We celebrated National Ride to School Day with the official opening of our Bike Shed!

From the Principal’s Desk

Student Attendance - Every Day Counts

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are steps you can take to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher or year level coordinator and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your school and ensure your child completes the plan.
- Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher or year level coordinator as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

The following flyers, that you can download, have more information about why attendance is important and include some tips on what you can do to ensure your child attends school each day.


SRI (Special Religious Instruction)

Many families have returned their form and the administration team are collating the information. If you have not completed and returned your form by Wednesday, 2nd April this is then considered an automatic ‘opt out’. The information will be presented to School Council. There are extra forms at the office or on the school web site.

Ride to School Day Wednesday, 19th March

I acknowledge the many students, parents and staff that rode or walked to school to take part in the National Ride to School Day. Unfortunately, Dee Ryall MP, was unable to attend as originally planned. The assembly celebrated our participation in the National Day and the official opening of the new bike shed. A number of years ago Lisa O’Connor successfully applied for a grant that covered this expense. The bike shed has been well used by our regular bike riders at Rangeview.

Riding and walking to and from school highlights student personal safety and teachers will be talking to students about this over the next 2 weeks of term. I also ask parents to talk to their children about how they should travel safely to and from school.

School Council meeting tonight

We look forward to the first school council meeting of the year on Wednesday, 26th March at 7pm, where we will welcome new members, Christine Johnston and Elliot Dowell. A report will be in next week’s newsletter.

Foundation Student - 2014 Entry Survey

On Monday a survey was sent out to all current Foundation families. Thank you to the many we have already had completed and returned. Please take the time to return it, your voice is most valued.

Year 6 to 7 Transition Timeline & Procedures

Information regarding the Transition of the Year 6 students to Year 7 will be sent home to families on Tuesday, 22nd April (term 2). This pack includes all the relevant information and important dates.

Staffing

Mrs Liz McDonald (3M) will be taking 6 months Long Service Leave from the beginning of term 2 for extended travel around Australia and family reasons. This is a shared grade and Mrs Julie Downie will be replacing Mrs McDonald for this time. She will work with Mrs Jackie Quin, who works in the class for 1 day a week.

Mrs Caroline St Ruth will be taking 6 weeks Long Service Leave from the beginning of term 2 for travel and will be replaced by Mrs Gillian Stevenson.

Mrs Karen Hastie is on 2 weeks sick leave while she recovers from knee surgery. Mrs Julie Downie will be assuming responsibility for 4H while Karen is absent.

Planning has been in place to support replacement staff during these periods of absences by the teaching staff, to ensure a smooth start to term 2 or finish of this term.

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MUSIC NEWS

NEVR Concert
Students who have auditioned for the NEVR concert will receive a letter this week with information about rehearsals and the Hamer Hall performance.
There will be a rehearsal this Friday morning, 28th March at 8.15am for all the successful students. Could they please bring a plastic pocket book with them for their music.
Our first big combined rehearsal will be Monday, 31st March in the school hall from 9.45am to 12.15pm.

Choir Rehearsals
There will be no rehearsal for the Junior Choir and Senior Choir next week.

Band Breakfast
Mrs Melitsis has organised a special breakfast for all those students in the school band on Wednesday, 2nd April.

Instrumental Students
Thank you to those students who have applied to be part of the band and orchestra performing at Hamer Hall. You will be notified by letter if successful.

Mrs Liz Barr - Principal

Educational Technology at Rangeview

Foundation 2013 Exploring the App Explain Everything

Explain Everything is a fabulous app for all ages that can be used to support student learning across curriculum areas. It allows students to use and integrate text, drawings, photos, voice recordings and video to display their learning. The Foundation students were quickly engaged in presenting a Toy Project for our inquiry topic in 2013. The project combined the AusVELS Domains of English, Mathematics, Design, Creativity and Technology and Information and Communications Technology.

Students designed a toy they wanted to physically create and planned what materials they needed to complete the task. The students used a template set up on Explain Everything to display their learning. Skills they used included inserting a video description of the toys they made, taking photos of 2D shapes in the classroom and annotating what they had found, using the text tool to write descriptions of photos and recording themselves reading a story they had written.

Rebecca Hull
Foundation Teacher and iPad Curriculum Leader

Principal's Report Continued

Foundation 2015 Enrolment
Enrolments for 2015 are now being accepted. School tours are being held weekly. Dates and times for tours, Information Night, Education Week and Activity Sessions are on a flyer on page 5 of this newsletter.

Oranges on the Oval project
Rangeview families are reminded that this great project to expand our fruit and vegetable growing areas is in the running for a share of $10,000 of grants from the Coles Seed Fund. Voting closes 31st MARCH and our project is currently in 2nd place! Go to greatstateofag.com.au/coles-seed-fund-home<http://www.greatstateofag.com.au/coles-seed-fund/oranges-on-the-oval-rangeview-primary-school-local-food-production> and register your vote for the "Oranges on the Oval" project. The students are keen to see their dreams of an orchard and berry farm become a reality and to enjoy their self grown produce.

Mrs Liz Barr - Principal

Schoolpix photography is coming to Rangeview Primary School next Thursday, 3rd April 2014. Students are reminded to wear full school uniform and have their hair neatly done. Envelopes will be sent home shortly. Please complete and return to school in the envelope provided. To pre-order on-line, use your personal Order and ID number (found on your order form) and go to www.schoolpix.com.au.

Please refer to their website for FAQ’s.

‘Sibling’ envelopes are available at the office if required.

Mrs Shirley Van der Toorren - Principal
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is invited to take part in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. At Rangeview we are offering the following Competitions for children in Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**Science** on Friday 30th May $ 8.00

**Writing** on Monday 16th June $ 17.00

**Spelling** on Tuesday 17th June $ 11.00

**English** on Tuesday 29th July $ 8.00

**Mathematics** on Tuesday 12th August $ 8.00

All students receive a certificate and an individual results letter. Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- **High Distinction** to the top 1% of the entrants in each Year level in the state;
- **Distinction** to the next 10% of the entrants in each Year level in the state;
- **Credit** to the next 25% of the entrants in each Year level in the state; and
- **Participation** to all students who do not qualify for one of the above Certificates.

The Competition is an initiative of the Educational Assessment Australia at the University of NSW. *Post papers can be purchased* by visiting the website: [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au). A range of practice questions are available on the EAA website at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/teachers](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/teachers).

All entries and payment must be submitted by 9.00am on Monday 31st March, 2014. No refunds possible.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Barr                      Margaret Goulding & Melissa Sala  
Principal                     Competition Coordinators

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**Upstander Power**

Last Friday, March 21, was the *National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence*. Hopefully you heard about some of the topics discussed in class. Students discussed the power of being an upstander and how to stand up against bullying. Please continue to promote an open conversation at home about our shared responsibility to prevent and put a stop to bullying behaviours.

Explicit advice and strategies for parents can be found at [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au), a comprehensive government website which has been specifically designed for this national day.

**Working With Children Check (WWCC)**

A current Working With Children Check (WWCC) is required for ALL people who work with or care for children, either as an employee or volunteer.

If you do not have a valid card (none or expired card) you need to apply for one online (there is no charge for a volunteer and they are valid for 5 years).


Once you receive the card please bring it to the office for copying.

**This Week’s Cyber Safety Tip**

More About How Digital Citizens Respect Reputations

This week's tip builds further on the importance of respect online, this time focusing specifically on Respecting Reputations.

Please take the time to consider the following information about digital reputations. Discuss with your children and model positive behaviours around this.

Think before you post. It is so easy to post online now (from your computer or mobile), that often we do so without thinking. Sometimes we post things we wish we hadn’t and want to get them removed. Most sites will have a delete post option, but remember that once you create something in a digital format and then share it, you lose control over who sees it and what they then do with it. In the time between the original post and deletion, the post has the potential to have been viewed and forwarded on via screenshots or other "share" options.

Some people without good intentions can try to persuade you to post inappropriate or sexual content online either via your phone or on webcam. If you feel uncomfortable about anything that anyone asks you to do online, in a chat area, IM, social networking site or elsewhere – block them and then report it. You don’t have to do anything you don’t want to – even if you have done it before; so be strong with these people and say no if your instincts tell you it’s not right.

Finally, consider the impact that our digital reputation has on our employability in the future.
### Student of the Week - Assembly 3pm - Monday, 31st March 2014

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Name</th>
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<td>F B</td>
<td>Thomas</td>
<td>For having a go at writing your own story. You were listening hard to the sounds you heard in the words and you were using your knowledge of some common words to help you complete your story. Well done, Thomas! You are a star!</td>
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<td>F D</td>
<td>Audrey</td>
<td>For being a kind and thoughtful friend and for always working very hard in class! Sensational work, Audrey. You are a star!</td>
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<td>F H</td>
<td>Mikayla</td>
<td>For your fabulous effort with your reading. You are pointing to each word as you read and looking for any golden words. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>F S</td>
<td>James</td>
<td>For trying so hard to produce neat work and to finish tasks on time. Keep practicing James, your work has been terrific!</td>
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<td>1 G</td>
<td>Hudson</td>
<td>For writing a great re-tell about Tom Rabbit and trying hard with punctuation and handwriting.</td>
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<td>1 H</td>
<td>May</td>
<td>For outstanding effort throughout all of Term 1. You have excelled in all your work May, well done!</td>
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<td>1 L</td>
<td>Hayley</td>
<td>For using her spare time to write some interesting facts about butterflies that she found out during our reading min-lesson about the comprehension strategy of Stop and Think.</td>
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<td>2 D</td>
<td>Adam</td>
<td>For writing a fabulous creative story about a snake. You had a great story starter and used interesting words all the way through your story. Amazing work Adam!</td>
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<td>2 H</td>
<td>Corey</td>
<td>Using terrific descriptive sentences in his writing about the school fair. We liked how you used the words, ‘glued to the seat.’, Well done Corey.</td>
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<td>2 G</td>
<td>Zac</td>
<td>For a very detailed and descriptive recount of your day at the Rangeview fair. Excellent use of sequencing words and paragraphs, too. Keep up the great writing, Zac!</td>
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<td>3 J</td>
<td>Rohan</td>
<td>You had some great ideas about why pets are a wonderful idea for a school. We all love our Rangeview chickens, guineapigs and Noughts the rabbit.</td>
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<td>3 L</td>
<td>Heydon</td>
<td>For your wonderful positive attitude towards school. Its wonderful to see you enjoying school and being so helpful in class. Keep up it up Heydon.</td>
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<td>3/4 S</td>
<td>Molly</td>
<td>You have such a positive attitude to your learning, always trying your hardest and doing your best. You take notice of teacher instructions and try to improve on your efforts. Well done, Molly!</td>
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<td>4 A</td>
<td>Lanchu</td>
<td>For modelling our school's values, especially Teamwork and Learning. You take responsibility for your own learning by trying your best, by asking questions and making the most of opportunities to work with teachers to learn as much as you can.</td>
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<td>4 B</td>
<td>Isabella</td>
<td>Well done on building a great fictional wild self! You worked well to ‘snip’ it and insert it into a Word document, writing an interesting informational text about your fictional character. Good on you Isabella!</td>
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<td>5/6 K</td>
<td>Lucy</td>
<td>For great attitude to learning by sharing ideas and viewpoints in class discussions. Fantastic.</td>
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<td>5 M</td>
<td>Harry</td>
<td>For being a cheerful and caring member of our classroom. He is a positive and eager learner who continually inspires his classmates. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>6 M</td>
<td>Jasmine</td>
<td>For writing a fantastic persuasive piece with great reasons and examples to convince me that bullies should be harshly dealt with.</td>
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<td>Nina 5E</td>
<td>For always being a cheerful, courteous and positive German student, who is making excellent progress by listening attentively and participating actively in all activities. Fantastisch, Nina!</td>
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<td>Zafira</td>
<td>Who included not liking ‘das Mobbing’ on her poster about herself. ‘Das Mobbing’ means ‘bullying’ in German. Prima!</td>
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### 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 in capital letters):**
Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!

March
26th Mar  -  Sascha Mitchell
27th Mar  -  Charli Abbey
28th Mar  -  Adam

PET ROSTER

**Term 1 - Levels on Duty:**
- For the week 24th March to 4th April 5E is on duty
- For the week 22nd to 24th April - 3J is on duty (Term 2)

**Term 1 - Families on Duty:**
- For the weekend 29th March the Renner Family are on duty

School Holidays & Easter
5/4/14 - Family Low
9/4/14 - Family Wilson
13/4/14 - Family Ellis
17/4/14 to 22/4 - Family Bird
25/4/14 - Family Robertson

Thank you!!
Beth Joyce (3J) Animal Welfare Co-ordinator

Notices - Wed, 26th March
- Family Receipts
- Newsletter
- Foundation 2014 Survey (Mon)
- OSHC Statements

Please check this section weekly to see if your notices are coming home to your family.

Where possible, a generic notice (or blank permission slip) will be on the website (click on the date in the calendar) for you to download if needed.

**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS**

CARE NEWS ...

This week our activities have an Earth Hour theme.

On several days each week, we are nearing or reaching capacity in our Before and After School Care programs. If you require a casual booking on any day for any session, it is essential you ring us to ensure we have a place available, preferably with 24 hours notice.

**Holiday Program** (Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April, inclusive; no program available on Good Friday) bookings forms are DUE TODAY.

Amendment - Please note that on Wednesday 16th April we are going skating at Bayswater Roller City (not Caribbean Rollarama as originally advertised).

If you were intending to book your children into the Holiday Program, please contact us immediately and provide the completed booking form (including your OSHC enrolment form if you aren’t already enrolled in the OSHC Program) by Friday. Without sufficient numbers, we may not be able to run the planned excursions, or worse, the entire program. A copy of the information and booking form can be picked up from OSHC, the School Office or on the RPS website under the OSHC tab. As stated on the Holiday booking form cancellations must be provided in writing before Friday, 4th April. Thereafter, a $25 absent fee will apply for bookings not attended unless a Doctor’s certificate is provided.

Account statements are out this week and payment in full is due on receipt of your statement. Our apologies for some discrepancies on some family's statements with CCB and CCR deductions not being applied. We have been having significant issues with the software that is used to manage the OSHC Program, but are in the process of resolving this. It is anticipated that CCB and CCR will be correctly applied with this statement, but if you have any concerns please contact us.

Thank you from the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute for the $180 donation. These funds were raised from the Thursday afternoon bread delivery in Term 4, 2013.

Please keep us up to date with the booking requirements for your children, whether permanent or casual. 24 hours notice is required so that we can ensure we have sufficient staff and places to care for your 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
BOOMtec Disco
Grades 5 & 6
Friday, 28th March
7pm - 9.30pm
Norwood Secondary College
Hall
For ALL BoomTec enquiries, phone: Tinternvale Primary School 9720 1215

Rangeview Primary School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help children develop essential saving skills and to raise funds for our school.

School Banking day is every Wednesday before 9.30am. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
Thank you for supporting the school.

Neighbourhood Watch
Meeting Dates for 2014.
Meetings commence at 7.30pm for approx. 1 hour duration.
Tuesday, 1st April
Tuesday, 10th June
Tuesday, 12th August
Tuesday, 14th October

ININSIDE the BRICK
LEGO FAN EXPO
Bendigo
Amazing Models
Meet Expert Builders
Hands On Play Area
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE:
www.trybooking.com/76480

VERMONT UNITING COMMUNITY CENTRE
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES For Primary School Aged Kids
For enrolment or for any other enquiries, please contact Melanie Hosie (the Co-ordinator) on 9874-2058 or 0447-369-994.
Bookings are essential.
We’re at 640 Canterbury Road, Vermont (next to 7-Eleven)