From the Principal’s Desk

What a great start to 2014 we have had!

Last Thursday, it was great to see students and staff return to start the 2014 school year. This year we welcome 81 new prep (Foundation) and 12 Level 1-6 students to the school.

As previously advised we also welcomed back Mrs Tania Balderston and Mrs Jackie Quin after returning from Family Leave. Mrs Balderston (nee Murrai) has joined the Level 1 team sharing a class with Mrs Marguerite Laing. Mrs Quin will be joining the Level 3 team and is sharing a class with Mrs McDonald. New staff to Rangeview and joining the Level 3 team as well is Ms Donna Marshall who will work as a teacher aide in the Kitchen Gallery.

This year we have spread the pupil free days throughout the year targeting different aspects of professional learning. The first 2 pupil free days, Tuesday and Wednesday, 28th and 29th January allowed time for staff to look at the 2014 directions in teaching and learning reflected in the AIP (Annual Implementation Plan). A recap of the 2 school goals in Literacy and Numeracy, and the focus on student wellbeing, with the introduction of the new school values (please refer to the report by Mr Ian Bunston over the page) was covered in the second day. This also allowed valuable time to teams and then in classrooms in preparation for the start of the term. The 2 other pupil free days will be in Term 2 and Term 3. Term 3 pupil free day will focus on the school review and the development of the Strategic Plan 2014-2017. We have continued with the school goal of ‘Creating Life Long Readers’ and independent reading. Our students will be setting reading goals during the first term and choosing ‘Just Right’ books for independent reading.

Thanks to the families on the watering roster for January – we have brought back the green to Rangeview!

A number of these projects have been financed by locally raised funds (the Walkathon raised over $13,000 for the rejuvenation of the compacted oval). A proportion of the voluntary Building Fund has been allocated to the maintenance painting of the school. This has made a huge impact on the fresh look of the school that all students access.

Student Leaders - At the Monday assembly this week the 2014 School Captains, Emily and Matt, led their first school assembly. They had worked on the first Rangeview News for the year with the Technician leader Vince interviewing parents, newly arrived Foundation students, and staff. This was shown at assembly. Student Leadership positions were announced last year and they will meet as a team regularly to develop a greater understanding of the role and set their own personal goals.

JANUARY WORKS - The school was a busy place in January with a number of projects undertaken.

Works included:
- The maintenance painting in corridors and classrooms
- The relocation of classes
- Huge clean up of leaf litter around the school prior to school starting
- The planting and maintaining the veggie patches including the one below the oval with tomatoes, pumpkin and orchard trees
- The Bring Back the Green project of the reseeding and watering of the oval. This area looks amazing and we will celebrate this at the Twilight Sports on Friday, 21st February.

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Principal’s Report Continued
There will be further opportunities for other students to lead, such as the Rangeview techs or the eagerly awaited Foundation buddies or on the sporting field as we look at the education of the whole child.

Parent Teacher Interviews - Will be held on Wednesday, 25th Feb from 3.45pm until early evening. As reflected by their tireless preparation, staff have made for such a smooth start to the school year, ‘Getting to Know You interviews’ are valued by parents, students and teachers. Last year we introduced an online booking system for interviews. More information about this will be in next week’s newsletter.

Car park - Please be aware of the various parking restrictions around the school. The local council do enforce restrictions with infringement notices. The school car park off Churinga Ave., is for staff only, except for Out of School Hours Care usage.

Parent Class Representatives - In recent years we introduced the Class Representative scheme for Rangeview Primary School. If you are interested in supporting your child’s classroom teacher please complete the below form and return it to the office by Friday, 15th February 2014.

Mrs Liz Barr - Principal

MUSIC NEWS
Welcome back everyone to a great year of Music. We have some exciting events planned this year for our students.

Instrumental Music - Music lessons will begin from Monday 10th February. Lessons will be held from 11am each day. This will allow classroom teachers two hours of uninterrupted time in the morning.

Our instrumental team consists of:
- Mad On Music with Lee and Ashley Smith
- Sandy Lin - Flute
- Trent Bunston - Violin
- Nina Musumeci - Wood Wind and Brass
- Sarah Cossey - Piano
- Sam Poustie - Percussion

Thank you for all your requests regarding information on learning these instruments. Hopefully you have all been contacted. We have had an overwhelming response to learning flute and piano. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate everybody but we do have the names of teachers that you can follow up privately.

Music Groups - Junior Choir
Junior Choir will start on Monday 10th February in the music room at 8.15am. The wonderful Ms Rebecca Hull will be running this group again this year. Students in Level two can join. They will need a plastic pocket book for their music. There will be no audition, students can come along and just enjoy the singing. It’s a great way to start the day.

Senior Choir - Senior Choir will begin on Tuesday 11th February at 8.15am in the music room. We have a very exciting event planned for these students in term two. Students in Grade three to six can join. They will need a plastic pocket book for their music. Students who enjoy singing are encouraged to be part of this group.

School Band - Our School Band grew from strength to strength last year under the direction of Mrs Karman Melitsis (Lee) and we want this to really continue. Our Band will begin rehearsals on Wednesday 12th February. Please speak to Mrs Melitsis about joining if you are learning an instrument and can read music.

Please note that if your child commits to Junior, Senior Choir or the Band it is a full year commitment and carries a $15 cost.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2014
In recent years we introduced the Class Representative scheme for Rangeview Primary School. The initiative involved appointing a parent to each class (or share the position) to perform the role of a Class Representative.

Generally the role of the Classroom Representative is to support the classroom teacher and program. Following direction from the class teacher this person might co-ordinate the involvement of classroom helpers; assist with excursions and other roles consistent with the needs of the classroom program and the wider school needs. Class Representatives are also asked to help with the Mother’s and Father’s Day Stalls and some hot food lunch days that are co-ordinated by the Rangeview Community Committee. The School Fair will be a major fundraising event this year and would involve the Class Representative. They will also liaise with the Executive of our Rangeview Community Committee.

This year we are asking for representatives from Foundation to Year 6. If you would like to support the classroom program as a classroom representative please complete the slip below and return it to the School Office by Friday, 14th February 2014.

After Classroom Representatives have been confirmed a meeting of those involved will be called to discuss roles and any other organisational issues. Please contact me if you have any queries in this regard.

Thank you, Liz Barr

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2014
Please complete and return it to the School Office by Friday, 14th February 2014.
I would like to be considered for the role of:

Classroom Representative for class:- __________________ Child’s Name: ________________________________
Parent Name:- ___________________________________________________ Date:- _______________

Parent/Guardian
**RANGEVIEW TWILIGHT SPORTS**

Friday, 21st February (5.30pm Sausage Sizzle - 6.30pm start) DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

The Twilights Sports is a School Council initiative, so come along and see your School Council Members in action.

There will be a sausage sizzle available for purchase prior to the sports commencement. Early next week an order form will be sent home with pricing details and order requirements, so we can cater for the night.

So please come along and enjoy yourselves! This is always a fun, well attended event. Everyone welcome! Bring picnic rugs, chairs, food & drinks. As in past years this is an alcohol free event.

A program of events will be in next week’s newsletter, so stayed tuned!

- School Council Committee

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**School Fees 2014 & Education**

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their E.M.A form for 2014. Please come to the office if you need to submit this form or have a new card photocopied.

**A new application form must be submitted every year**

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

**Maintenance Allowance (E.M.A.)**

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card (HCC) or valid Pension Card (PCC).

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1- 28th Jan 2014 and Term 3 - 1st Aug 2014.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 28th February 2014 for the first instalment and 1st August 2014 for the second instalment.

Should you have any questions about the Essential Education Charges or the EMA process, please do not hesitate to contact Brenda Porteous in the school office on 9874 6381.
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge (P.R.C.) supports learning in many different ways and we encourage the children at Rangeview Primary School to participate in the program. It helps children to:

- read for enjoyment and research
- learn at their own individual reading level and rate
- understand the use of the computer to record data
- be responsible for their own learning
- access learning at home and during holidays
- practice keyboarding skills

The teachers take full responsibility in entering names, consent to publish names in ‘The Age’ (in the paper and online) and verifying children's competed books. It is the responsibility of children and parents to enter the data of the books that have been read online into the P.R.C. site.

Cyber Safety Tip

Welcome back for 2014. Next week on Tuesday 11th is International Safer Internet Day (SID) which involves initiatives by schools all over the world. This year the campaign is “Let’s create a better internet together”. Students at Rangeview will be participating in this conversation. Look out for more information in next week’s newsletter about how students, and even families, can get involved.

Visit: www.saferinternetday.org for more information.

RANGEVIEW Newsletter

Please help Rangeview Primary School to become as ‘paperless’ as possible this year! Many families receive an email prompting the newsletter is available on the website to read. The website is a GREAT tool to get current information, photos, Level news, excursion notices and much, much more!

Yes, please add my name to the email list and remove me from receiving a hardcopy newsletter in 2014

Family name:__________________________________________
Youngest Student at Rangeview:_____________________________________
Email address (please print clearly):__________________________________
Exciting News!

Liz Pichon Australian Tour 2014

The author of the award winning Tom Gates series, Liz Pichon, is touring Australia.

Only Children from Grades 3, 4 & 5 have been invited to attend a session with Liz at The Whitehorse Centre Friday 28th February at 10.30am.

Seating is limited, so places will be allocated in order of prompt returning of the form below and the money for the bus. (cash only). First in with form and money will be selected. Money will be refunded after the event if you miss the cut-off.

The bus will leave the school at 9.45am and return around lunchtime. Liz will talk about the Tom Gates series, her inspirations as an author/illustrator and show the children how she draws her characters. Children will be able to ask questions and draw along with the author.

THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES!
Tom Gates is the master of excuses for... everything!
Each book takes Tom on an hilarious adventure as he invents new ways to annoy his sister, his band DOGZOMBIES performs in front of the whole school, his dad compete at Tom's Sports Day and more!
The highs and lows of Tom's life are fun.
Each book is packed with Tom's scribbles and stories, making the books totally accessible for boys and girls, and for reluctant readers from 9 years upwards.

Mrs Robyn Blythe and Mrs Deirdree Geilings
Teacher Librarians

Please fill out this form and return it to the school office by Tuesday 11th February if you wish your child / children to attend.

Yes, I would like my child / children to attend the Liz Picton event on Friday 28th February at The Whitehorse Centre.

NAME/s: ..........................................................................................................................................................................................

GRADE/s: ..............................................................................................

Bus cost per child: $8 (cash only)
Please return this form and the money for the bus by the latest Tuesday, 11th February.
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Welcome back to all existing families and especially new families & Foundation children.

OSHC Program hours of operation are:
7.00am until 8.45am and 3.30pm until 6.00pm

Foundation children are taken to class in the morning and picked up from their class teacher in the afternoon for the whole of first term. Please let us know if there is a change in casual / permanent bookings.

OSHC phone: 9873 0016.

Accounts are either emailed or sent via your child through the internal mail bag on a fortnightly basis.

IMPORTANT NEWS for existing families:
2014 forms DO NOT need to be filled in under the new regulations as long as you have completed a 2013 form as it has all the required information. We only request that you notify us of any changes to your contact and emergency details and if there is any new medical conditions for your child/ren.

We look forward to an exciting year full of activities for both children and families.

Come up and say hello to the staff in the hall, we will be only too happy to answer your questions and make the transition to the OSHC Program a comfortable and informed one.

The Rangeview OSHC Team

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Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!

(Birthdays to 3rd February 2014 were included in the last newsletter from 2013)

February
6th Feb Indira, Joshua & Daniel
7th Feb Matteo
8th Feb Connor, Isabella & Amber
9th Feb Angus
10th Feb Zaara, Clancy
11th Feb Dru

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PET ROSTER

Term 1 - Grades on Duty:
For the week 30th Jan to 14th Feb - 3J is on duty

Term 1 - Families on Duty:
- For the weekend 8th February the Hind Family are on duty
- For the weekend 15th February the Cleeland-Mellor Family are on duty

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO KEPT THE RANGEVIEW PETS HAPPY OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!! Your help is so appreciated!

Beth Joyce (3J) - Animal Welfare Co-ordinator

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Hello again from Rangeview Lego Club!

It’s a new year and with that, Lego Club is returning for all levels! Last year was such a success with over 150 students enjoying building up ideas, learning new techniques and, best of all, making new friends along the way. A few students from grades 3-6 also had the pleasure of displaying their creations at Brickvention, the premier LEGO exhibition in Australia. Make sure you check out the glass cabinet near the office to see a couple of them!

This year, I hope to be able to run a similar program. Depending on numbers, students will be organised into two or three level groups that will rotate each Monday lunchtime. Each group will enjoy a tailored program that will allow students to share their ideas, refine them and contribute to other’s projects too. There will be games and challenges and opportunities to see some amazing custom creations built by adult fans of Lego.

If your child wants to participate in Rangeview’s Lego Club this year, please fill in the form below and forward it to the office along with a $5 contribution by Friday February 14th so that groups can be organised. As with last year, your contribution helps us continue to expand the school’s Lego collection, allowing for larger and more creative building opportunities.

Finally, please keep an eye out for any unwanted Lego from family and friends. We will happily accept any donations – old and new. Students love discovering strange and wonderful pieces and many have come from these donated collections.

Looking forward to building some amazing things this year!

Mr Evans

I would like to enroll my child: ___________________________________________ in grade: ______ _____ in Lego Club this year.

Please find my contribution of $5.00 (cash only please) enclosed.

Parent Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: __________

Please indicate if you would like to assist each Monday/some Monday lunch times.

☐ Yes, I’d love to help with Lego Club. (times will be supplied soon)
☐ No, sorry – I’m unavailable on Mondays.
Children have great fun playing chess!

Chess is a wonderful game which enhances skills such as: Problem Solving, Pattern Recognition, Analytical, Visualisation, Concentration and Social Skills.

Term One chess classes commence on Thursday 13th February with tuition provided by Dark Horse Chess. Players of all ages and levels are welcome, and prior experience with chess is not necessary. Certificates will be awarded to all players, and trophies will be awarded to the tournament winners. Players may also gain the opportunity to participate in an interschool chess competition during the term!

Class Times: Friday (Novice) & Thursday (Intermediate/Advanced): 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Class Dates: Week of; 10/02, 17/02, 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03, 31/03.

Price: $9.00 per lesson × 8 lessons = total cost of $72.00.

Enquiries: admin@darkhorsechess.com

Registration is due at the school office by 9am on Thursday February 13th. We endeavour to make intercom announcements before each lesson, but responsibility for attendance lies with students.

Details for bank transfer: Dark Horse Chess, BSB: 063182, Account No. 11100482. Please put “RPST1 name of child” in the description, and please notify admin@darkhorsechess.com.

RANGEVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS
CHESS REGISTRATION – TERM ONE, 2014

I give permission for my child ................................................ in Class ............ to participate in the above activity at Rangeview Primary School. I authorise the teacher in charge to consent, where it is deemed impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical treatment as considered necessary.

If numbers permit, my child would like to enrol in the following class: (Please tick)

☐ Novice (Friday)  ☐ Intermediate/Advanced (Thursday)

Payment Method (Please tick):

☐ Cash → I have enclosed money to the amount of $72.00.

or

☐ Cheque → I have enclosed a cheque for $72.00 made payable to Dark Horse Chess.

or

☐ Bank Transfer → Please also notify admin@darkhorsechess.com. [Preferred]

SIGNED Parent/Guardian: ..................................................   Child’s Date-Of-Birth: ..................................

Email: ..........................................................   Phone: ..........................................................
RANGEVIEW COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 2014 NOMINATION FORM

I __________________________ wish to nominate for the position of __________________________

(your name)  (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, School Council Liaison, General Member)

to the Rangeview Community Committee for 2014. I understand this is a 12 month appointment.

My nomination is supported by:

1) ________________________________

2) ________________________________

(signature & print name of any 2 members of the school community)