What a great start to 2016 we have had!

On Thursday, it was great to see students and families return to start the 2016 school year. This year we welcome 79 new Foundation students and 17 students from Level 1-6 to the school.

Staff returned to work last Wednesday. I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the summer holidays. 2015 was a highly productive year and 2016 is looking to an equally exciting and productive school year. In first term is our bi-annual school fair so please keep a look out for information on how you can help and contribute to this wonderful community event.

As advised last year we welcome back Mrs Ulrike Lindner and Mrs Romy Madgis after returning from Family Leave and Mrs Shirley Van Der Toorren returning from term 4 2015 Long Service Leave. Shirley is excited to teach Art 3 days a week this year with Mrs Karman Melitsis remaining in the music role for 2016.

Mr James Roche is the new Level 6 teacher. Mrs Ulrike Lindner will teach German for 2 days a week this term.

Other new staff include Literacy/Maths Intervention Ms Leah Stephens and Integration Aid staff: Mr Robert Street, Ms Patricia Holley and Ms Tara Fidler (photo next week).

We are endeavouring to finalise the German position for the remaining days and we will inform the school community in the near future.

This year we have spread the pupil free days throughout the year, targeting different aspects of professional learning. The leadership team spent Friday 22nd January, before staff returned, to look at the 2016 directions in teaching and learning reflected in the School Strategic Plan 2014-17 and the draft AIP (Annual Implementation Plan).

The first pupil free day was Wednesday, 27th January which allowed for for AIP time, student wellbeing, start up processes in schools and team meetings, and classroom preparation for the start of the term. It was an invaluable learning time together and also allowed a smooth transition for new and returning students over Thursday and Friday.

JANUARY WORKS - The school was a busy place in January with a number of projects undertaken. The breezeway was repainted, the basketball floor recoated, senior girls toilets repaired and painted walls, the shade sail repaired and 2 poles extended to ensure the replacement sail is clear of equipment.

The computer lab building had a facelift with a superb waterfall mural painted by an ex-student Zac Bunston. This is specialist spray painting ‘street art’. He was commissioned by the Ringwood RSL to paint under the bridge, near the clock tower. The entries to the school have bright new signage which should help direct visitors into Rangeview.

We await the final stage of the extensive drainage works indicated by the last temporary fencing near the hall. We are negotiating that this is completed by the end of this term.

Student Leaders - At the Monday assembly this week, the 2016 School Captains, Keeley and Harry led their first school assembly. They had worked on the first Rangeview News for the year with the Technician Leaders, Lachlan E & Thomas V and interviewing staff and students. This was shown at assembly and the 2016 student leaders were also presented with their badges by the local State Member for Mitcham, Dee Rylla MP. These students will meet as a team regularly to develop a greater understanding of the role and set their own personal goals. There will be further opportunities for other students to lead, such as the Newsletter Reporters or the eagerly awaited Foundation Buddies or on the sporting field as we look at the education of the whole child.

FOUNDATION 2016 ‘On Friday we hosted ‘Cheers & Tears’ morning tea for Foundation parents and grandparents. This important milestone was celebrated by parents and gave them the opportunity to introduce themselves to other new families and ask any questions they still may have had.

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Reminder: Due to individual testing, foundation students don’t attend school on the following dates: Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th February & Wednesday 2nd, and 9th March.

Parent Teacher Interviews: The ‘Getting to Know You Interviews’ will be held on Wednesday, 10th Feb from 3.40 to 6.00pm (Level 5 interviews will START AT 2pm) & Thursday, 11th February from 3.40pm to 6pm & 6.30pm to 8pm.
Families will be able book interviews online through the schools’ online system, Sentral. Information has been sent home with times and access information. New families to Rangeview will receive their unique access number to log onto Sentral. ‘Getting to Know You Interviews’ are valued by parents, students and teachers. If you do not have Internet access at home, please ring the school office on 9874 6381 for alternative arrangements to be made.

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TWLIGHT SPORTS EVENING – in previous years we have run the twilight sports evening during first term. Save the date: This year we will combine it with our school fair on SATURDAY, 19th MARCH. More information will start to come home over the next few weeks. If you wish to help please contact the office.

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 form in this newsletter and return it to the office by Friday, 12th February 2016.

Mrs Liz Barr
Principal

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, 19TH MARCH 2016 12pm to 7pm
RANGEVIEW FUN & RUN DAY
Rides, Stalls, Food, Showbags, Twilight Races,
Easter Egg Hunt and much, much MORE!

Please join the Fun & Run committee.--you can chose the level of commitment you will be able to volunteer.
ALL WELCOME - First meeting on Thursday, 11th February at 7pm in Staffroom.

RANGEVIEW ASTHMA MANAGEMENT - 2016
Students at Rangeview, who have been diagnosed with Asthma, require an Asthma Management Plan. This plan must be reviewed annually by your child’s doctor (this is in line with the school’s Asthma Management Policy).

Students who have been diagnosed with Asthma require their medication, relevant equipment (e.g. spacer) and Plan to be brought to the general office where it will be documented. Medication will be kept securely in the first aid room and a copy of their Asthma Management Plan will be given to their teacher.

Students that suffer a mild asthma episode are accompanied to the first aid room, where asthma medication is administered by a Level 2 trained first aid officer and documented. If your child has a more severe asthma attack, they will remain where they are, a first aid officer will be advised and will go to the location with their asthma medication.

If your child is adept at administering their own asthma medication i.e.: Ventolin, then a second Ventolin and spacer can be provided by you for their use on excursions, sport activities and classroom use. In this event can you please send a signed note that your child has been given a second Ventolin & spacer and that you are happy for them to self-administer Ventolin at school.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Welcome back to an exciting term of Music! I am very pleased to be taking over the role as Full-time Performing Arts and Instrumental Coordinator. Thanks to Shirley for all her wonderful work and dedication to the Rangeview Music Program over the many years.

Junior, Senior Choir and Band Rehearsals
Junior, Senior Choir and Band will begin in Week 3 this term. There will be a notice going home shortly for students interested in joining the junior, senior choir and band. Students need to fill this form out and hand it to the office or myself by the due date.

If your child/ren would like to join any of these groups, it is important to remind them that this is a yearly commitment. There are compulsory rehearsals each week and performances during the year. It is a highly rewarding experience for students of all levels and a great way to improve their musicianship and ensemble skills.

Due to increased enrolments in both choirs and band, there will be a cut-off date for accepting new students each term – Week 3. The cut-off date for accepting students will be Week 5 this term. Students are still able to join the following term if they have missed the cut-off date for joining choirs/band.

Junior Choir – Tuesday Mornings at 8.15am in the Music Room
Junior Choir is open to all boys and girls in Level 1 and 2 that enjoy singing different styles of music. We are very lucky to have Miss Hubbard conducting Junior Choir again.

Senior Choir – Monday Mornings at 8.15am in the Music Room
Senior Choir is open to all boys and girls from Level 3 to 6 who enjoy singing a wide range of repertoire.

School Band – Wednesday Mornings at 8.00am in the Music Room
Band is open to all girls & boys from Level 3 to 6. Do you play a percussion, brass or woodwind or string instrument and can read music? Please speak to Mrs Melitsis about joining. The Band welcomes students of varied instrumental ability and can cater for this. Please make sure you bring along plastic folder, instrument (band students only) to rehearsal each week. If you are interested in the joining the band, please see Mrs. Melitsis first.

Instrumental Enrolments
For any students interested in learning an instrument this year, it’s not too late to enroll! Instrumental lessons are open to all students from Level 2 onwards. We have a new guitar and keyboard provider – Creative Music as well as a new brass teacher, Andrew McAdam. All instrumental teacher contact details are available outside the Music office or at the General office.

New Instrumental Room
I am very excited to announce that we have an instrumental room this year! The instrumental room is the portable located next to the German room (Mr. Le’s old room).

Mrs K Melitsis
Performing Arts and Instrumental Coordinator
REMINDER (if not already done)

Announcing the launch of our school app

Rangeview Primary School is very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented a phone app called Updat-ed that will make connecting with you so much more convenient.

To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android’s. (The direct LINK is on the HomePage of the school website: www.rangeview.vic.edu.au ) Search for Updat-ed and from the menu select Rangeview Primary School. We’ll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.

So what will the app do?

The app’s great for sending out alerts, URGENT ALERT’S, news, articles and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone’s calendar. All information is pushed to the app in ‘real time basis’ allowing schools to interact better with parents.

In the section where you chose your child’s Level (class) for 2016, if you have more than 1 child attending Rangeview, please just choose the youngest Level.

We hope you enjoy being Updat-ed.

Please ring the office on 9874 6381 (during school times) if you have any questions, or email the school rangeview.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au (during the summer break).

Thank you,

Liz Barr
Principal
Hello again from Rangeview Lego Club! It’s a new year and with that, Lego Club is returning for all levels! Last year was yet another great success with many new and returning 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 few of them!

This year, I will run a similar program, but with some new ideas for our returning students. 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 $10 contribution by Friday February 12th so that groups can be organised. This contribution means we can continue to expand the school’s Lego collection, allowing for larger and more creative building opportunities as well as keeping more models built for display.

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, as many have come from these donated collections.

Looking forward to building more amazing things this year!

Mr Evans

I would like to enroll my child: ___________________________________________________________
of Level: _____ _____ in Lego Club this year. Please find my contribution of $10
cash enclosed.

Signed:_____________________________________________________________

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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 Level6. 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, 12th February 2016.

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

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Please complete and return it to the School Office by Friday, 12th February 2016.

I would like to be considered for the role of:

Classroom Representative for class\Level: - ____________________ Child’s Name:______________________________

Parent Name: ____________________ Date: ________________

Parent\Guardian
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 Friday 12th 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: Fridays 1:10pm – 2:00pm
Class Dates: 12/02, 19/02, 26/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03.
Price: $9.00 per lesson × 6 lessons = total cost of $54.00.
Enquiries: admin@darkhorsechess.com

Registration is due at the school office by 9am on Friday February 12th. 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.

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 (Friday)

Payment Method (Please tick):

☐ Cash  ➔ I have enclosed money to the amount of $54.00.
or
☐ Cheque  ➔ I have enclosed a cheque for $54.00 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: …………………………………

MINI WORKING BEE - Thursday, 17th March 4pm to 5.30pm

Please join us for a MINI Working Bee. The school grounds need a mini-clean up after summer and before the School Fair & Twilight Sports event on Saturday, 19th March. Please don your gardening gloves, bring clippers and brooms and come along to the mini clean up. A light BBQ will conclude the event at 5.30pm.

What to bring: Rakes, Brooms, Shovels, Pruning gear & any other tools you may need

Student/s Name & Level: ________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________
Number attending (including students): ________________
A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with the animals during the school holidays!

Term 1 - Families on Duty:
- For the weekend 6th February the Ragg Family are on duty
- For the weekend 13th February the Roe Family are on duty

Beth Joyce (3J)
Animal Welfare Co-ordinator

Term Dates
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 and advised throughout the year.
Op Shop Volunteers Needed

Doncare needs friendly volunteers to assist them in their Op Shops.

Funds raised in the shops by our volunteers provide substantial funds to our programs in Domestic Violence, Emergency Relief, Family Services, Counseling and Social Support for Seniors.

Call us on 9856 1500

Email us at Opshops@doncare.org.au or drop into one of our shops and ask for an application.

St Luke’s Kids Club

Knock! Knock!

Come and join the search for a Superhero!

Primary Kids this is Your Club!

There’ll be fun, games, friendship, craft and food.

Wednesdays from 3:30pm until 5:15pm.

Information line: 90721575 / j.greenhal@gmail.com

www.nlkildare.vic.edu.au

VIOLIN PROGRAM

*Rangeview Primary School*

Highly dedicated specialist music educators, enabling each child to reach their potential. Accepting enrolments until full, two vacancies in the program for 2016.

- T.T.O.P Grading System – a psychometric assessment system which promises all the elements of learning the violin and music (Technique, Theory, Orchestral & Performance) while maximising instrument achievements in their individual learning.

- T.T.O.P Theory Recitals & Class Performances – provides students with opportunities to showcase their developing abilities in a formal, friendly, safe, and non-competitive environment.

- String Theory Regional Orchestral Workshops – students are prepared for access to the largest string workshops opportunities available in Melbourne.

- Lindimité Quadrants – advanced students are rewarded by a private company which organizes paid performance opportunities for students of up to $150 per hour.

Lindimité also builds each student a personal portfolio of performances for scholarships.

Lessons are held at school or privately in Forest Hill, during or after school hours.

All lessons are private (one-on-one), running at $35 per lesson.

New students are given one FREE trial lesson, in which they receive a violin & music book so take the time to see if it’s right for you.

If you are interested in enrolling with Lindimité, please contact:

Phone: 0413 267 609

HookinHockey

Blackburn Junior Basketball Club

Come and play Saturday Basketball

Registration Day Winter 2016

When: Saturday 13th February, 2016
Time: 8:45am-10:00am

and

Tuesday 16th February, 2016
Time: 5.00pm-7.00pm

Where: Slater Reserve Stadium, Grevillea Street, Blackburn North

Enquiries to:
info@blackburnbasketball.com.au or 0433 559 893

Wanting to play football in 2016?

REGISTRATION DAY

Come and join us and be part of your local football club.

Play in a friendly & family orientated environment.

When & Where

Date: Sunday 14th February

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Place: Heatherdale Reserve, Purches Street

Note: Socks, Shorts & club merchandise will be available for sale on the day.

Enjoy the benefits of joining the Heathmont Jets Jnr Football Club:

- All new players receive a free club hoodie/jacket once registration is paid.
- Free registration for all U/8 players.
- Strong emphasis on fun, fair and equal playing opportunities and player development.
- Club arranges for a professional first aid/medical provider to be in attendance at all home games.

For more information please contact: Glenn 0418 349 869