From the Principal’s Desk

Parent Teacher Interviews

The ‘Getting To Know You’ interviews are to be held on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February. Families should have received their username and password to allow access to the online booking process.

This icon is now active on Rangeview’s website until 4pm Friday, 21st Feb for you to log on and make a booking.

Please note: there will be no Foundation interviews due to the interviews undertaken earlier in the year but an ‘Open Rooms’ will be held in the 4 Foundation rooms between 6.30pm and 7.15pm which you are welcome to attend.

School Council Twilight Sports on the Green this Friday – reminder

The twilight sports program will be sent home. We look forward to having the official opening of the oval to start the races at 6:30pm. All families are most welcome to attend. Come early for a barbeque, manned by the RCC and School Council members, before the fun begins.

Online Newsletter

More and more families are opting out of a hardcopy newsletter and choosing to read the school newsletter on the website. The newsletter link is emailed Tuesday afternoons while the hard copy is sent out on Wednesday with all other notices. So, if you are looking for your news to be delivered a day earlier and you have not changed over I encourage you to contact the office with your email details. The website is a great source of information which has been going through a transition this week to be more compatible with smart phones. This transition is now complete.

Portables Siting for the Senior Hub

Over the weekend the placement of the last portable occurred for the Senior Hub, with the 2 other portables moved in late 2013. The first stage is nearing completion as carpenters add base boards, painters repaint inside and out, and other trades connect up the building and have it ready for a group of very patient Level 5 and 6 students and teachers (6M and 5/6 K). I am sure they are looking forward to moving in, in the next few weeks.

The second stage of this development is to fill in the space between the 6 classrooms with other trades connect up the building and have it ready for a group of very patient Level 5 and 6 students and teachers (6M and 5/6 K). I am sure they are looking forward to moving in, in the next few weeks.

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at that school.
Principal’s Report Continued

A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is about two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice of election and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

• Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
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Mrs Liz Barr - Principal

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MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Lessons

Most of our instrumental lessons are now underway. The instrumental teachers will try to timetable students so that they do not miss out on specialist lessons. This may take a few lessons to organize. Some students have lessons at lunchtime and some after school. At Rangeview we do not encourage students to learn more than one instrument. We like as many students as possible to participate in the program. We also need to take seriously the commitment and regular practice required when learning an instrument.

If, for special reasons, a student does decide to learn two instruments, we request that the student learn one instrument out of school time whether that be recess, lunchtime or afterschool so their classroom time is not impacted too much.

Foundation/Prep students do not participate in our program. We feel it is enough to cope with the demands of school lessons and encourage them to start in Level one.

Hiring of Instruments

Over the past two years Rangeview has been offering parents the opportunity to buy a number of instruments that we have purchased over the years. Whilst having a bank of instruments has given many students the opportunity to learn, it has been difficult to administer and maintain over time. We have been able to offer some parents instruments who have expressed an interest in lessons this year. We still have a number of clarinets, trumpets, trombones and tenor saxophones to sell. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Karman Melitsis or myself for more information.

Students wanting to start woodwind, brass or string lessons are encouraged to hire instruments from their teacher or go through a store.

Do I need special experience to learn an instrument?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

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"BACK IN THE GROOVE" - Level 5 & 6 NEVR Youth Concert 2014

It is with great excitement I announce a wonderful musical opportunity for our level five and six students. Students from other primary schools will be coming to our school over five weeks on a Monday morning to rehearse for the concert. Students will be trained by myself and a trained choreographer to assist with the performance. This is going to be a great experience for our students to perform at such a prestigious venue and to meet many students who enjoy singing and movement.

Forms will be available soon to apply for the group.

Auditions will be held at school and students will need to demonstrate that they can sing ‘in tune’. Approximately 40 students will be chosen from Rangeview P.S.

Students learning a woodwind, brass or string instrument in Levels five or six, will be able to apply for the bands and orchestras. I will be speaking to our instrumental teachers and asking them for names of students they think are experienced enough to participate. These students will be given forms and encouraged to apply.

Please come and speak to me if you have any questions about the concert.

Mrs Shirley Van der Toorren
Educational Technology at Rangeview

Both the Level 4 and Foundation students and teachers are all very excited about the upcoming iPad program that will be introduced from mid year. To further increase our knowledge and train teachers, the iPad Curriculum Leaders are very busy planning and introducing iPad technology into all curriculum areas. In Level 4, Nicole Barnes will be leading the iPad program and in the Foundation level, both Melissa Dann and Rebecca Hull will be leading the program. Whilst the level 4 students have started to use this technology, the Foundation students will spend this term settling into their new grade and new routines before their iPad journey begins. More information nights and afternoons will be planned as well as inviting parents into our classrooms to see how this technology enhances the curriculum and the learning of our students.

The students in Level 4B have had a wonderful time exploring the Pic Collage app on the iPad. This is a free collage app that enables you to import photos from your photo library or web image search. The students have learnt to rotate photos, resize them as well as add text and import backgrounds for their collages. They used their collages to illustrate poetry they have written to introduce themselves as part of a start-up activity.

I am sea blue.
I am a cheeky, sneaky monkey.
I am flashes of lightning.
A beachy, boogie board.
A fluffy couch.
Happy and funny.
I’m a game of long running Monopoly.
A meatballs and spaghetti dish that makes me feel saucy!

By James

I am Poppy.
I am fluorescent green.
I am a fast and loud cheetah.
I am a drizzly rainy day.
A very fast treadmill.
A soft, plush, green bean bag.
I am fast and funny.
I’m a game of competitive tennis.
A cookies and cream ice-cream that makes me feel crazy!

By Poppy.

Nicole Barnes
Level 4 Teacher & iPad Curriculum Leader

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**CYBER SAFETY TIP**

This week’s cyber-tip looks at the application Kik Messenger. The information comes from a handout put together by the team at thinkuknow.org.au

What is Kik Messenger?
Kik Messenger (Kik) is a free smartphone messenger application that allows users to send texts, pictures, videos and sketches. Kik uses a wireless connection or mobile data to send and receive messages.

What is the age restriction for Kik?
The age restriction for the messenger function is 13 years old. Kik also have a feature called ‘Kik cards’ which allows users to find images, videos and play games. This feature is restricted to users 17 years and older due to the inappropriate nature of some of the content available.

How can I block someone on my child’s Kik account?
It’s really important that you know how to block and report on every social networking site or app that you might use.

To block a user in Kik, select Settings > Privacy > Block List, click the + to select the username of the person you want to block and select Yes or Block to confirm. This will make sure that all messages from this user will be hidden.

Note: A user will not be notified when they have been blocked.

For more info, visit thinkuknow.org.au or collect the full printed fact sheet from the eSmart board next to the staff room.
**Student of the Week - Assembly 3pm - Monday, 24th February 2014**

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<td>Liam W Sophie</td>
<td>Thank you for bringing so many items for the letter of the week to share with the children, and to place on our Letterland display table. A fabulous effort, Liam! You are a star! For being so brave and coping extremely well at school with your broken arm. I am so impressed with the way you persevere and try all tasks with great success. Well done, Sophie! You are a superstar!</td>
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<td>F D</td>
<td>Mia</td>
<td>For a fantastic effort with your book work and for listening carefully to instructions. You always do your best. Keep up the great work Mia!</td>
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<td>F H</td>
<td>Jaymie</td>
<td>For always following directions and listening to others when it is their turn to speak. You are a fabulous member of Prep H. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>1 G</td>
<td>Matteo</td>
<td>For trying really hard to hold his pencil correctly when doing his writing.</td>
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<td>2 B</td>
<td>Zac</td>
<td>For making a terrific start in grade 2. Your positive and enthusiastic approach during our maths learning, even when faced with more challenging tasks is inspirational to others. Well done Zac!</td>
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<td>2 D</td>
<td>Ben</td>
<td>For using some fantastic strategies to solve tricky maths questions. You’re a champion Ben!</td>
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<td>2 G</td>
<td>Katie</td>
<td>For your enthusiasm, lovely manners and thoughtfulness. You have been a great help in the classroom, Katie, and very caring towards all your classmates. Thankyou, for filling our buckets, Katie!</td>
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<td>3 L</td>
<td>Lamisse</td>
<td>For making a fantastic start to our cross country training. You have tried hard every time we go out for a run. Keep up the mighty effort Lamisse.</td>
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<td>3/4 S</td>
<td>Dru</td>
<td>A good start to the year for Dru! He found out why French Island has a small population and gave us many facts about it. He also was one of the first students to present his successful holiday talk in front of the class.</td>
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<td>Nathan</td>
<td>For composing quality comments and questions on our classroom blog. You pose interesting questions to other students and your comments always include the elements of a quality comment, which is a greeting, writing interesting information and being encouraging. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>4 A</td>
<td>Chad</td>
<td>For your positive attitude and excellent effort in all activities. You are a great role model for our value of Learning with the way you take responsibility for your learning and by being willing to have a go and learn new things. Keep it up, Chad.</td>
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<td>4 H</td>
<td>Alexandra</td>
<td>For developing great personal goals for 2014 and then presenting them very well. You are already a great worker in 4H.</td>
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<td>5/6 K</td>
<td>Fintan</td>
<td>For an enthusiastic and rewarding start to Grade 6. Keep up the tremendous effort.</td>
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<td>5 E</td>
<td>Ayden</td>
<td>For taking up the challenge of working out how many combinations could be made out of 6 digits when one of them was zero. This is a complicated task, but you were prepared to work on it in your own time and you followed it through! Well done.</td>
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<td>5 M</td>
<td>Carter</td>
<td>For using some wonderful description to write an engaging ‘About Me’ poem. Fantastic effort!</td>
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<td>5 W</td>
<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>For demonstrating your brilliance in mathematics when revising and explaining 4 digit addition with trading to our grade. Awesome effort!</td>
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<td>6 M</td>
<td>Dhairya</td>
<td>For demonstrating the school values of responsibility and learning by making a wonderful effort with your homework. Well done.</td>
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**Rangeview Twilight Sports**  
Friday, 21st February 5.30pm

Rangeview School Council is holding the ‘Annual Twilight Sports Night’ on Friday 21st February on our newly refurbished green school oval! This great night will commence with a sausage sizzle at 5:30pm followed by running races which will commence at 6:30pm. The Twilight Sports is a fantastic opportunity for all Rangeview families to kick off the new school year and meet, greet and catch up with other Rangeview families whilst enjoying watching and/or participating in some fun races. There are races for all ages, including for all year levels, mums, dads and siblings.

Bring along your picnic rugs, chairs, food, non alcoholic drinks and running shoes. Don’t forget, this is an alcohol free event. Whilst we will have a general first aid station set up on the night, if your child suffers from any serious medical conditions such as asthma, anaphylaxis etc. please bring along their medication and ensure that someone qualified to administer the medication remains at the event throughout the night.

Looking forward to seeing as many families as possible!

**Rangeview School Council Committee**
2014
Term 1: 28 Jan (school teachers start) to 4 April
Term 2: 22 April to 27 June
Term 3: 14 July to 19 Sept
Term 4: 6 Oct to 19 Dec

2015
Term 1: 28 Jan to 27 March
Term 2: 13 April to 26 June
Term 3: 13 July to 18 Sept
Term 4: 5 Oct to 18 Dec

2016
Term 1: 27 Jan to 24 March
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 Sept
Term 4: 3 Oct to 20 Dec

2017
Term 1: 30 Jan to 31 March
Term 2: 18 April to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 Sept
Term 4: 9 Oct to 22 Dec

The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students.

Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes.

The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.

Find out about the reading process & how you can assist your child.
Parents of Foundation (Prep) to Year 2 children will find the session most useful.

We ask that parents who wish to help in the classroom attend one of our reading sessions.

Please note this is a repeat of the PAT /Classroom helpers’ Reading session held last year.
Please book by March 11 by returning the form or phoning the school.

Yes! Please reserve a place/s at the Reading Session for me.

NAME/S: .................................................................

My Contact Telephone Number is: ........................................

I have children in Level/s (Grade/s) ................................................
or alternatively telephone the School on 9874 6381 to book in.
Marita Horvath Literacy Coordinator

Welcome back for 2014! We hope you’ve had a terrific break over the summer holidays. We are looking forward to an exciting year in the OSHC program.

The team has seen some changes this year. We farewelled Julie Hardy at the end of 2013 and Hannah Ambrose has stepped into the coordinating role. We also welcome new staff Steph Burns and Jane Wallace.

Account statements have been issued this week. Families are reminded that the full amount is payable on receipt of your statement. Payment options are detailed on your statement.

Please keep us up to date with the bookings requirements for your children, whether permanent or casual. 24 hours notice is required so that we can ensure we have sufficient staff/ratio to care for the children. We understand emergencies sometimes happen, so please let us know of any change to your booking as soon as possible if less than 24 hours notice.

Thanks, The OSHC Team

Contacting OSHC: Please leave a note in the Parent Communication Book at the school office during school hours, phone 9873 0016 or email oshc@rangeview.vic.edu.au.
Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!

February 19th
Ryan

20th Feb
Leeroy

21st Feb
Caitlin
Lachlan
Lika

23rd Feb
Patrick
Madeline

24th Feb
Jason

25th Feb
Helen
Paras
Sophia
Isaac
Sasha
Kaeyl
Patrick

PET ROSTER

Term 1 - Grades on Duty:
For the week 17th Jan to 28th Feb - 3L is on duty

Term 1 - Families on Duty:
• For the weekend 22nd February the Casey Family are on duty
• For the weekend 1st March the Roe Family are on duty

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

2014 OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 2 April
Commemorating with a YEAR 7 2015 INFORMATION SESSION
6:00pm to 6:30pm in the college gym followed by the COLLEGE OPEN EVENING
6:30pm to 8:30pm

This is an opportunity for current, past and prospective members of the college community to see students and staff at work, participate in aspects of our comprehensive curriculum, observe our extensive resources and facilities, and ask questions and seek further information.

Foundation 2015

Please note that School Tours for parents/guardians with children starting in Foundation (Prep) in 2015 have begun. Please join Mrs Liz Barr for an informal tour on:

Thursday, 27th February 9.15am
Tuesday, 4th March 9.15am
Thursday, 13th March 9.15am
Tuesday, 18th March 9.15am
Thursday, 27th March 9.15am
Tuesday, 1st April 9.15am

Please ring the office on 9874 6381 to book into any of these tours.

Rangeview Junior Football Club

2014 PLAYER REGISTRATION

PLAYER REGISTRATION
Sunday, February 23rd 2014, 10am – 12 noon
HEATHDALE RESERVE
Purcell Street Morwell (Museo Park)

PLAYERS WANTED (Under 5’s - Under 15’s)
Player numbers are limited in each grade.

JOIN A FRIENDLY, FAMILY ORIENTED & SUCCESSFUL LOCAL JUNIOR CLUB.

For more information or to register now contact:
John: 0422 417 229
Andrew: 0407 530 363

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