



THE RAMBLER

Strong in the heart and Smart in the head

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RESPECT PRIDE SAFETY

Kiss 'n' Go NOT Safe

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately this Friday 16th Oct will be the last access you will have to use our Kiss 'n' Go for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately after a meeting with Mildura Rural City Council we have deemed this action by the school to support you at pick up and drop off to be NOT safe. The area is putting many people at risk due to drivers outside the gate acting in an unsafe way; hook turning, overtaking and double parking, now means we MUST shut this down.

Mark Rogerson and I met with council early in the week after a number of complaints were fielded from the public about the end of the day situation and from this meeting we have proposed a number of options that would support us further eg. Changing the parking along Ontario to 14th street to a Clear Way between 2 – 4. However as these are longer term options we have no alternative but to close this area.

To help with pick up time we will now re-open our side gate from 3:15 – 3:30pm to allow students to exit through to Olympic Way and Cavallo Drive.

I do appreciate that this is not good news for the majority of people who have been acting appropriately and safe but I can assure you I will continue to work with MRCC to make this easier out the front.

Dennis Mitchell
Principal

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

PRINCIPAL'S THOUGHTS

A great week at our amazing school and it is terrific to see the happy smiling faces of our students arriving every day in full school uniform, with hat organised and ready to learn about the world. **We have also been so impressed with the focussed way students have settled back into their learning and the positive approach shown.** Catching up with friends has certainly been a highlight. We are looking forward to an excellent term of teaching and learning with some fun events planned.

As with the last time, the Department of Education & Training has instructed schools that **parents must stay 'outside the fence'**. We're sure you, like us, feel a little sad, even compromised by this rule. After all the daily interactions between staff and parents are so crucially important to us all. However this COVID-19 Safety Strategy enables our students and staff to be safe at school, so I'm sure we all agree it is a temporary sacrifice worth making.

For the next little while our focus has been sharpened to include **DET's latest three state-wide priorities that include: Mental Health & Wellbeing; Learning; and Transition.** Across this week, we have a clear plan that works on translating these priorities into actions.

By now we are all accustomed to the many rules that must be followed in the interests of having a COVID safe community. **We all share this responsibility, and there are a number of important actions we must undertake** below:

- 1. If a student or staff member is unwell they should not attend school at all.** Anyone with cold/flu symptoms needs to stay home until the symptoms are completely gone. There can be no exceptions to this.
- 2. Our students and staff continue to undertake regular hand washing/ sanitising, up to 5-8 times per day.** This includes when they arrive at school, before eating and before/ after play times.
- 3. Children are not required to wear masks at school,** although they may do so at the discretion of their parents. **Staff are not required to wear masks while working in the classroom, but must wear masks at other times.**
- 4. Social distancing between adults is vital, and our staff will be practising this routinely.** Parents also need to social distance in and around our school fence lines, and we ask respectfully that parents do not congregate in groups.

Many thanks in advance for supporting our COVID Safe Plan, and helping make Ranfurly Primary School a safe community.

Please do not keep your child at home on really hot days. **We have terrific air conditioning in all classrooms and the temperature in the rooms is between 21-24C during lessons.** Importantly on days forecasted 38C or over our students do not go outside but stay in their 'cool' classrooms during recesses. Secondly, we are a Sun Smart School and it is great to see all those blue broad-brimmed hats on their heads during outside play.

We have a Public Holiday on Friday 23 October 2020, scheduled originally on the eve of the AFL Grand Final and now called 'Thank You Day'. Ranfurly will be closed on Friday 23 October 2020.

Thank you once again parents, carers and other family members, for your cooperation, your patience, your goodwill and your strength.

Dennis & Mark

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WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents who have access to our Compass Portal will be able to participate in this year's survey. The instructions will be added as a news item to Compass (same as the newsletter). All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 12 October** to **Friday 13 November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please contact the office if you would like more information.

Dennis Mitchell
Principal

Fight Cancer™
**FOOTY
COLOURS
DAY!**



**On Thursday 22nd of
October Junior School
Council will run “Footy
Colours Day” Take 2!**

**We are asking that you
wear your footy colours
and bring a gold coin
donation that will go
towards supporting kids
with cancer.**

Show your support for

**KIDS
WITH
CANCER**



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

BOOKCLUB: Catalogues will be distributed with today's newsletters. Please note that orders will close at 9am on Monday, 26th October.

You may order online using "LOOP" or send your cash orders to Mrs. K. in the Library.

OVERDUE BOOKS: There are a lot of books outstanding which were borrowed prior to our two lockdowns. Could everyone please have a good look at home and make sure all overdue books are returned ASAP.

Notices/accounts will be sent out early next week for all overdue books. Thankyou!

Mrs K.

Student Banking recommences this Tuesday!



Please make sure your child has a water bottle at school as bubble taps are 'out of order' due to COVID19 restrictions!

CANTEEN NEWS

We have a great range of home made pizzas-

- ♦ Roast Pumpkin with Spinach, Feta, Red Onion and Cheddar \$4.50
- ♦ Garlic with Spinach and Cheese \$2.50







And many, many more!

Check out our new menu (sent home last week)!



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Preps Term 4@ a Glance

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	Stars of the Week		BIRTHDAYS
	Room PB:	Piper Casey for always being tuned in to lessons and by answering questions and sharing her thoughts. Well done Piper!	
	Room PT:	Virazveer Aulakh for showing persistence when writing about his amazing play experiences.	
	Room PM:	Ellenestina Niyera for working hard and showing persistence on her CVC words.	
	VIP		Reading Awards 150 Nights: Kate Lyons
	Room PB:	Sola Kaifoto	
	Room PT:	Jasper Wallace	
	Room PM:	Annabelle Roberts	
Next Week's Unit Topics			SPECIAL EVENTS/REMINDERS
Literacy: Numeracy: Developmental Learning: YCDI:	Letter Vv Vicky Violet Addition, Statistics, Capacity Camping, building and airports Resilience		Please send a water bottle to school. All bubble taps are out of order due to Covid19 restrictions. <i>*All pencils, scrapbooks and writing books home from home learning must be returned AS...</i> 

Years 1/2 Week @ a Glance

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Stars of the Week			
Room 1H:	Ernest Mitchell for fantastic reading during reading groups. You have made a terrific start to Term 4 Ernest!	Birthdays	
Room 1L:	Martin Ros for his excellent reading at home. Well done Martin, great job bringing your reader to school every day.		
Room 1W:	Harrison Roy for his great progress in reading.		
Room 2A:	Hunter Edwards for setting an excellent example for his classmates with his Getting Along skills and Persistence to complete his work to a high standard.	Kadah Pascoe Kallum Philp	5th October 16th October
Room 2T:	Bethany Barling for a great wanted poster and an excellent start to term 4!		
Room 2D:	Jack Modica for his amazing progress in reading. Well Done Jack!		
Grade 1/2 News		Special Notices and Events	
Numeracy Reading Writing Integrated Studies	Our focus in the classroom this week... Chance/Probability—focusing on vocabulary like will happen (certain), won't happen (impossible) and might happen (likely/unlikely). Persuasive Text - Advertisements Word processing skills on our computers/ipads	Reading Awards Martin Ros Hunter Edwards Isabelle Goulet Ruby Hills Archer Newton Kallum Philp Layne Smythe	

YEAR 3/4 TERM 4 @ A GLANCE

STARS OF THE WEEK



ROOM 3D: Avah Peters for her enthusiasm and persistence in working towards improving her learning. Keep up the great work Avah!

ROOM 3S: Nyreece Wiggell for a fantastic start back at school in term 4. Well done Nyreece!

ROOM 3G: Zakariya Maaroo for excellent manners, showing kindness and always being positive. Keep being Strong and Smart Zakariya!

ROOM 4W: Sierra Wall for working hard on improving your reading comprehension. Well done Sierra!

ROOM 4D: Aylah Parker for showing fantastic effort and deep thinking when completing the Passage Picker role.

ROOM 4B: Izabella Johnson for her great effort when learning about the Australian states and capital cities. Well Done Izzy!

AWARDS



25 Nights of Reading

50 Nights of Reading

Korban Griffiths, Aliabbas Hussaini, Maddison Dewyse Nate Degemouis, Kade Kerwin

100 Nights of Reading

150 Nights of Reading

Kaylie Hadenfeldt

200 Nights of Reading

Indianna Chamberlain

This Week's Unit Topics

LITERACY: PERSUASIVE WRITING

NUMERACY: DATA

Birthdays



Chloe Clarke 20th October

Vanessa Noun 20th October

NOTICE BOARD



Term 4 'No hat, No play'

Please remember to bring a water bottle to school as the bubble taps are not in use.

Year 5/6 Unit@ a Glance - Term 4

Stars of the Week!



5C Darby Hatcher for using feedback to improve his Literature Circle role. Well done Darby!

5S Azarel Wallace for contributing some great ideas when discussing persuasive writing texts! Well done Aza!

5/6M Jason Kernich for working hard on improving his knowledge of 3D Shapes.

6C Taileah King for being able to devise inferential and evaluative questions to assist in her understanding of texts read.

6H Zahra Hussaini for her quiet achievements in all areas of her learning.

6R Heath Beck for demonstrating confidence and hard work with all of his work tasks. Great work Heath!

Birthdays!

Hayley Prescott - October 21st
Angus Sutton-Scarlett - 22nd



Upcoming Events/Reminders

A few reminders;

- Students need to have their broad brimmed hat and a **named water bottle**.
- Home Reading Diaries need to be signed and brought to school daily

READING AWARDS

50 Nights—Alex Thomas, Freya Parsons, Billie Bartels, Molly Pavilach, Carrisa Stewart, Angus Sutton-Scarlett

75 Nights—Zahra Hussaini, Charlotte White

100 Nights - Dasun Perera Morawaka & Scarlett Bracken, Taite Philp, Sahiba Shabir

150 Nights - Sarah Penna, Paige Pullman, Japji Kaur, Darby Hatcher, Halla Alsady

250 Nights—Matthew Prescott

Next Week's Unit Topics

Literacy—Week 3 Persuasive Devices

Maths—Week 3 Measurement—Shape and Transformation & Location