

What's happening in Years (Level) 3 and 4? Term 2, 2014



How quickly time flies!

We have had a terrific start to Term 2 with all classes settling down beautifully into their now familiar routines, and busily setting many new learning goals. Children are showing us that they are both aware of their strengths and eager to embrace challenges that will further extend their learning.

We welcome Mrs Stevenson into 3/4S for the first part of the term while Mrs St. Ruth enjoys a beautiful holiday in Europe. We also welcome Mrs Downie into 3M as Mrs McDonald enjoys her Long Service leave.

The senior school cross country race was an enjoyable (if damp) event last Wednesday. This was the culmination of months of training for many students. They all enjoyed cheering loudly for their house team mates as they crossed the finish line. Congratulations to all students for giving their best and good luck to those going onto the District Cross Country race.

Thank you to all parents who have already provided tissues for student use in class. In the last few weeks, with the onset of colder weather, we have seen a lot of sniffles and coughs. If you haven't sent tissues yet, we would be a grateful for some more this term.

Communication Book

We are pleased that the Communication Book has become such a great way to keep in touch with you.

The children are keen to practise the words in their spelling lists and it's a quick way to send information home about our projects and what we are currently learning in Maths. Please encourage your child to write something about what is being read at home in the space provided. There is also space for you to sign to show you have been listening to some reading, helping with learning spelling words and helping with any other research or tasks given. Communication books should travel in the Tartan bags and must be at school every Monday and Friday.

Naplan

Week 4 will see the Year 3 students participating in the NAPLAN testing. The children are being given some practice at working in a quiet exam environment and looking at the different test formats used. If you have any queries or concerns about this please speak to your child's teacher.

Integrated Studies Unit: Day and Night

This term we will be focusing on the science topic of Day and Night. We will look at the earth's rotation, sun, moon and the night sky. There will be a construction project later this term when the children make a model of the earth and show the tilt and rotation around the sun using polystyrene balls (provided). Any donations of florist wire or thin wire would help with this project.

Year 3 Flora and Fauna Unit

Year 3 have had an exciting time at the end of Term 1; hatching a variety of bantam chicks. We are now waiting to see how many of our 15 will be laying hens. Our cooking, gardening and conservation/ environment lessons continue this term. Parent helpers from 11:30am – 1:00pm are always welcome.

ICAS

Year 3 and 4 children were invited to take part in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. At Rangeview we are offering the following competitions:

Science on Friday May 30

Writing on Monday June 16

Spelling on Tuesday June 17

English on Tuesday July 29

Mathematics on Tuesday August 12

Please see Mrs. Goulding (Level 2 teacher) in case of any concerns and queries. Thank you to all the students who enrolled.

Year 4 iPads

The year 4 children and teachers are looking forward to using the class sets of iPads in preparation for next term when children are able to bring their own iPad to school (BYOiPad program).

Cyber Safety

National Stay Smart Online Awareness Week is 2-6 June.

At assembly on Monday 2nd June, winning poster entries from the Rangeview Let's Create a Better Internet Together poster competition will be shared and certificates will be presented.

Year 3 Excursion to the NGV

Level 3 students are looking forward to their NGV excursion this Friday 9th May. They will be participating in many German activities.

Year 4 Excursion to the Planetarium and Scienceworks

The Year 4 students will love learning more about the earth, moon, sun and stars when we visit the Planetarium and Scienceworks. We will need a small number of parent helpers for each class, please send a note to your child's teacher if you are interested in helping.

Buses will leave Rangeview at 8:45am on Friday 13th June.

Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 students are looking forward to their intensive swimming program during the last 2 weeks of the term. This is a very valuable experience for them as they hone their skills in the water.

Year 4 Camp – Weekaway

To help with your planning –

Next term the Level 4's will be heading away for 2 nights for their first experience on a school camp. The dates are Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th August and the cost will be around \$245. There will be lots more information coming home about this very soon.

NEVR Concert at Hamer Hall

We wish all participating Level 3 and 4 children well, as they get ready to perform at the beautiful Hamer Hall in the city on Wednesday 21st May at 7:30pm. The children are loving learning and singing many of the classic Elvis Presley, Beatles, Michael Jackson and ABBA songs.

Reports and Parent Teacher Discussions

Reports will be coming home towards the end of the term, followed by parent/teacher discussions.

Remember that specialist teachers are also available for a chat and would look forward to talking about your child's progress.

Dates for your Calendar:

Education Week open morning and night – Thursday 22nd May

Pupil Free Day – Monday 26th May

From the Level 3 and 4 teachers,

Caroline St Ruth, Karen Hastie, Beth Joyce, Khay Le, Julie Downie, Jackie Quin, Nicole Barnes and Alex Box, Gillian Stevenson.