs stop being sent home by envelope?

Parents will no longer receive Home Learning Packs in the mail.

Is the School still running 'Care & Supervision' classes in the 5/6 building for grades 3-6 students over the next two weeks?

Yes, we will continue to cater for students who have no one to look after them at home during school days or parents are essential workers. Students must continue to be booked in for 3-6 Care & Supervision.

Are parents allowed on our school site?

The short answer is a respectful 'no.' The normal friendly and welcoming atmosphere at Ranfurly needs to be different for now till the end of term 2. The Department of Education and Training (DET) have instructed schools to be extremely careful with this, and parents must drop off children without coming onto the main school site. Our staff will be there to welcome students and help get them to class as needed.

What traffic plans does Ranfurly have for dropping off before school and picking up after school?

Please read the information in today's newsletter as we introduce a 'Kiss n' Go' within the school grounds to always keep our students and staff safe.

What if I need to speak to my child's teacher?

We understand this is important, and teachers will be contactable via email or phone. If the message is urgent please call the office, and the message will be passed on.

Can I go to the School Office?

Whilst we are in Stage 1 restrictions in Victoria, the office will not be accessible as it would normally be. There will be a small number of exceptions, for example, picking up a sick child.

Why is it only the Preps – Grade 2s?

As we start the process of returning to school, there is an ongoing need to do so with great care and caution. The staged approach might mean some juggling, but it does make sense to take it slow.

My child only has a little 'Sniffle' can they still come to school?

In the past children have sometimes attended school with a 'slight cold' or not feeling 100%. DET has provided clear advice to schools and the community. Any child or staff member who is ill, no matter how minor it seems, should not come to school until they are completely well. Parents should also seek medical advice as required. There is no room for any school to make exceptions about this; it's in everyone's best interests.



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What happens if my child becomes unwell during the school day?

As per normal, any child who becomes unwell will be sent over to the sick bay, and parents contacted to pick up. If a child presents with a runny nose or cough (cold/flu symptoms), they will also be sent to the sick bay, and parents contacted for pick up.

Will the school Canteen be open?

Yes, the Canteen will return to normal next week. Prep-2 students plus 3-6 students in 'Care & Supervision' will be able to order their lunches and canteen will be open for purchases during recesses.

Can children use the play equipment or share toys or sports equipment?

Yes, children will be able to access our adventure play equipment, but of course it will be important that they wash their hands after doing so. It's a similar story with sports equipment and other items used in play.

What steps will the school take to encourage 'hygiene' especially hand washing?

As we know hand washing is one of the single most important things we can do to prevent the spread of any virus, especially COVID-19. Students will be required to wash their hands at routine times every day including, before eating, after recess and lunch playtimes, after toilet breaks and any other time we feel it is necessary. Parents can support this by reinforcing the proper '20 sec' approach to washing hands before children return to school.

Will students also use hand Sanitiser?

Yes, we will also use hand sanitiser when we first enter the school buildings at the start of the day and when hand washing is not possible. Each classroom already has its own supply of sanitiser.

Can I keep my child at home even if their class has returned?

DET have made it clear that parents have the right to keep children at home if they want to. However, it will not be possible for the learning at home program to continue, as teachers will need to devote their time to planning and preparing for learning at school.

What if my child has a medical reason for not returning to school?

Please contact us if you believe this circumstance applies to you, so we can develop a plan for your child.

Can students use the drink taps (bubblers)?

This is a definite 'no' and all students will need to have a named drink bottle with them at school every day.

How do we access the Uniform Shop?

The process for the rest of the term will be to ring the office and make a time to come in and organise purchases or to ring the school and order over the phone.

When do we return the schools digital devices that we have had on loan since start of this term?

Unfortunately parents won't be able to enter the school so on the first day of students return to school they should bring their iPad or Netbook (plus charging cords) into class with them. So Prep to Grade 2 students return them to their class next week on Tuesday 26th May 2020 and Grade 3-6 students on Tuesday 9th June.

Is the school doing extra cleaning when the students return to school?

To ensure the safety of students and staff, an increase in the frequency of the regular cleaning beyond what is normally required, using detergent/disinfectant to wipe areas including, but not limited to:

Extended cleaning involves progressive cleaning throughout the day, with a focus on high-touch surfaces, to areas including, but not limited to: high-touch surfaces (including all entry and exit points, shared surfaces including chairs and desks, benchtops); bathrooms (including toilets & washbasins); & high-touch areas in playgrounds.

Will we have Monday Assembly?

Unfortunately, having our normal Monday assembly is not possible under the current restrictions, and it may not be for some time. We are now looking at some alternatives including the use of live streaming into classrooms using some of our newly acquired skills.