Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all those parents who attended the information meetings presented by teachers in Week 2. It is important that parents have information about classroom routines and school policies so they are able to reinforce these with their children. When parents and schools are working together for common goals for our children, it assists their learning and development to take a smooth and positive pathway. **Parents who have not done so already are requested to return their student information forms so the school can ensure our information regarding contacts, and the like, is up to date. This is important should we need to make contact in an emergency.**

P&C AGM

This week the P&C Association held their Annual General Meeting and it was so pleasing to see new faces, especially from parents of our younger students in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary. Many thanks to those parents who held positions and assisted on committees over the past year(s) and have changed roles or committees this year. Your commitment to the school as well as your time and energy have been very much appreciated and we look forward to your ongoing support and participation.

The P&C and the school have shared many key projects over the past years, the most recent being our amazing Library renewal. The difference we can make by working together is amplified and projects shared are always those that benefit most students throughout the school.

Thanks to those parents who have volunteered to either continue in their roles from last year or have been elected to new roles for 2017.

This is our P&C Association:

- **President** Mr Rhett Sullivan
- **Vice President** Mr Peter Edalere
- **Treasurer** Mr Vikram Conhyedass
- **Secretary** Mrs Angie Farmer
- **Uniforms** Mrs Bridgette Mustchin and Nicole Matthewson
- **School Board Nomination** Mr Sam Rodwell
- **Canteen** Mrs Wendy Conhyedass
- **Fundraising** Mrs Rebecca Barnes
- **Executive Committee**
  - Mrs Angie Farmer
  - Mrs Jodie Aveling
  - Mrs Kim Camacho
  - Mrs Wendy Conhyedass
  - Mr Vikram Conhyedass
  - Mrs Bridgette Mustchin
  - Mrs Nicole Matthewson

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Parent Parking is available street side and in the rear carpark in bays without a number.

All numbered bays are reserved for staff parking.

Parents should not be entering the front carpark. Signage indicates Staff Only.

If you see any suspicious activity at the school after hours please contact School Watch Security on 1800 177 777.
Uniform News Update

Over the past months the P&C have worked hard to give new life to our school uniform. With a two year phase in time, parents have plenty of time to changeover to the new uniform. By then the school will be twenty years old and an update of the uniform well and truly due.

Combined with this decision, the P&C have worked through the process of taking the management of uniform orders, stock and sales out of the hands of volunteer parents and the school has contracted Uniform Concepts to provide this service through their retail outlet in Willetton.

We thank those P&C parents who have worked tirelessly in this role since the school opened. They have given many volunteer hours to provide a service for parents of the school. Given the nature of the costs involved, such as insurance of stock and the requirement of parents for constant availability of supplies, the option of outsourcing this service has been an obvious one which many schools are now taking up. Being a commercial enterprise, parents will now have flexibility of shopping hours which will also prove more convenient. Online opportunities will also be available in the near future.

If you are passing the school Uniform shop and see the volunteers working there over the next couple of weeks, please take a moment to pass on your appreciation for the service they have provided for our school community.

Allergy Awareness

Ranford Primary is an allergy aware school. A continuing focus is those students with severe medical conditions including life-threatening reactions to foods. We have many students with severe allergies at the school. In some cases the allergy is so severe that the child only needs to touch (for example) a door handle that a child who has eaten nuts has touched, to experience an anaphylactic reaction. Please do not send any nut products to school in your child’s lunch boxes or as part of Crunch and Sip, brain food afternoon snacks.

If you would like to read about this common problem, the following sites have useful information:

www.allergyfacts.org.au

Anaphylactic and allergic reactions are frequently caused by nuts but may also be caused by eggs, dairy products and a variety of other foods.

Teachers will be aware of those children with Health Care Plans for allergies and take this into consideration when planning activities involving food. Otherwise, our school has a health policy of no food sharing for these reasons.

If we can all work together, we will keep all our students safe and will save lives. In order to avoid an unrealistic complacency, schools take good advice and do not promote their school as being nut free – we are nut aware and always need to be. We can never guarantee to be free of any food. It is better to be aware at all times. Our staff have had up to date training in the requirements of health care plans for all students.

Please communicate with the office if you think this critical information may have been omitted from your enrolment information and likewise should your child have a recent diagnosis please update the school with the relevant information.

Before School Routine

Thank you to those students and families who are assisting us with our morning routines.

A reminder to everyone that all students who arrive at school prior to 8.30am are required to go straight to the Undercover Area.

This also includes children who come into school with their parents prior to 8.30am.

The only teacher on duty at that time is at the Undercover Area. For this reason we request that no one is waiting on verandahs outside classrooms.

At 8.30am those in the Undercover Area are released by the teacher on duty so they can go to their classroom and prepare themselves for the day.

Bronwyn Tester, Principal
Crunch and Sip

To all our new parents, Ranford Primary is a Crunch and Sip School which means that we encourage children to bring a healthy snack of chopped up salad vegetables such as carrots or celery or small pieces of fruit, which the children are given to eat some time in the afternoon. This re-fuels the children for the last hour of their day at school. They are also encouraged to have their water bottles, filled with water not juice, which they can sip on during the day in order to stay hydrated. This initiative sets a good example for healthy eating and living and gives children the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox or not be eaten at all. Ranford Primary has been a Crunch & Sip School since 2009 and joins over 400 Western Australian Primary schools who are now certified as Crunch & Sip schools.

Health and Physical Education Committee

School Contributions

Thank you to the families who have paid their contributions as part of the student requirements list for 2017. Your contribution maximises the quality of the teaching and learning programs offered by our school. The financial support provided by parents plays a significant role in enabling the provision of resources that extend the school’s capacity to add value to every student’s learning experience.

Annual Contribution Amounts

Kindergarten
$50.00 School Contribution
$100.00 P&C Contribution

Pre Primary
$60.00 School Contribution

To Year 6
$10.00 P&C Contribution

Payment can be made at the office from Week 2 any time between 8.15am and 4pm. We accept cash, cheque and eftpos. Alternatively you can make payment into our bank account.

BSB – 066 165
Account No: 10089725

Please use your child’s name and a brief description – eg: Smith-Fees.

Reminder notices will be sent home with students during the term.

Ranford Sky Watch

THE MOON & ITS NEIGHBOURS

21st – Waxing wide crescent moon to the left of Saturn from 7am to sunrise
28th – Thin crescent moon to the left (south) of Venus for a short time after sunset
1st – Thin crescent moon to the left (south) of Mars after sunset until 8:30pm

CHECK OUT ORION

One of the easiest constellations to see at this time of year is Orion, the Hunter. Read on and you’ll learn one of its ‘stars’ is not what it seems. With bright stars and recognisable shapes, the constellation adorns our northern sky and, since it is positioned above the Equator, is visible from all over the world. Its prominence has led to the star group featuring in most ancient cultures including those of Sumeria, Egypt, Greece, China, the Americas and Australia, where a northern tribe interpret it as a large canoe.

Two bright stars, Rigel and Betelgeuse (the orange one), form part of its frame but many Australians are most familiar with the ‘Saucepan’ in the middle. Something many do not realise is that the second ‘star’ in the saucepan’s handle is not a single star at all. Look closely at the handle (binoculars or a basic telescope will help) and you should notice a fuzzy violet coloured light. This is known as the Orion Nebula.

From the force of gravity on their particles, interstellar dust and gases sometimes collapse and clump together to form enormous clouds called nebulae. The material in a nebula (Latin for cloud) can further gather into more dense masses that may eventually give rise to star and planet formation. The Orion Nebula is accompanied by many faint stars that enhance the glow.

P.S. The most visible stars of Orion include the formation many Australians call The Saucepan. The inset shows that the haze in the ‘handle’ emanates mainly from the ultraviolet radiation of the Orion Nebula.

Dave Hackett, Science Specialist
Greetings Ranford Primary Community.

On Tuesday night your Ranford Primary P&C held its 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM). During this meeting we finalised 2016, and had our first meeting for the 2017 school year.

Please join me in thanking your 2016 Ranford Primary P&C Members for their dedication and service in 2016. I’d also like to say a huge “Thanks” to the Ranford Primary Leadership Team and Staff for giving the P&C the opportunity to support the school during 2016.

Last but not least … a huge “Thanks” to you – our Ranford Primary Community. With your help and support in 2016, we were able to raise over $10,000 to help benefit our school, our kids, and our community!

It was my pleasure and honour serving as your Ranford Primary P&C President in 2016 … I couldn’t have asked for a better team or community to work with!

Please join me in welcoming our 2017 Ranford Primary P&C Team Members:

**Office Bearing Members:**
- President: Rhett Sullivan
- Vice President: Peter Edalere
- Treasurer: Vik Conhyedass
- Secretary: Angie Farmer
- School Board Nominee: Sam Rodwell
- Uniform Committee: Bridgette Mustchin & Nicole Matthewson
- Canteen Committee: Wendy Conhyedass
- Fundraising Committee: Rebecca Barnes & Bridgette Mustchin

Please give Rhett and your entire team your full support in 2017. We appreciate your support and feedback, and look forward to realising amazing goals in 2017.

Kind Regards,
Peter Edalere

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**Uniform Shop News**

The new reversible hats and boy’s cargo shorts have arrived. Backorders for these items have been filled and distributed. The girl’s skirts are expected next week. If you would like to pre-order, please complete an order form and leave it at the front office.

**Next Wednesday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} February, 2017 will be the last day of the uniform shop at the school premises.**

The Uniform Concepts Super Store in Willetton will be selling our school uniforms from Tuesday, 7\textsuperscript{th} March. The super store is open six days a week.

**Uniform Concepts Willetton Super Store**
Unit 3/9 Yampi Way Willetton

**Opening Hours**
- Monday to Wednesday 9am to 5pm
- Thursday 9am to 6pm
- Friday 9am to 5pm
- Saturday 9am to 1pm

Initially, the Super Store will only have the remaining items from our school shop. We will continue to liaise with the store and advise via the newsletter as soon as stock becomes available. For back orders already placed we will still supply those items as they become available. The last day for ordering through the school is next Wednesday.

Year 6 Shirts and Graduation shirts will continue to be managed through the school.

There are still a few details to be finalised, however if you have any questions please see Bridgette or Nicole.

Thanks
Bridgette & Nicole
Canteen News

The canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week from 8.20am to 12.30pm.

Volunteers are needed most days, so if you can spare an hour, we would appreciate your help.

Menus are available on the school website.

Thanks and hope to see you in the canteen soon.

Julie, Sherylee and Jodie - Canteen Team

Scholastic Book Club

Welcome to all new and existing parents. Orders for issue 1 close today (12 midnight). Scholastic Brochures go out at the beginning of each term. For each order received Scholastic gives back 20% in rewards. This is used for much needed resources in our classrooms and Library.

Please Note: NO Cash payments. Payment can be made by cheque or online.
If paying by Cheque, please make out to Scholastic Australia. Place cheque and order form in an envelope. Drop into box at reception.

Tania Fitzmaurice and Michelle Darley - Scholastic Book Club Ranford
Gosnells Cricket Club
Zone Carnival
Sutherland Park, 6th March 2017

Sign up for the zone carnival for developing players (boys and girls) who are interested in playing a representative level. Games will be played on turf wickets at Subiarcans Park, Huntingdale.

Date: Monday, 6th March 2017 (Labour Day)
Venue: Gosnells Cricket Ground, Sutherland Park, Gay Street, Huntingdale
Time: Arrive at 7:00 AM for a 7:30 AM start
Eligibility: Current u12’s, u13’s and u15’s playing this season (2016/2017) and not currently playing district cricket.
Cost: $15 per player (will be collected on the day)
Registration: Submissions prior to Friday 24/2/2017 via online site or email cricketburrah@gmail.com

Registration Information
Please submit the following details if registering via email:

Full Name: David Warner
Date of Birth: 25/02/2001
Playing age group: u13
Address: 973 Acacia Rd
Community Cricket Club/School Name: Gosnells Junior CC
Contact Mobile: 0419 408 015
Email: davidwarner@gmail.com

Please state in the email subject line the words ZONE CARNIVAL and the player’s name and age group, e.g. ZONE CARNIVAL - David Warner u13.
Contact: Dinesh 0419 644 797, Mark 0419 907 134

Ranford Junior Soccer Club (RJSC)
2017 Season

WANT TO DEVELOP SKILLS, INTEGRATE RELATIONSHIPS, AND ENCOURAGE BEST PRACTICE, FAMILY ENGAGEMENT?
THIS IS WHAT YOU GET: IN THE UPCOMING 2017 SEASON AT RANFORD JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB.

Our club is divided into 3 divisions:
- Division: Pre-Primary, Year 1, Year 2
- Intermediate: Year 3 & Year 4
- Senior: Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7

*Note: teams in different divisions are dependent upon numbers and may be subject to change.

Games are played on Saturdays at the Harold Oval at the following times:

- U12: 9:00am - 10:00am
- Intermediate: 10:00am - 11:00am
- Senior: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Training for all grades is conducted on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00pm - 5:00pm. All games and training sessions are held at the Ranford Primary School Oval.

REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES
- Saturday 18th February 2017 between 9:00am and 12:00pm
- Wednesday 22nd February 2017 between 7:00pm and 9:00pm
- Saturday 25th February 2017 between 9:00am and 12:00pm

REGISTRATION LOCATION
Ranford Primary School Meeting Room
(Outside classroom, Sunshine Parade, Sorell Vale)

REGISTRATION FEE
- New Player Registration $57 (includes Stomp and socks)
- Existing Player-Registration $120

Please note that fees must be paid on the registration day via cash or cheques or arrangements can be made for bank transfer.

Flask are strictly limited and additional registration may not be accepted.
Email: crickets@ranford.com for a printable copy of the registration form or any queries. Additional copies of the registration forms will be available during the registration sessions.

NursePac Australia clinics at Cockburn Integrated Health, 2017

NursePac Australia is a new health service providing children’s healthcare by paediatric nurse practitioners in the primary care setting. We include families in care and offer them skills to manage confidently at home. We have a shared-care model with paediatric specialists from Fiona Stanley Hospital. We are focusing on childhood illnesses and conditions that affect many children and young people and aim to reduce unnecessary referrals to Emergency Departments and medical specialists.

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ItchyCrotch/Skin: Eczema

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ItchyCrotch/Skin: Eczema is a nurse practitioner-led eczema clinic. At our clinic, we offer community-based eczema care. This allows children and their families to have eczema treated promptly and conveniently and learn skills for care. In addition to the clinic, we run small group workshops for families to learn about eczema and how to manage it day-to-day. We suggest families attend a workshop before booking their first clinic visit.

Optimal Weight for Life: OVL

OVL is for children and young people who are overweight or obese. This weight-focused model encompasses a whole of community approach to help children, young people and their families to make life-long changes. OVL also links with other programs in the Cockburn area that help people meet their goals for a healthier weight.

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In 2016, Fiona Stanley Hospital reviewed participants with eczema about their health and wellbeing. In the next 12 months, the clinic saw a 25% increase in participants.

1 in 4

The OVL program includes:
- Health assessment and screening by paediatric nurse practitioners
- Paediatrician review
- Referral to health lifestyle program
- Psychosocial support
- Health and wellbeing education
- Ongoing follow-up and review

Referrals
No medical referral is required for these clinics and families can self-referral.

NursePac Australia
Level 1, 64 Westfords Parade, Success, WA 6164
Phone: (08) 6243 1711
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Website: www.nursepac.com.au