



RANFURLY PRIMARY

THE RAMBLER

Strong in the heart and Smart in the head

Thursday 14 November 2024

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RESPECT PRIDE SAFETY

Principal: **Dennis Mitchell**

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

Bunnings came to visit with fun activities for our preps to enjoy. Looks at these smiling faces don't they make you want to go and make yourself a Sprout mate!



From the Principals

It has been great to hear that students have been putting in their best effort during Literacy testing this week! This assessment period is a valuable opportunity to gather insights into their progress and growth over the year. As students prepare for Numeracy testing next week, it's important to encourage them to stay focused and maintain the same level of determination.

We are incredibly proud of the effort and resilience students are demonstrating in striving to achieve their personal best. Let's keep encouraging them to embrace each challenge with a positive mindset, knowing that every step is a step towards their personal growth and success!

Kiss and Go

We're excited to see the progress of our new **Kiss and Go** area! The construction is coming along beautifully, with the bollards being installed just yesterday. This new addition will be a fantastic improvement for our school community, enhancing the safety and efficiency of drop-offs and pick-ups.

The **Kiss and Go** is expected to be fully operational in time for the start of the 2025 school year. In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing more details about how it will function, along with guidelines to ensure a smooth and safe experience for everyone.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work towards making our school a safer place for all!

Whole school transition



We're thrilled to announce that our **whole school transition program** is about to be underway! This initiative gives all students the opportunity to experience what 2025 will be like in their new year level and learning environment. Transitioning to a new grade or area of the school can be a big step, so we want to ensure it's as smooth and positive as possible for everyone.

These sessions are a valuable part of preparing students for the new school year, helping them feel more comfortable and confident with the changes ahead. It's a great way for them to meet new teachers, explore their new classrooms, and get a feel for their upcoming routines. The first transition session will be on **Wednesday 27 November** followed by **Tuesday December 10th** with the final Transition Day being held on **Wednesday December 18**.


We're confident that this experience will support a seamless transition, setting students up for success in the new year!

Dennis, Mark and Chelsea

Preps Term 4 Unit @ a Glance

	<h3>Stars of the Week</h3> <p>Room PC: Le'mani Harris for showing great persistence in practising her reading. Great effort Le'mani!</p> <p>Room PL: Charlotte Moss for being a star writer who always draws a wow picture to match. Great work Charlotte!</p> <p>Room PM: Kitione Namoumou for super persistence with his writing.</p>	<h3>Birthdays</h3> <p>23 November - Lilly Roberts</p> 
	<h3>Reading Awards</h3> <p><u>150 Nights</u> - Quinn Day, Oliver Day</p> <p><u>250 Nights</u> - Oliver Lewin, Xavier Treble</p>	
<h3>Next Week's Unit Topics</h3> <p><u>Numeracy</u> - We are learning about place value.</p> <p><u>Literacy</u> - We are learning about different spellings for the same sounds.</p> <p><u>The Resilience Project</u> - We are learning about how to cooperate.</p> <p><u>Developmental Play</u> - We are learning about ways to have a healthy mind, focussing on gardening and being outside.</p>		<h3>Special Events/Reminders</h3> <p>Save the Date:</p> <p>December 2 RANFURLY SCHOOL CONCERT</p>

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Years 1/2 Week @ a Glance ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

<h3><i>Stars of the Week</i></h3>		<h3><u><i>Happy Birthday</i></u></h3> 		
Room 1D:	Kiana Noori for always being a kind and caring class member. We are lucky to have you in 1D Kiana!	Xaviar Lanyon - 18 November		
Room 1E:	Reuben Duffield for being a kind and caring friend to all. Thanks for being your wonderful self Reuben!			
Room 1V:	Piper Hagen for being a kind member of 1V, having empathy for others, and always trying her best.			
Room 2S:	Dania Al-Sady for your kindness and patience. Thank you for staying back and checking to see if there are any jobs which need to be done. You're so thoughtful!			
Room 2C:	Aivah Blore for showing terrific persistence to improve your oral presentation about Grade 2. Well done!			
Room 2B:	Ellie Harrison for listening to and using the feedback she received from her peers to make improvements to her oral presentation. That's the way to show how 'strong and smart' you are!	<h3><u><i>Awards</i></u></h3> <p>READING:</p> <p><u>50 Nights:</u> Mele Toto</p> <p><u>100 Nights:</u> Adeel Hussaini, Dakota Coutts, Millah Kearns, Malvin Ros</p> <p><u>150 Nights:</u> Sofina Panha</p> <p><u>250 Nights:</u> Ashton Sutcliffe</p>		
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YEAR 3/4 UNIT @ A GLANCE

STARS OF THE WEEK



ROOM 3D: Cleo Taylor for growing in confidence and willingly sharing her connections with her Lit Circle group. Great effort Cleo!

ROOM 3W: Elly Greenway Kirby for being more confident at school. Well done Elly!

ROOM 3R: Jayse Masoe for improved focus and concentration during his reading tests. Keep up the great effort!

ROOM 3L: Elijah Memery for his confident start at Ranfurly. Welcome Elijah!

ROOM 4B: Lachlan Button for showing great understanding in his reading assessment and when completing his Literature Circle role. Awesome work Lachlan!

ROOM 4T: Jamarcus Finau for amazing growth in reading this year.

ROOM 4M: Jayden Benton for confidently presenting his Awesome Invention Speech. Well done Jayden!

YCDI Awards:

Organisation - Jayden Benton, Marcus Byrnes, Meadow Dean, Peyton Lee

Persistence - Sophie Casey, David Tanner

Confidence - Adrian Abdel, Nathaniel Craig, Grace Elliott, Alexa Hennig, Scarlett Roberts, Josh Dines, Maddison Lawson, Alexis Mitchell, Bonny Kirby

AWARDS



50 Nights of Reading:

Annabelle Roberts

100 Nights of Reading:

Heidi Noonan, Farida Ibrahim, Lawrence Shirren, Elena Cifra, Maui Aholahi

150 Nights of Reading:

Alex De Boo, Henry Goulet, Jayden Benton, Kate Lyons, Hudson Newton, Mico Sevilla, Alex Kiel

200 Nights of Reading:

Marcus Byrnes

250 Nights of Reading:

Marley Malycha, Xander Prescott

Mathematician Awards:

Charlee Hawke, Farida Ibrahim, Grace Elliot, Leena Alleblas, Olive Parker, Jamari Bailey, Georgia Pike

This Week's Unit Topics

Reading - Literature Circles **Writing** - Explanations

Maths - Four Operations **Integrated Studies** - We are Australian

Grade 5/6 Term 4 Units at a Glance

Stars of the Week

5T	Aidan Dodds for consistently contributing excellent ideas and demonstrating impressive knowledge in both his work and class discussions. Your input is always insightful and enhances our conversations. Keep up the great work, Aidan!
5C	Brooklyn Jones for her ability to focus and get the most out of her learning when participating in the VHAP program. Keep striving Brooklyn!
6J	Jaylen Maskell for his perseverance and achievements during testing week. Great work, Jaylen!
6M	Louis Eborra for always coming to school with a smile on his face and challenging himself with his learning in all areas of his schooling. Congrats, Louis!
6P	Maddison McDonald for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards her schooling. Your strength in maintaining a cheerful and focused approach to all tasks is truly inspiring. Keep up the fantastic work!

Reading Awards:

25 nights - Elise Sherwell

50 nights - Cayden Rosebottom

100 nights - Sarah Tuimoala

150 nights - Sophie Lye, Isabelle Goulet, Bethany Barling, Angus Cameron

200 nights -

250 nights - Archer Newton

Birthdays:

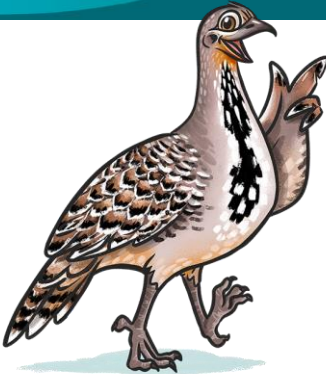
5T: 13 November
Mahmoud Maarooof

Any reminders/information for parents?

- Nightly Reading 15 mins x 4 nights a week.
- Spelling & Math homework - due Friday.
- 5/6 Disco Night - Wednesday 20 November.
- 2025 Student Leadership Speeches - Tuesday 26 November.
- Whole School Concert - Monday 2 December.
- Grade 6 Graduation - Thursday 12 December.

This Weeks Unit Topics

Literacy - Imaginative Writing - Speeches
Reading Comprehension - Clarifying, Visualising, Questioning, Inferencing
Numeracy - Patterns & Algebra
Resilience Project - Gratitude



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ranfurlly Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of the school's voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

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 curriculum experiences e.g., FLIP program, specialist music tuition, up-to-date digital devices and online digital subscriptions.

The School Savings Bonus will be available in 2025 to the sum of \$400 to assist eligible families with the cost of school contributions and activities. School charges for 2025 are provided below, families will be sent further information at the start of next year. It's our recommendation that the School Saving Bonus contribute to school charges with the remainder being available for uniforms and other school activities.

For 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



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, materials & equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom consumable – pens, pencils, writing & project books, markers, glue sticks, scissors, pencil case, document wallet • Literacy – book boxes, class sets, take home reading books • Numeracy – numeracy blocks, maths kits, calculators, etc • Inquiry – resources, classroom consumables • Visual Arts – paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper • Performing Arts – instruments and equipment, classroom consumables • Physical Education – equipment, ribbons, materials • STEM – ingredients, shared classroom materials, books • Language – printed materials, classroom consumables 	\$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 – Breakfast club, Lunchtime programs	\$ 5.00
First aid equipment – Tissues, first aid consumables	\$ 5.00
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$ 5.00
Suggested Total Amount	\$150.00

Financial Support for Families

Ranfurlly 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
- School Saving Bonus (2025 only)

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



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ranfurlly Primary School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience for students and are above and beyond what the school provides to deliver the Curriculum. These Extra-curricular Items and Activities are provided on a user-pays basis. Funding received from our OSHC provider is used to heavily subsidise our camps for Years 4 – 6.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Full Camp Cost	Parent Cost
Optional Year 6 Melbourne school camp	\$450	\$150
Optional Year 5 Ballarat school camp	\$400	\$150
Optional Year 4 Rose’s Gap school camp	\$350	\$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.

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.



INFINITY
CALISTHENICS CLUB

COME & TRY

Experience the fun of calisthenics

TUES NOV 19TH & 26TH

4:30-5:30

TINIES (5-7YRS)

SUB-JUNIORS(10YRS & UNDER)

5:30-7

JUNIORS (14YRS & UNDER)

INTERMEDIATES (17YRS & UNDER)

SENIORS (16YRS & OVER)

MASTERS (26YRS & OVER)

**RED CLIFFS
SECONDARY
COLLEGE**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
INFINITYCALISTHENICSCLUB@GMAIL.COM



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SAVE THE DATE

A RANFURLY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday
December 2

More information
to follow



Please remember to keep us updated of any change of details.

- **Change of Name**
- **Change of Address**
- **New phone number**
- **New emergency contacts details**
- **Medical conditions**

Ranfurly Prep Transition Calendar



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
18 November	19 November	20 November	21 November	22 November <u>PE</u> 2:20 - 3:00 <u>Prep Experience</u> (Optional) (Parents must stay)
25 November	26 November	27 November <u>Class Time</u> <u>Meet Buddy</u> 9:00 - 10:30 (Parents to drop off)	28 November	29 November <u>ART</u> 2:20 - 3:00 <u>Prep Experience</u> (Optional) (Parents must stay)
2 December	3 December	4 December	5 December	6 December <u>Performing Arts</u> 2:20 - 3:00 <u>Prep Experience</u> (Optional) (Parents must stay)
9 December	10 December <u>Class Time</u> <u>Meet Teacher</u> 9:00 - 10:00 (Parents to drop off) <u>Presentation</u> 10:00 (Parents to attend)	11 December	12 December	13 December

SINGING / KEYBOARD / INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 2025

Students wishing to enrol in or continue music lessons in 2025 will need to complete new enrolment forms located at the office.

Any students with fees outstanding at the end of this year will NOT be able to re-enrol for 2025 until all fees are paid in full.

Fees can be paid in full/term by term/instalments. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOKCLUB

The final issue of Bookclub for this year will be distributed today.

Orders will close on Friday, 22 November at 9.00am.

Please note: ON-LINE ORDERS ONLY FOR THIS ISSUE – NO CASH ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Last Friday, 20 of our grades 3/4 students travelled to Mildura Sporting Precinct to represent Ranfurly P.S in the T20 Cricket Carnival. Congratulations to all players for giving it their all and showing great sportsmanship on the day!



WALK
AGAINST
FAMILY
VIOLENCE

**Friday 15
November 2024**

Midday, Langtree Mall Mildura



ORANGE COMMUNITY SWIM DAY!

DATE: SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 1PM - 4PM

LOCATION: MILDURA WAVES AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE

In support of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. Each swim will support local families impacted by violence.



Ranfurlly Primary School Uniform Shop

2025 January Opening Times

Monday 20 January – Thursday 23 January

10.00am – 2.00pm

INAUGURAL Sunraysia Schools Golf Day

Monday, 2nd December 2024
Coomeealla Golf Course
8:30am onwards

Organised by:
Coomeealla High School

Sponsored by:






Register Now!

Entry forms are due by
Wednesday, 20th November 2024
Entry Form is attached
Return entry to your school or email to:
christopher.gaul.bush@det.nsw.edu.au
or
shannon.bush@det.nsw.edu.au

Inclusions

- 18 holes golf
- Sausage sandwich
- Cost: NIL
- Open to any school student who has an official GA Handicap



U15 GIRLS CRICKET

COME & TRY SESSIONS

AERO OVAL 3

5:30PM START

BRING A HAT & WATER BOTTLE
NO FEE
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
BRING YOUR MATES

DATES
25TH NOVEMBER
2ND, 9TH & 16TH DECEMBER
3RD, 10TH, 17TH & 24TH FEBRUARY

Parents Club Christmas Raffle

Parents' Club are running their annual Christmas raffle again this year. Tickets \$1 each and can be purchased at Breakfast club, the office and at the Christmas concert. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert.



Carer Kafe




Dear Colleague,

The Carer Kafe Program, a state-wide program that delivers learning and development activities to carers in OOH, is committed to providing activities for kinship, foster and permanent carers in the greater Mildura area. It is critical that the activities are relevant to the interests and needs of carers and the agencies that serve them.

Therefore, the Carer Kafe Executive invites you to a luncheon meeting to talk about the opportunities available to your agency to submit for funding for local learning and development programs and to offer Carer Kafe support.

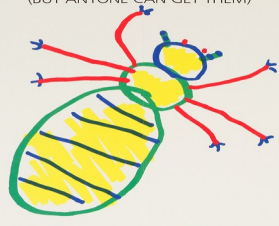
Date: 12:00pm – 2:00 pm Wednesday November 27th
Venue: Restaurant to be confirmed
RSVP: By Thursday November 21st to Naomi Whyley admin@kinshipcarersvictoria.org or 0499 969 234

Best wishes
 Anne L. McLeish, OAM
 Co-Chair Carer Kafe
 Director, Kinship Carers Victoria

LICE ARE NOT NICE.

(BUT ANYONE CAN GET THEM)



1. These are head lice... tiny insects that live on the scalp.
2. If you get lice, you may not be able to see them... because they make your head *itch*.
3. Lots of kids get lice, because they spread very easily even though they can't jump or fly.
4. So don't try on your friends' hats, scarves or other clothing, or borrow their combs or brushes.
5. If your head itches a lot, tell your teacher or the nurse right away.
6. You may not have lice, but they can tell if you do.
7. If you do, your parents will wash your hair with a special shampoo the nurse recommends. It kills lice fast, but it doesn't hurt you.
8. Then they'll use a special comb to help get all the lice and lice eggs out of your hair.
9. Your parents will also wash or dry-clean your bedding and clothing, and use a special spray that kills lice on carpets and furniture.
10. So you won't itch anymore!

RANFURLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

P.O. Box 5092 Mildura. Vic 3502 T 5022 1299 I F 5022 1269

Email: ranfurly.ps@education.vic.gov.au

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Friday 15 November

Prep Experience - DigiSTEM 2.20 - 3.00 (Optional)
(Parents must stay)

Friday 22 November

Prep Experience - PE 2.20 - 3.00 (Optional) (Parents must stay)

Wednesday 27 November

Class Time for Preps (Meet Buddies) (Parents to drop off) + Whole School Transition 9.00 - 10.30

Friday 29 November

Prep Experience - 2.20 - 3.00 (Optional)
(Parents must stay)

DECEMBER

Monday 2 December

Ranfurlly Christmas Concert

Friday 6 December

Prep Experience - Performing Arts - 2.20 - 3.00 (Optional) (Parents must stay)

Tuesday 10 December

Class Time for Preps (Meet Buddies) (Parents to drop off) + Whole School Transition 9.00 - 10.30

Friday 13 December

Gr 5/6 Big Day Out

Wednesday 18 December

Whole School Transition - students will meet their 2025 teachers - 11.45 - 12.45

Friday 20 December

Last day of Term - **1.00pm finish** (Parents will need to make suitable arrangements for pick up as buses will not be running at this time)

CANTEEN NEWS

KEEP NOTE

Dates the canteen will be closed

Canteen Closed No Orders Available
On Friday 6th Dec

No Lunch orders for Grade 5/6 on
Friday 13th Dec for Big Day Out

No Lunch orders for Prep to Grade 4
Tuesday 17th Dec for Class Parties

Canteen closed
Friday 20th last day of term

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BUSINESS

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471 Benetook Ave, Mildura

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