



RANFURLY PRIMARY

THE

RAMBLER

Strong in the heart and Smart in the head

Principal: **Dennis Mitchell**

Thursday 23 October 2025

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RESPECT PRIDE SAFETY

Assistant Principals: **Mark Rogerson & Chelsea Spratt**

SPARK LEARN

The SPARK Learn students have been working hard to make entries for the 2025 Mildura Show. Students each entered a slice in the cookery section, a pot of herbs and a plate of dried fruit in the produce section, an article made of craft sticks and a wrapped/decorated gift in the craft section. We then went on an excursion to the show on Friday morning to see how our entries went and to have a look around the rest of the show. We had a lot of prize winners in the group and we went into the animal nursery and saw the poultry and horses. Students also enjoyed a walk around the sideshows and the motorcycle performance. Special thankyou goes to Bunnings who donated the pots and herbs for our entries and thankyou to all the staff who came along to support the group.



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



TRANSITION

Calendar

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
27 October	28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October
		Class Time 9:00-10:00 (Parents must stay)		Prep Interviews 8:30-3:30 (20 minute interviews)
3 November	4 November	5 November	6 November	7 November
		Prep Interviews 3:30-4:50 (20 minute interviews)		Class Time 9:00-10:00 (Parents to drop off)
10 November	11 November	12 November	13 November	14 November
				DigiSTEM Optional 2:20-3:00 (Parents must stay)
17 November	18 November	19 November	20 November	21 November
24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November
		Class Time Meet Buddy 9:00-10:30 (Parents to drop off)		Art Optional 2:20-3:00 (Parents must stay)
1 December	2 December	3 December	4 December	5 December
				Performing Arts Optional 2:20-3:00 (Parents must stay)
8 December	9 December	10 December	11 December	12 December
	Class Time Meet Teacher 9:00-10:00 (Parents to drop off)			PE Optional 2:20-3:00 (Parents must stay)
	Presentation 10:00 (Parents to attend)			



Preps Term 4 Unit @ a Glance



Stars of the Week

PE: Kylo Pierce for trying his hardest with writing dictation. Well done Kylo!

PC: Mohammed Nami for showing confidence in sharing his ideas with the class.

PL: Hudson Day for trying his best with his writing in his dictation. What a great job!

PM: Charli Pardon for showing persistence to ride her bike without training wheels, you were amazing.



Birthdays

Georgia Irvin — 28th



Reading Awards

25 Nights: Hadisa Muradi

150 Nights: Georgia Irvin

Next Week's Unit Topics

Numeracy –We are learning about data. We are answering questions about the data we have sorted.

Literacy- We are learning the 've' sound.

The Resilience Project- We are learning about developing our empathy, resilience and mindfulness.

Developmental Play - Foods that help us to "Go, Grow and Glow".

Special Events/Reminders

School hats are now required to be worn for every play break for the remainder of the term. Hats need to be navy broad brimmed hats. If your child does not have a hat they will be asked to play in the shade area of the prep building during breaks.

School hats can be purchased from the office for \$15



YEARS 1/2 UNIT @ A GLANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

1G: Charlotte Moss for showing empathy towards a classmate who was in the blue zone. We love how you care for others.

1C: Lincoln Coutts for great use of punctuation in his writing. Keep up the great work Lincoln!

1/2 B: William Ibbetson for working hard to make Strong and Smart choices. I am super proud of you, Will!

2B: Mullon Smith for your positive attitude towards learning and the thoughtful contributions and questions that you share. They certainly make us think. Great job, Mullon!

2S: Conan Hall for his positive attitude towards learning and improved attendance. It's wonderful to see you at school more often. Keep it up!

Grade 1/2 Unit Topics

Grade One Focus

Reading: Author study: Oliver Jeffers

Sounds: //

Writing: Sentence types

Maths: Addition and Subtraction

Integrated Studies: Different Places - Natural and Man-made features

Grade Two Focus

Reading: Persuasive Text

Sounds: /i/

Writing: Persuasive Writing

Maths: Addition and Subtraction

Integrated Studies: Different Places - Natural and Man-made features



BIRTHDAYS

Kane Fox 26th October
Dana Fox 26th October

READING & MATHS AWARDS

Mason Rodi, Elijah Young

Please remember a bike or scooter for our Bike Education Program

NOTICE BOARD

Thursday 23rd October:
Grade 2 Activity Day and
Sleepover

Wednes-
day 29th

October: Grade 1
Activity Day

Friday 31st October:
Spooky Day





3/4 UNIT @ A GLANCE



STARS OF THE WEEK

3D: Liora McLeod for being a thoughtful class member who treats others with kindness and respect. Well done Liora!

3W: Amelia King for putting effort into being more organised and showing persistence with her school work. Keep it up Amelia!

3M: Ellie Harrison for following the writing process to produce and publish an excellent information report. Well done Ellie!

4R: Scarlett Roberts for showing persistence to complete her Passage Picker Literature Circle Role. Keep up the excellent work!

4B: Marleah Sloane for being a responsible learner, showing great focus and confidence when completing tasks. Wonderful Effort Marleah!

4T: Una Maea for a great attitude in class and when playing sport

4M: Elly Greenaway-Kirby for working hard on her craft activity in SPARK and proudly submitting her entry into the Mildura show. Well done Elly!

This Week's Unit Topics

Reading - Literature Circles and Poetry

Writing - Writing Poetry

Maths - Statistics

Integrated Studies - Food Production in Mildura and Australia

BIRTHDAYS

26th Oct- Alexander Ives, Xavier Ives

27th Oct - Les Bailey

30th Oct - Sophie Casey

NOTICE BOARD

Grade 3 camp is next week. Students attending camp need to be at school by **7:30am on Thursday 30th October**. Departure time is **8am sharp**.

BIKE ED continues during Phys Ed sessions. **Students are asked to bring a bike and helmet** on these days.

AWARDS

50 Nights of Reading:

Xavier Moody, Amelia King

100 Nights of Reading:

Alex De Boo, Sophie Penna, Shylah Herold-Cluss

150 Nights of Reading:

Claudia Roccisano, Emily Morgan, Aria Dogan

200 Nights of Reading:

Marley Malchya, Sahibjot Singh, Ira Mandadapu

250 Nights of Reading:

Grace Elliott, Sirat Kaur Arora

Mathematician Awards:

Savannah Gahan, Dustin Barrett, Sophie Penna, Sahibjot Singh, Tyler Beaver, Frankie Perry, Rylan Cook



Year 5/6 Unit@ a Glance—Term 3



Stars of the Week!

5C: Loki Anderson for actively listening during learning time and having a positive attitude towards your persuasive text. Awesome work, Loki!

5M: Adah McGurk for consistently approaching all learning with a "Can Do Attitude" and assisting her peers when needed. Amazing Work, Adah!

5T: Havana Evans-Walker for actively listening and participating in our Mandarin classes. Your pronunciations are excellent, and you have been approaching each lesson with confidence. Keep up the fantastic work, Havana!

6A: Isabella Tanner for your great work when identifying pronouns for the class! Keep up the great work Isabella!

6J: Harrison Roy for showing great focus and persistence in all areas of his work. Keep up the amazing effort, Harrison!

6P: Parvarnah Stoker-Potts for showing great improvement by paying close attention to detail, responding thoughtfully to feedback, and completing all her work to a high standard.

Happy Birthday!

5M: Meadow Dean (October 23rd)

5T: Arlia Duffield (October 26th), Zion Zafari (October 27th)

6A: Kohen Barling (October 28th), Lucas Howell (October 29th)

6J: Peyton Brabender (October 26th), Ruby Cook (October 29th), Armani Hollier (October 29th)

6P: Harry Creamer (October 14th)



AWARDS

Reading Awards:

100 Nights: Levi Kellett, Martin Ros

150 Nights: Leo Chang

200 Nights: Meadow Dean

Numeracy Awards:

Mrs. Newton & Mr. Cottrell: Maya Briggs Gilbert

Mr. Mays: Piper Casey

Miss Thompson: Parvarnah Stoker-Potts

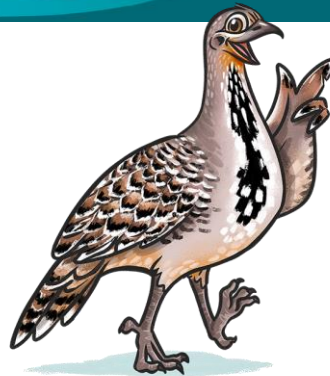
Mrs Snow & Mrs Alderton: Ernest Mitchell

Miss Jenner: Nobel Meressa

Ms. Parfrey: Anna Roccisano

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- READING:** 4 nights of reading per week and signed by an adult.
- HOMEWORK:** Homework due **Friday 24th October**.
- YEAR 7 ENROLMENT:** Reminder to please make sure your enrolment forms are filled in and returned to your high school as soon as possible. Teachers from the various high schools are beginning visits to our school to prepare students for transition. A very exciting and busy time for our Year 6 students!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ranfurly Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Ranfurly Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer specialist extra-curricular experiences e.g., FLIP program, specialist music tuition, up-to-date digital devices and online digital subscriptions.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see the one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Mitchell'.

Dennis Mitchell
PRINCIPAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nardia Sheriff'.

Nardia Sheriff
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT



FAMILY NAME: _____

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment • Classroom consumable – pens, pencils, writing & project books, markers, glue sticks, scissors, pencil case, document wallet • Art – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Science – chemicals • Mathematics – numeracy blocks • English – book boxes • Sports – equipment	\$100.00
ICT Devices & Online Subscriptions	\$ 20.00
Printing and Photocopying of learning materials	\$ 10.00
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Student / Parent communication tool – Compass	\$ 5.00
Student wellbeing programs	\$ 5.00
First aid equipment	\$ 5.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$ 5.00
Suggested Total Amount	\$150.00
Returning this paperwork is your authorisation for the school to invoice your family in 2026.	

Financial Support for Families

Ranfurly Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- State School Relief Fund
- Payment plans for Extra-Curricular items and activities

These options are dependent on families holding a Health Care Card, Pension or Veterans Affairs card. For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Jen Hards Ph: 03 5022 1299

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ranfurly Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These Extra-curricular Items and Activities are provided on a user-pays basis.

If you would like to purchase an item or activity for your child, please indicate on the table below and return paperwork to the school.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities		Purchase (Please tick)
Optional Year 6 Melbourne school camp		\$200
Optional Year 5 Ballarat school camp		\$200
Optional Year 4 Rose's Gap school camp		\$150
Optional Year 3 Swan Hill school camp		\$150
Optional Year 2 Activity Day and Sleepover		\$60
Optional Year 1 Activities, Dinner and Disco		\$45
Optional Prep Activities and Tea		\$10
Other optional Excursions/Activities and Incursions to be scheduled (Estimated range \$5 - \$50)		
School Magazine		\$20

* Camp prices are approximate only; they are subject to change depending on quotes from camp providers.

Payment methods

Compass using credit card or Compass Wallet

Bpay – contact the school for your family Bpay details

EFTPOS

Cash

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school; they are made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

COME & TRY



Nov 17th - 19th
Nov 24th - 26th



Monday 17th & 24th

- Ages 11-17yrs
- Juniors & Inters
- 5pm - 6:30pm

Tuesday 18th & 25th

- Ages 17yrs and over
- Seniors & Masters
- 6:30pm - 8pm

Wednesday 19th & 26th

- Ages 4-10yrs
- Tinies & Subbies
- 4:30pm - 6pm

**St Josephs Primary
School - Red Cliffs**

FREE COME AND TRY NIGHT

FREE MEAL AND TRANSPORT HOME INCLUDED



RESERVE YOUR
SPOT NOW



HOOPS

GIRLS NIGHT

A safe and friendly environment for girls aged 10 - 17 years of age,
looking to try basketball

5PM - 9PM

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT EVE MEPPEN ON

0498 872 439

emeppem@schs.com.au



HOOPS



**DHEK DJA
MALLEE ACTION GROUP**

FREE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FOR YOUTH AGED
10 - 17 YEARS

5PM TO 9PM

CHAFFEY SECONDARY
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
STADIUM

**EVERY
FRIDAY
NIGHT**

7TH NOVEMBER
TO 5TH DECEMBER

FREE MEAL AND
TRANSPORT HOME
INCLUDED



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2025 CONCERT



Mildura
Arts Centre

Saturday 15th November

Matinee 12:30pm-3:30pm & Evening 6:30pm-9:30pm

Sunday 16th November

Matinee 12:30pm-4:00pm

TICKETS ON SALE 17th October, 10am

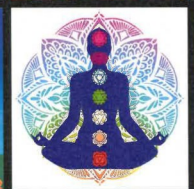
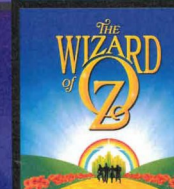
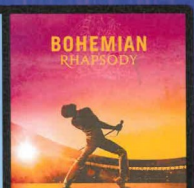
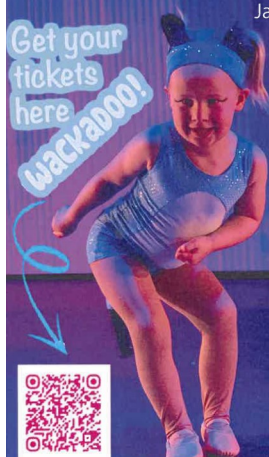
Available from Mildura Arts Centre

Child - \$30 Pension - \$35 Adult - \$40

50+ Items! All Styles! All Ages! Costumes, Set & Props!
Jam packed family fun, and something for everyone!

"BLUEY"! "BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY"!
"WIZARD OF OZ"! "THE CHAKRAS"!

Get your
tickets
here
Wackadoo!



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October

Wednesday 29th

- Grade 1 Activity Day and Dinner
- 2026 Prep Transitions 9-10am (parent to stay)

Thursday 30th—31st

- Swan Hill Grade 3 Camp
- Friday 31st 2026 Prep Interviews 8.30am - 3.30pm

November

Monday 3rd

- PUPIL FREE DAY -
(NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND)

Tuesday 4th

- MELBOURNE CUP DAY -
(PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

Wednesday 5th

- 2026 Prep Interviews 3.30 - 4.50pm

Friday 7th

- JSC Colour Run
- 2026 Prep Transition Day 9am– 10am

Tuesday 11th

- Remembrance Day Ceremony

FRIDAY 14th

2026 Prep Transition - Digi Stem Experience

Friday 21st

- PUPIL FREE DAY
(NO STUDENT TO ATTEND SCHOOL)

CANTEEN NEWS

Wraps

Full \$8.00 Half \$4.00

- Ham, egg, lettuce, spinach & mayo
- Salad with cheese, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot & mayo
- Chicken, cheese, avocado & lettuce
- Chicken, cheese, lettuce, carrot, pineapple & mayo
- Sweet Chilli Chicken, carrot, tomato, lettuce, sweet chilli sauce

BIKE EDUCATION



All classes will be participating in Bike Ed activities during their PE sessions which started this week and continuing for 4 weeks.

Your child has been given a note explaining when they need to bring their Bike and helmet to school, so please check their school bag!

Grades P-2 can either bring a bike or scooter, however we would prefer Grades 3-6 students to bring a bike. There will be a few spare bikes, scooters and helmets for students who do not own a bike or scooter. Please see Miss Shore if you would like your child's bike to be stored at school over the four weeks of Bike Ed.