



# Rankin's Springs Public School Newsletter

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Term 1 Week 8



Term 1 seems to be flying by as we begin Week 8.

Last week we held our first School Council meeting for 2021. Our new School Council President is Mr Mathew Molloy and Secretary Mrs Penny Black. Thank you to all councillors for their commitment to supporting our school in 2021.

We also held our first Student Representative Council meeting.

Congratulations to:

Zoe Fair – President

Eadie Deeves – Vice President

Zavier Fejzic – Secretary

Patrick White – Treasurer

Rhylen Fejzic - Assistant Treasurer

Miss Payne and I attended the final workshop on the Strategic Improvement Plan last Thursday and will continue to develop this over the coming weeks. We look forward to sharing this with the school community and working collaboratively to achieve our aspirations over the next four years of the plan's cycle.

This week we look forward to celebrating The Big Vegie Crunch and Harmony Week on Thursday, with students and staff both busy working together to plan these events. Don't forget to wear something orange on the day. We wish Zara and Zoe all the best as they participate in PSSA Netball as members of the small school's team.

Denna Tye

Relieving Principal

What's happening	TERM 1
Week 8	Harmony Week
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C Meeting 3:30pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	The Big Vegie Crunch / Harmony Day lunch
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	National Ride 2 School day Small Schools Netball - Yr 5/6
Week 9	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Mobile Library visit
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Week 10	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	End of Term Assembly & Easter Hat Parade 2pm End of Term 1
	TERM 2
Week 1	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School Development Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Students return Mobile Library
Week 2	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Cross Country at Goolgowi
Week 3	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	P&C Meeting 7pm
Week 4	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN Starts (Yr 3 & 5)
Week 5	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Mobile Library Book Fair
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Spelling Bee

*Please note dates and events are subject to change, please check for weekly updates.*



We have children at our school who have an allergy to nuts. Please avoid sending nut products to school.

NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...

Learn

Make friends

Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

= 4 weeks

= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week

= 8 weeks

= Over 2.5 years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

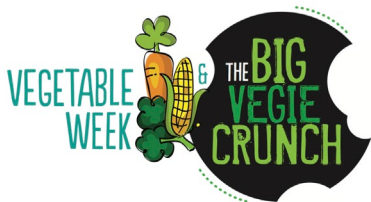
13-23 Boree Street  
Rankin's Springs, NSW, 2669  
Website: [www.rankinspr-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.rankinspr-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Email: [rankinspr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rankinspr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Phone: (02) 6966 1206  
Fax: (02) 6966 1296

## What is The Big Veggie Crunch?

Did you know that only around 6% of Australian children eat enough vegetables?

To help our community do their bit to improve this number, our school will be taking part in The Big Veggie Crunch (part of Vegetable Week) at 11:15am on Thursday 18 March.



Primary schools across NSW will be joining together to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables:

-50,260 students crunching simultaneously (2018 record)

-14,991 students crunching at other times over Vegetable Week (2019 record)

What can you do to help?

Remember to keep serving up the vegetables at home and in your children's lunchboxes. Check out the UP THE VEG at Home resource for ideas



## National Ride 2 School Day

National Ride 2 School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking or scooting to school a go, or alternatively to the bus stop for many of our families.

## Dental Visit

In Week 1 of Term 2 the Australian Dental Health Van will be visiting our school. Information and consent forms are attached to this newsletter. Please return the consent form to the School Office no later than Thursday 25th March 2021.

## Other Important Information

Please RSVP to the School Office on 69661206 or by email: [rankinspr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rankinspr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) to confirm your Parent/Teacher interview appointment times.

Year 6 students must return Expression of Interest forms for Year 7 placement ASAP.

Please see the attached information pages about attendance and explanations for absences.

Students are required to make their Easter hats at home.



13-23 Boree Street  
Rankin's Springs, NSW, 2669  
Website: [www.rankinspr-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.rankinspr-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Email: [rankinspr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rankinspr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Phone: (02) 6966 1206  
Fax: (02) 6966 1296

# Classroom News

Week 8

## ★ Good News Awards ★

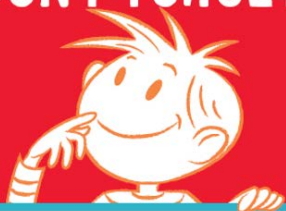
Good News slips are awarded to students for incidental positive learning behaviours in class. Each week all of those students presented with a Good News slip will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

Students are given their slips to take home on the day and are encouraged to put them straight into their bags to share with their family at home.

From Week 7

Mitchell - Year 6  
Zoe F - Year 6  
Zara - Year 5  
Tye - Year 4  
Dakota - Year 1  
Eadie - Kinder

**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**

orders are due:  
Thursday 18th March 2021

## K/1/2

### Miss Stevens

This week in Writing, students will be developing their skills to persuade an audience. After reading 'Fabulous Frogs', we will develop reasons for why we should be allowed to build a frog pond at school. Students will try their best to convince Miss Tye to let us build a frog pond in our playground. Stay tuned to find out if we have succeeded.

We will be focusing on the sound 'n' this week and developing our knowledge of contractions.

We continue to develop our understanding of Multiplication and Division during Mathematics and creating equal groups.

Students are excited to display their Harmony Day posters on Thursday. They are all looking fantastic!

## 3-6

### Miss Lardner

Hi all, first off, I would love to state just how proud and impressed I am of how 3-6 are going in their writing. They are trying extremely hard to produce a well-structured text, that is very persuasive. We will be continuing our work on this for the week.

For spelling we will be focusing on the long vowel 'i' sound as in ice cream. Discovering all the ways we can make the 'i' sound in words, as well as focusing on our other spelling strategies we can use to help us spell words.

Harmony Day will be celebrated at RSPS on Thursday. During the week -6 will participate in discussions and activities, that focus on the importance and meaning of the day.

For Stage 2 Math, we will continue our focus on Multiplication and Division from Monday - Wednesday. The student's knowledge of this area is developing by leaps and bounds every day.

Then on Thursday and Friday we will start our focus on Area unit.

I hope everyone has an amazing week!

# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF 3-6 PRIMARY



We start off our morning with a morning circle. In this morning circle, I will ask the students a question such as “What are you grateful for?” or something funny like “What super power would you have?”. It is a lovely, relaxed way to start our day, while allowing the students opportunities to voice opinions, interest and share their lives outside of school with the class. Following this we move into our literacy session. During this time, we have been focusing on building a love for reading. The students have thoroughly enjoyed selecting an age and skill level appropriate text from the library, that is of interest to them to use during our literacy session. We complete a range of comprehension, spelling and writing activities during this time.

Persuasive writing has been the focus for 3-6 this term. The students have thoroughly enjoyed being able to research all the wonderful things we have in Australia to add in to their persuasive texts. We were all especially interested in discovering that you could see the Great Barrier Reef from outer space. All the students are trying extremely hard to form a well written, and well-structured text. I am incredibly proud.

For Stage 2 Maths, we participate in a range of learning activities, including maths games, which the students just love. Our favourite so far has to be our Multiplication connect four game. We also use a range of open-ended number talks to help students discover different ways we can use a range of mental strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers.

We finish our day off with either, Geography, PDHPE, Sport, Science or KROP, which are all engaging and enjoyable subjects for all students to finish off their day with. I hope we continue to have a lovely rest of the term, and even better year!

Miss Lardner





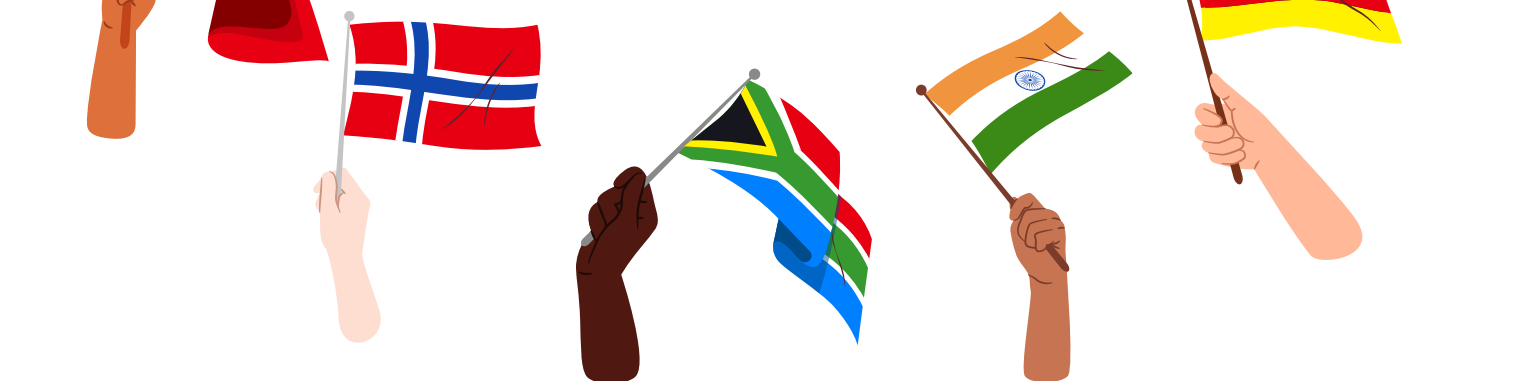
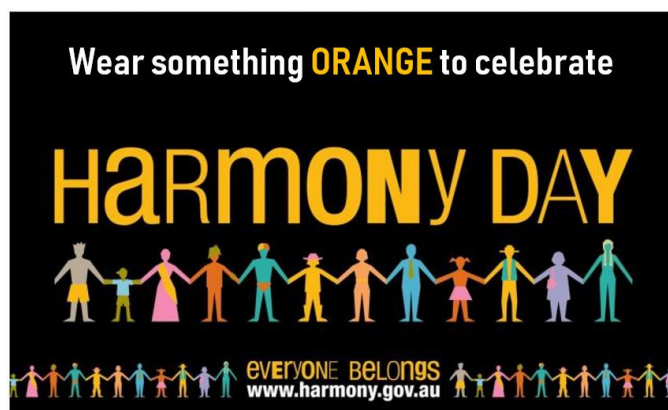
# Harmony Day

Rankin's Springs Public School  
will celebrate Harmony Day on  
Thursday 18th March.

This will coincide with  
The Big Veggie Crunch.

Recess will be at 11:15am.  
The Primary class will prepare  
fresh veggie cups for everyone.

Lunch at 1:30pm  
will be freshly made Fried Rice.  
Students need to bring their  
water bottles as normal.



# Rankin's Springs Community News

## P & C News

A great welcome back to everyone for the New Year and Congratulations to the new P & C committee:

- President: Renee Fair
- Vice President: Richard Argent-Smith
- Vice President: Linda Cairns
- Treasurer: Sally Argent -Smith
- Secretary: Monica Molloy
- Canteen Manager: Julianne Raymond
- Canteen Treasurer: Kristen Polimeni

Membership for the P & C can now be paid to the Treasurer at \$1 per person.

We have tentatively booked the 21<sup>st</sup> Aug for the upcoming Golf Day, if you would like to be involved in organising this great fundraising event please come talk to the P & C committee, all help is greatly appreciated.

The Uniform shop will be open by appointment only, please contact Sally Argent-Smith (0459 240 165) to sort out a suitable time.



The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March starting at 3:30pm at the school.

## START PLAYING

MAKE FRIENDS, BURN ENERGY AND LEARN THE NETBALL BASICS.  
PLAY SUNCORP NETSETGO AT YOUR LOCAL CENTRE.



**VENUE**  
Griffith Netball Association - Jubilee Oval <http://www.facebook.com/griffithnetballassociation>

**SESSION DAYS & TIMES**  
Saturday Morning 9:30am

**START DATE**  
24th of April 2021

**CONTACT**  
[griffithnetball@gmail.com](mailto:griffithnetball@gmail.com)  
<http://griffithna.nsw.netball.com.au>  
Find your nearest centre at [play.netball.com.au](http://play.netball.com.au)



## ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

### IS YOUR CHILD READY TO GET ACTIVE IN 2021?

Don't forget that the NSW Government is helping kids get active with the Active Kids program.

The Active Kids program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year.

- **VOUCHER 1** is valid January to December 2021
- **VOUCHER 2** is valid July to December 2021

To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up.

#### Eligibility

If you're a parent, carer or guardian, the student will be eligible if they are:

- a NSW resident aged between 4.5 and 18 years
- enrolled in school (from Kindergarten to Year 12, including those who are home-schooled or enrolled in secondary school education at TAFE NSW)
- a current Medicare card holder.

You can apply for a voucher for each eligible student.

#### What you need

- a MyServiceNSW account
- one proof of identity document
- your child's Medicare card details
- your child's height and weight (optional)

Click [here](#) to apply online



HEALTHYEATING  
ACTIVE LIVING



# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### **Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

#### **The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

[www.dec.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au)

© February 2015

NSW Department of Education and Communities



# Completing Absentee Notes and Notices

## Information for parents and carers

It is important to tell the school if your child has to be absent from school and to provide a reason for the absence.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance.

Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified.

Wherever possible, parents and carers are encouraged to provide an explanation for absences before the absences occur.

The Principal of the school has the right to question parents' requests for their child to be absent from school. The Principal also has the right to question an explanation given for a child's absence from school.

To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note, fax or email to the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

### Bilingual Absentee Notes

Three bilingual absentee notes are available to assist you to inform the school of your child's absence.

Absentee note 1 should be used when a child is absent for 1 whole day.

Absentee note 2 should be used when a child is absent for more than 1 day.

Absentee note 3 should be used when a child is absent for part of the day.

### Absentee Notices

If the school has not received an explanation for a child's absence they may send you an Absentee Notice.

Principals use the Absentee Notice to contact parents within two days of an unexplained absence. The Absentee Notice must be completed in English and returned to the school within seven school days, giving a reason for the absence.

### Completing details of absences

Sections of the Absentee Notes and the Absentee Notice ask you to provide details for your child's absence or partial absence.

For the school to be able to understand the reasons given, these sections should be completed in English. Possible reasons are provided in this leaflet and have been translated into English for you to copy onto the forms, if applicable.

If you have difficulty understanding the Absentee Notes or Absentee Notice or with completing the details you may telephone the school to explain the reason for your child's absence. If you telephone the school you do not need to fill in a written note as well.

### Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact your child's school, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call the school and stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

## Possible reasons for absence

### Medical reason:

Flu  
Stomach-ache  
Diarrhoea  
Cold  
Headache/Migraine  
Strong pain  
Fever  
Broken bone  
Vomiting  
Infectious illness eg chicken pox  
Nose bleed  
Asthma  
Rash  
Injury  
Medical appointment  
Dental appointment  
Optometry appointment  
Physiotherapy appointment  
Specialist appointment  
Other - I will telephone the school to explain

### Family reason:

Funeral  
Moving residence  
Arrival or departure of an immediate relative from overseas  
Unavoidable involvement in a serious family incident  
Other - I will telephone the school to explain

### Other reason:

Misadventure and unforeseen events  
eg fire, flood  
Participation in special event, eg attendance at a religious ceremony  
Family holiday  
Transport difficulty  
Unavoidable delay  
Other - I will telephone the school to explain

# RANKINS SPRINGS WORM DROWNERS FISHING CLUB



## "YABBY RACES"

2nd April 2021

Starting at 5pm

Rankins Springs Sport & Rec Ground

Event Price: \$25 Family

\$10 Single

\$5 Student/ Pensioner

- Easter Eggs Hunt & Games For kids
- Lolly Guessing Competition
- Lucky Door Prize- Adults, Teens & Kids
- Members Draw
- Chocolate wheel
- 100 Club
- Raffles thru out the night
- Yabby Race- Kids Yabby \$2 to be paid at the gate on entry  
- Adults Calcutta



**Last weigh in 6pm Sharp**

**Biggest Yabby- Juniors & Seniors- Boys & Girls**

**Biggest Bag**

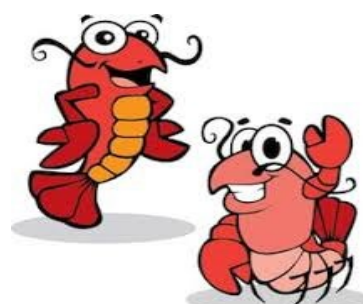
**Dinner will start at 6.30pm**

**This is a Covid Safe Event**

Enquiries - John 0429182984

Natalie 0458920368

Michelle 0429693819



*Become a member and go into the draw to win*

*Members Prices:*

*Family \$20 Single \$5*





