



# THE RAMBLER

*Strong in the heart and Smart in the head*

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**RESPECT PRIDE SAFETY**

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY!



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

# PRINCIPAL'S THOUGHTS

**School photos** were completed today with students all looking wonderful together in their school uniforms. Hopefully parents will be pleased with the final product from MSP Photography. All students in school uniform highlighted the pride we have in our school. We will notify parents via the newsletter when photos are available in term two.

I congratulate our staff on their excellent work, time and effort put into developing goals for students. The Goal Setting Meetings scheduled for next Wednesday 25 March have been cancelled. The **Individual Education Plans** with student goals will be sent home via COMPASS as a learning Task next Thursday 26 March 2020.

School Council nominations have closed and there was no need for an election. We congratulate the following to our 2020 School Council: Andy Bond, Tae Richards, Nardia Sheriff, Sally Parsons and Mathew McLeod. We would like to thank Melissa McMullan, Carrie Barlow and Angela Dalziel for their contribution to School Council over the past years. Our School Council members for 2020 are: Andy Bond, Tae Richards, Nardia Sheriff, Sally Parsons, Mathew McLeod, Craig Beasy, Gareth Tyson, Jen Hards, Rachel Manning, Mark Rogerson and Dennis Mitchell. We also welcome our two Junior School Council student leaders as part of School Council in Hayley Johnston and Cooper Manning.

All school community members are invited to the **School Council Annual Reporting** meeting to be held on Monday 23 March 2020 at 6:00pm in the staffroom. At this meeting, the 2019 School Annual Report will be presented and new office bearers elected. Immediately after this meeting, the March School Council meeting with the new School Councillors will be held.

**Term 1 finishes next Friday 27 March 2020 dismissing at 1:00pm. There will be no Assembly and students will need to be picked up at 1:00pm**

**Dennis & Mark**

## UNIFORM SHOP

<b>Windcheater (Navy with school logo)</b> Size 6 – L	<b>\$32.00</b>
<b>Jacket (Navy fleece with logo)</b> Size 6 - 14	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Bomber Jacket (Navy with striped ribbing)</b> Size 4 – 16	<b>\$55.00</b>

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## **Coronavirus (COVID 19) Letter from the Principal**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you would be well aware, the landscape with regards to the Coronavirus (COVID 19) outbreak is changing daily. Consequently, the Department of Education & Training (DET) is providing schools with updates on actions to take on a very regular basis. Our school community, like us are very anxious about the events around the world and in Australia with the Coronavirus outbreak. The DET advice is in accordance with national public health guidelines and current information from the Australian Chief Medical Officer and Victorian Chief Health Officer.

We are following all instructions from DET to ensure that we minimise the spread of the Coronavirus. Ranfurly Primary School is taking pro-active actions to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment by introducing the following adjustments to our school day:

### ***We have cancelled:***

- ***All assemblies***
- ***All excursions***
- ***Goal Setting meetings next week***
- ***traditional whole-school photo today***

### ***Students have been receiving specific instructions from teachers on***

- ***how to wash their hands thoroughly using soap and water, including after using the toilet, and before eating***
- ***not getting too close to one another***
- ***covering their mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or coughing into their elbow***
- ***disposing of a tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards***

***Teachers are preparing on-line resources for students if the school is closed after the April holidays***

***Bubble taps and troughs are being checked by cleaners for cleanliness and cleaners have a heightened focus on all toilets***

***No staggered breaks at this time due to enough available space in the yard & yard duty teachers stopping large groups from forming***

***Parents, children and their families who may be returning recently from overseas/ international travel are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Any person who is self-isolating must not visit a school or early childhood service to pick up children, or for any other reason***

***If your children are sick, keep them away from school. We will send unwell students or staff home. Unwell students and staff should remain at home until symptoms resolve and seek medical assistance as required.***

***Meetings between staff/adults include 'social distancing' of 1.5 metres***

***Tomorrow's Cross Country Run will not be a whole school event but will be held in Physical Education classes(no house colours). The event sadly will have no parents or carer in attendance to minimise crowds***

***The school also respects the rights of Parents/Carers to choose whether students attend school at this time***

***For the most current advice see here: [www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx).***

A key element to Ranfurly managing the actions if we are advised by DET that we need to enact a school closure is to have good ways and means of being able to let families know if a situation arises. The school will only be closed if we are instructed to by the DET, but here's how you can help:

- Ensure your contact details for your child are up to date. This means we can send any alerts through Compass [<https://ranfurlyps-vic.compass.education/>]. If you are unable to get onto or join Compass please call the school a.s.a.p so we can help you.
- Know how to get onto the Ranfurly school website <http://www.ranfurlyps.vic.edu.au/> as we will have information there as well
- If you need to communicate with school use the official email account - [ranfurly.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ranfurly.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Dennis Mitchell**



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## SCHOOL UPDATES

March 2020

Thu 19	School Photo Day
Wed 25	Goal Setting Meetings
Thu 26	Drought Angels Day Casual Dress Gold Coin Donation
Fri 27	Last day Term 1 Finish 1.00pm

## SCHOOL BANKING

Please note school banking will be suspended as of tomorrow. We will advise students and parents when School Banking recommences next term. Thank you.



## Lost Property - Clothing

Lost a jumper or even a drink bottle? It could be in Lost Property. The Lost Property is located in the middle of the 5/6 building. You are welcome to come in anytime to check it (except Christmas Day)

On the last day of term we will display the lost property out the front of the school. There are currently many unnamed and unclaimed items. Please help us reduce the amount of Lost Property by checking on this day.



## Lost Property – Drink Bottles

If you recognize any of the drink bottles please come to the Grade 5/6 building to claim. We encourage all items to be named so they can be returned if misplaced.



Thank you for your cooperation!  
Jaide and Eric.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 20 Mar	<i>Kellie Woods</i>
Fri 27 Mar	<i>Hope Zadow</i>
	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b>
Fri 17 Apr	<i>Tae Richards</i>
Fri 24 Apr	<i>Sarah Casey</i>
Fri 1 May	<b>PUPIL FREE</b>
Fri 8 May	<i>Chantelle Curnuck</i>

## CANTEEN NEWS

**Big Chicken Burger, lettuce, cheese, tomato, beetroot, & mayo**

**\$6.00**

**Little Chicken burger, lettuce, cheese & mayo**

**\$4.00**

**Chilli Chicken Burger, lettuce, cheese & sweet chilli sauce**

**\$4.00**



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# RPS Drought Relief Fundraiser

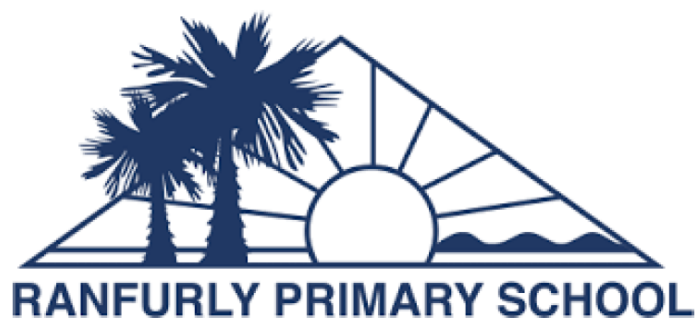


On Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, we are holding a fundraiser in association with 'Drought Angels'.



Drought Angels is a charity that aims to help those affected by drought.

On this day, please come dressed as a farmer and bring a gold coin donation to help people who have been affected by this natural disaster.


You will be giving back to your community and Australia.



## Preps Term 1 @ a Glance

	<b>Stars of the Week</b>		<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>	
	Room PB:	Josh Dines for trying his best.		
	Room PT:	Waylon Manning for being a kind and considerate member of Prep T.		
	Room PM:	Nevaeh Robins for becoming more confident to enter the classroom with a smile on her face each morning.		
	<b>VIP</b>		<b>Reading Awards</b>	
	Room PB:	Loki Anderson	<b>10 nights:</b> Ryder Clarke	
	Room PT:	Henry Amos	<b>25 nights:</b> Henry Amos, Matthew Marks, Arlia Duffield, Kate Lyons, Savannah Malycha	
	Room PM:	Sonny Parker		
<b>Next Week's Unit Topics</b>			<b>SPECIAL EVENTS/REMINDERS</b>	
Literacy:	Letter "Aa" Annie Apple Reading Strategies:- Eagle Eye and Tracking Tiger		*Library Day for Prep T – Thursday *Library Day for Prep M – Tuesday *Library Day for Prep B - Tuesday	
Numeracy:	Counting, patterns and positional language		*Home readers to be returned to school every day	
Developmental Learning: YCDI:	Going Camping  Getting to know the characters			

## Years 1/2 Term 1 @ a Glance

<b>Stars of the Week</b>		<b>Birthdays</b>	
Room 1H:	Charli Deiesi for using the editors code to check and improve her writing. Well done Charli!		
Room 1L:	Lila Hillier-Arbuckle for slowing down to improve the quality of her work. Well done Lila, great to see you being the best learner you can be.		
Room 1W:	Payman Abdel for showing confidence when answering questions in class.		
Room 2A:	Hunter Edwards for doing an amazing job with his classroom helper role! We all really appreciate the effort you put in. Thanks Hunter!		
Room 2T:	Sophie Jones for thinking carefully and being focussed when reading our shared text. You are asking interesting questions and making relevant comments. Great job!	Joseph Nutting	17th March
Room 2D:	Georgia Cohrs for working hard to improve her reading. Well done Georgia!		
<b>This Week's Unit Topics</b>		<b>Special Notices and Events</b>	
Numeracy	Addition and Subtraction	<b>Reading awards:</b>  Kobe Jeffrey, Hunter Edwards, Arlan Clifford, Dainton Clifford, Damon Hawke, Leo Chang, Mia Gardiner, Harrison Roy, Leo Yardley, Aidan Dodds, Crystal Peterson, Lucy Mitchell, Armani Hollier, Lila Hillier-Arbuckle	
Reading	Fiction and Non-fiction texts		
Writing	Recounts		
Integrated Studies	Special Places		

# YEAR 3/4 TERM 1 @ A GLANCE

## STARS OF THE WEEK



**ROOM 3D:** Avah Peters for being a kind, caring and helpful member of 3D. Well done Avah!

**ROOM 3G:** Liam Farrell for terrific getting along by showing kindness towards others.

**ROOM 3S:** Nyreece Wiggell for trying his hardest to complete all of his activities to the best of his ability.

**ROOM 4W:** Starsha Hibberd for always being a kind and caring member of 4W.

**ROOM 4D:** Ebony Bracken for confidently sharing her ideas to the class. Well done Ebony!

**ROOM 4B:** Skyla Rosebottom for her positive and cheerful attitude towards her learning. Well Done!

## AWARDS



### 25 nights Reading:

Hugh Bond, Levi Parker, Feroz Ibrahimi, Bailey Manning, Nina Vo, Seth Beck, Owen Chang, Lauren Holt, Kade Kerwin, Temperance Kerr-Backus, Chloe Clarke, Skyla Rosebottom

### Organisation Award

Blaze Lord

## This Week's Unit Topics

**LITERACY:** CONNECTING

**NUMERACY:** CHANCE

## Birthdays



### March

Nina Vo – 20<sup>th</sup>

## NOTICE BOARD



Term 1 'No hat, No play' policy  
Homework is due on Fridays :)

**Grade 4 expression of interest has been handed out. Due Friday 20th March**

# Year 5/6 Term 1 @ a Glance

## **Stars of the Week!**

**5C** — Sahiba Shabir for the persistence you demonstrate every day when challenged and the confidence to ask questions when unsure of what to do.

**5S**— Dasun Perera Morawaka for always striving to be the best learner he can be! Especially when reflecting on his learning and creating a brilliant mindmap, well done Dasun!

**5/6M**— Mason Wilson for showing great enthusiasm when working on his narrative.

**6C**— Shaima Rahimi for being able to critically reflect on her strengths and areas for improvement as a leader when setting goals.

**6H**— Bailey Nunn for the kindness and consideration that he displays in class and in the yard. It is a pleasure to have you in the class Bailey.

**6R**— Suzannah Pennington for demonstrating respect and persistence consistently.

## **Happy Birthday!**

Penina Nishimwe - March 19th

Chris Taperell - March 24th

## **Upcoming Events/Reminders**

Home Reading – 4 nights a week  
Maths Homework due tomorrow  
Spelling Homework due

### **Reading Awards—25 Nights**

Amara Mathers, Immortality Misimoa Maualai-vao, Bella Holt-Mackay, Billy Briggs, Carrina Kerr, Sahiba Shabir

### **Reading Awards— 50 Nights**

Paige Pullman, Sarah Penna

## **This Week's Unit Topics**

**Literacy**—Students are finishing their Literature Circle book in Reading and we are continuing to upskill our knowledge on how to write a great narrative.

**Maths**—The Four Operations (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division)



# Hygiene Measures to Help Minimise the Spread of Coronavirus

- ✎ **WASH** hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. DRY with paper towel or hand dryer.
- ✎ **TRY** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- ✎ **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- ✎ **ISOLATE** yourself at home if you feel sick. If you take medication ensure you have adequate supplies.
- ✎ **PHONE** your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- ✎ **CONTINUE** healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.
- ✎ **DON'T** wear a face mask if you are well.
- ✎ **BUY** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.
- ✎ **GET** the flu shot (available April).
- ✎ **SHAKING HANDS** is optional!



Find out more

[www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)