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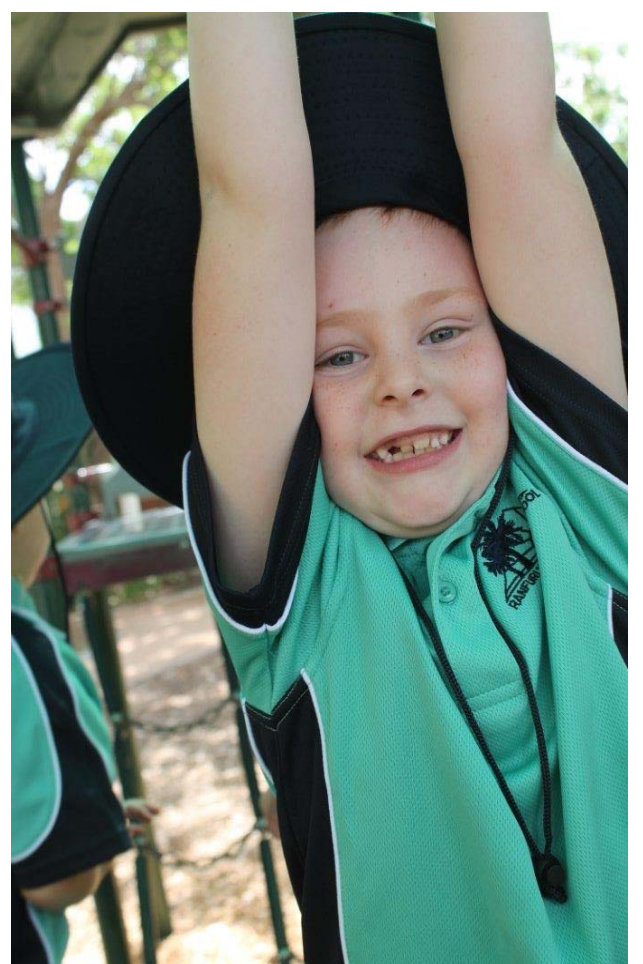
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RESPECT PRIDE SAFETY

WELCOME TO OUR 2017 PREPS



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

Principal's Thoughts

Happy New Year! The start to the 2017 school year has been fabulous. It gives me great pleasure to welcome all our students and their families for 2017. We would also like to extend a special welcome to the new families that have joined us at Ranfurly Primary School this year and, of course, the new preps, who started today. I know that they will value their time here at our great school. We look forward to a very exciting time with some fantastic activities and events planned throughout the year.

This term we have three teachers away on leave for the whole of the term in Dennis Mitchell, Ange Mitchell & Trudie Clarke. We wish them well! We are very pleased to welcome as members of staff Mrs Rebecca White and Brendan Alderton for the whole year and also welcome Tamara Witte (5/6M for four days) and Hannah Wall (1/2G on Wednesdays) for Term One. We are also very fortunate to have working on Mondays and Tuesdays each week for at least the next six months the following Latrobe teachers: in Latifa Jafri, Alesia Allford, Cassandra Halacas and Jessica Cavallaro.

The buildings and grounds are in immaculate condition courtesy of lots of hard work from Des Hards. Thanks Des!

Many staff members spent a great deal of time at school over the holidays preparing classrooms, and meeting in their teams so everything was in place ready for the children on the first day. Thank you to our hardworking staff!

I am also very appreciative of the efforts of the volunteers from Parents' Club who opened the uniform shop to allow parents to make purchases over the last week. It has been fantastic to see all students in uniform today.

Please remember our Breakfast Club is there for all students and that any students at school before 8:00am will be asked to go to the Walton wing. This helps us supervise our students in the morning as well as provide something yum to eat for them.

Please remember our school motto of RESPECT PRIDE SAFETY and use it to guide how we act at all times.

Keep the following February dates free:

Thursday 16 February – Open Classrooms/ School B.B.Q. (5:15 – 6:45 pm); Monday 20 February = Pupil Free Day. A reminder our new Preps don't attend school on Wednesdays during February.

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year and I look forward to working with you towards a successful 2017.

Mark Rogerson
Acting Principal

SMART START HOUSE ACTIVITIES

- Friday 10TH February 2017
- Ranfurly Primary School Oval
- 9.00am—11.00am

Come dressed in House colours and wear appropriate footwear for active play. Parents are welcome to come along and join in for a morning of fun and games.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund applications are now being taken. Please call into the office to pick up forms.



Ranfurly WOW is now open for After School Care. Any parents or caregivers wishing to use this service please contact the office for information or ring Wow mobile on 0438122139.

NEW LOOK FOR RANFURLY ART ROOM



LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to the Library for 2017!

We have made a few changes over the holidays, so come in and see our new look. The students are already enjoying using our new couches, ottomans and cushions!

Borrowing has already commenced. Students must have a Library bag – I have them here for just \$2.00 or a shopping bag or pillow case works just as well. Please ensure our books are kept in the Library bags at home to keep them safe from damage.

Notes will be going home next week for all overdue books from last year – we still have **161 books to be returned!!!** We would ask that you return these as soon as possible, or pay for them if they are lost.

Bookclub is a great way to encourage our children to read and it also helps to stock our Library as we get commission on all items sold. Bookclub is issued twice per term (Issue 1 next week). In May we will hold our Annual Book Fair. I look forward to seeing you soon,

Mrs. K



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SCHOOL UPDATES

FEBRUARY 2017

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| Thu 2 | Prep Students Commence (except Wednesdays) |
| Thu 16 | Open Classrooms/School BBQ 5.15pm - 6.45pm |
| Mon 20 | Pupil Free Day |

CANTEEN ROSTER

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| Fri 3/2 | Suzi Castle |
| Fri 10/2 | Tash Adair |



CANTEEN NEWS

We are back!! A new price list was sent home earlier in the week, if you missed out call into the canteen and collect one from Tracy. We look forward to a busy year, providing lots and lots of lunches. Remember all profits from the Canteen go straight back into the school.



SONGWRITING COMPETITION#

The 2017 National Song Writing Competition is now open. Students have the opportunity to enter the competition and win the chance to help write the 2017 Program Song. It is a song written by students and written for students. MCUI are looking for entries that celebrate music in the lives of young people - with melodies and lyrics that appeal to Australian students. Students must write a song that follows the song brief, to have their entry/entries considered.#

If you are interested see Mr. Alderton for the Song Brief or go online at musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/#

Entries are due by Thursday 16 February #

Due 16 Feb 2017



SONG WRITING COMPETITION 2017

SUBMIT YOUR SONG NOW!

For more info download the song brief

Hook in 2 Hockey 2017

Would you like to be a part of our very successful Hookin2Hockey program ?

This is an eight week skill development program , will be run at the Sunraysia Hockey Turf , Eleventh St , Mildura, and costs \$85 per child. This fee includes a terrific pack which includes a stick, ball, shinguards, and playing singlet. The 2016 program will be starting soon in February ! For more information please contact Jodie Morvell 0409 835470 jmorvell@bigpond.com

COMMUNITY NEWS



Dental services for children

Your local community dental service offers

LOW-COST dental services for all children FREE if you have a Centrelink concession card

Dental health is essential for overall health and wellbeing. Regular dental check-ups are important to catch any problems early.

Who can access this service?

The Child Oral Health Program is available to all children aged 0-12 through your local community health service. Your child will have priority access which means there is no waiting list; they will be given the next available appointment.

What does the service include?

- This service includes:
- emergency care
 - general care (e.g. fillings, extractions and sealants)
 - dental health advice.

How much does it cost?

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| Emergency care - All children (12 years and under) | FREE |
| General care - Children (12 years and under) who: • are government concession card holders or dependents of concession card holders • identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people • are in out-of-home care provided by the Children, Youth and Families Division of the Department of Human Services • attend a special or special development school | FREE |
| General care - For general course of care that includes an exam and all general dental treatment with a max \$ cap per-family per-year. Children (12 years and under) who do not fit into any of the above categories | CAPPED AMOUNT PER CHILD |

To make an appointment contact

Sunraysia Community Health Services
137 13th Street, Mildura
Ph 50210944



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