From the Principal’s Desk

eSmart Parent Information Evening

Although there were not a large number of families represented at the eSmart meeting last week, the content was invaluable and a clear message to all to be vigilant in this digital world. In the near future, we will put some information on the school website for parents to access. Every time I attend such a presentation and the school has hosted 5 over the last 6 years, I have learnt something new.

Some of the key messages:

- How to respond to cyberbullying and how to make a report - go to www.esafety.gov.au
- Comprehensive resource for parents, iParent, also at www.esafety.gov.au
- The importance of setting up a security and filtering service in the home - www.opendns.com offers a free service for parents
- Popular platforms children are accessing
- Negotiated boundaries for all children, especially no technology in bedrooms

Flyers available at office notice board on the following topics:
- Cyber Issues for Parents
- eSafety Office
- Parent Resource list
- THINK flyer
- Top 10 Tips for Parents

First Lego League

It’s that time of year again and a new group of twenty Level 5 students will be heading to Swinburne University to compete in the First Lego League in just over a month. The two groups are working well to not only build attachments and code their robots to solve tricky missions on the challenge table, but also devise a solution to a problem that exists in the way that humans and animals interact. The topic this year is Animal Allies and everything is wrapped around how we can improve the connections we have with animals to benefit not only them, but humans as well. It’s a fantastic topic and has really sparked an interest in our students and we hope to see them present their projects at an assembly in the coming weeks.

Garden News

Spring is a busy time of the year so to capture the great growing time the level 3’s have transplanted 100 strawberry plants from the smaller veggie patch near the biggies play equipment down below the oval. They have also prepared the soil in readiness for spring planting of pumpkins and our big crop of tomatoes. If you would love to help in the gardens the Flora and Fauna program operates every Thursday at 11.30am - 1pm. If that time doesn’t suit, and you have an idea, please contact the office or any of the level 3 teachers.

Oktoberfest

Students, teachers and parents are gearing up for the annual Oktoberfest on Thursday, 27th October. Preparations are underway for this whole school event organised by Frau Shaw (Foundation to Level 2) and Frau Lindner (Level 3-6). The RCC are organising support through the class reps for help with a myriad of tasks on the day and prior to the event. The call for help will come through the newsletter or your class reps.

Class Representatives meeting this Wednesday in the staff room 9-9.30am

2016 Survey Data including Parent and Student Attitudes to School Survey

School Council and teaching staff will be looking at the results of the 2016 Parent Opinion Survey, with the Student Attitudes to School survey data, and the recent Kids Matter surveys by staff, students and parents.

The parent forums and various surveys contribute to the overall picture of the school and areas to improve on. The upcoming Class Reps meeting will focus on parent support for the Oktoberfest day and the school disco in November. Later in the term there will be a Future Directions Forum drawing students and parents to contribute to the discussions.

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**2016 NAPLAN Data**

During last term the Level 3 and 5 students received their individual results from the NAPLAN assessment that was held in May. Curriculum leaders and teams will analyse the data and this will be reported to School Council. The AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) includes goals based on this data and other data sets. Teams audit our AIP, assessing to what degree the goals have been achieved in student learning, wellbeing and productivity. The excellent results in NAPLAN in all areas assessed indicate the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

FISO (Framework of Improved Student Outcomes) is a Victorian initiative. Schools are forming networks and looking at best practice to improve learning and wellbeing. The focus in 2016 on Writing for professional learning by staff is in the AIP. The schools visiting on Tuesday will be looking at the implementation across the school with the writing workshop and the inclusion of 21st Century Learning.

**Classes for 2017**

When developing individual classes each year, teachers consider a number of factors including academic ability, special skills and talents, social competencies, gender, students who work well together, those who may not work well together and friendship groupings. While the students are consulted about current friendships, it is only one of the criteria considered because building new relationships is also part of our education process and an important skill for students to develop. The placement of students for the coming year is a complex process where teachers put great thought and sensitivity into their planning. They discuss, reflect and review their decisions over a period of time. If students have any learning or social needs to be considered when placing them in classes for 2017, parents can write a letter addressed to me stating their needs and requests for consideration. Parents are not able to request specific teachers. The closing date for these considerations is: **Friday, 28th October 2016. Requests received after this date cannot be considered.**

Mrs Liz Barr - Principal

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**Welcome to our Weekly KidsMatter page**

KidsMatter Primary is all about children’s mental health and wellbeing. We know that being mentally healthy is vital for learning and for leading a rewarding life. KidsMatter is a way for schools to nurture happy, balanced kids through mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention activity and planning.

Rangeview Primary School is proud to be embracing this initiative by participating and building a healthier future for every one of our students. We will focus on creating a positive school community that supports the mental health and wellbeing of every member of the school community. A KidsMatter Action Team has been established and will oversee the stages of this exciting journey.

The Action Team representatives are: Ian Bunston, Assistant Principal, Carol Wilson, Team Leader/Teacher, Leanne Theisinger, Business Manager and Kate Chivers, Parent.

Thank you to those families who kindly responded to our recent survey request. The results have given us a starting point, to establish and build foundations and to act on areas for improvement.

If you would like to meet with the Action Team and hear more about this initiative, members of the community are welcome to attend our:

*‘KidsMatter Information Session’*

**When:** Wednesday 9th November 2016  
**Time:** 9am to 9.45am  
**Where:** Rangeview Primary School Staff Room

*From the Kids Matter action team*
"I've seen this stuff before and never understood it. Now I do!" Elise, 4L

"It's fun, interesting, and a new experience." Charlie, 4L

'It was hard but we worked it out and it works!" Patrick, 4A

Thanks, Mick and Ben from Bricks for Kidz, for this fantastic learning experience!
Every two years, the Family Life Victoria Human Sexuality Education program is offered to the Rangeview school community for any school families who wish to attend. The program supports parents to help their child/children learn about aspects of human sexuality.

The program will be conducted on **Wednesday, 26th October 2016**.

- **Level 1 and 2**: 5.45-6.45pm
- **Level 3 and 4**: 7.00-8.00pm
- **Level 5 and 6**: 8.15-9.15pm

It is most important that each child has a parent with them on the night as there will be time during the sessions to discuss issues privately with your child. These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.


**Admission - 1 Session - $20.00 per family; 2 Sessions or more - $25.00 per family**
(Plus agency booking fee of 0.30c per ticket)

Books will be available for sale on the night – Cash or credit card only.

More information, bookings and payment must be made online at [www.trybooking.com/LRYO](http://www.trybooking.com/LRYO)

Mrs Robyn Blythe - Family Life Co-ordinator

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**ACTIVITY LEVY UPDATE 2016**

**HOW THE $100 LEVY IS BEING SPENT** - The Activity Levy covers the cost of Excursions and Incursions for the year. Please see the tables below for an update on the activities that your children will participate in for 2016. The highlighted activities are confirmed and final costings are to be completed.

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**Curriculum Contributions 2016**

There are some families with outstanding ‘Essential Educational Items’ levies for 2016, which are now well overdue. Families with outstanding balances received reminder statements last week. To finalise the school finances for 2016 payment would be appreciated without delay. If there is any difficulty in making payment please contact Principal, Liz Barr or Business Manager, Leanne Theisinger to make alternative arrangements.
Final call for Parent Helper’s session - Reading
Wednesday, 19th October 6pm-7.30pm

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Music Count Us In

All classes are busy learning the AUSLAN actions to our Music Count Us In song ‘Let it Play’. I would encourage all students to listen to the song at home – even perform it to family and friends!

Some students and parents have been asking about how to access the song, you can either type in the URL or access the site via the QR code on the right:
https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/

Upcoming Choir and Band Events

We have a number of music events coming up including performances by the Junior Choir and Senior Choir on Oktoberfest Day (Thurs 27 Oct) – thank you to Frau Lindner and Frau Shaw for all their hard work in the lead up to this exciting event.

On Thursday 10 Nov, the Vermont Secondary Intermediate Band will workshop with our Rangeview Band and will perform a short concert for Rangeview students – students and families are all welcome to attend. I’m delighted to be working with bandleader Ma Kim Green and the Vermont SC students.

There will be some further information on the annual Oxfam Music Festival (for Senior Choir and Band) and Carols available shortly. For more details on Music at Rangeview, please visit the Music blog:
http://musicatrangeview.global2.vic.edu.au/

Opera Australia performance of ‘El Kid’!

Rangeview students were treated to a very special performance by Opera Australia of ‘El Kid’ last Friday! We enjoyed the characters, story line and magic tricks! The story was a cross between Cinderella and Billy Goats Gruff – we heard some original songs such as ‘I like to Eat’ by the troll and ‘Boss of Me’. This performance was a great opportunity for students to see a modern day opera with interesting costumes, backdrops and acting. Here are some student reflections from Level 5 students:

**El Kid Opera Reflection.**

Dear Mrs. Melissia,

The El Kid Opera was a wonderful experience! 3 things I liked about it was the characters. The actors/singers were very professional, always nailed the notes, and never made any mistakes. Secondly, the amazing set. It was cool that most things were actually Yeico, and only took 20 minutes to set up. Thirdly, the costumes. Most of them probably did less than 5 minutes to change, and the design of the costume was made for quick changes.

My favourite character was Isabel. She had a high voice and always knew what to say back. Hopefully we do again, because it is a wonderful experience especially for inspiring actors.

From Kathleen

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Music News
Junior School Council news

_The Shoeboxes Of Love_

We are very excited to announce that this term, Junior School Council (JSC) have chosen to support the Samaritan’s Purse Charity who provide children in underdeveloped countries with a shoebox filled with Christmas gifts that they may have never received before. They have supplied us with _The Shoeboxes Of Love_ to fill. We have received one hundred shoeboxes which will shortly be delivered to classrooms and JSC members will talk about what donated items are suitable to go in the boxes.

_Free Dress Day_

Last Thursday the school had a free dress day and we asked that families make a donation. Thank you to everyone who kindly contributed. All money raised from the day will be used to cover the purchasing costs and postage and handling for the one hundred _Shoeboxes Of Love_ (equates to $10 per box). Rangeview Primary School students raised $945.00, WELL DONE!!!!

Thank you for your support. Please go to the following website for more information about the program: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/

Mrs Carmel Brown (2B) - JSC Leader
PET ROSTER

Term 4 - Levels on Duty:
- 17th October-28th Oct Level 5W (Ms Wilson) is on duty.

Term 4 - Families on Duty:
For the weekend 22/10/16 the DeRoos Family is on duty.

Beth Joyce (3J)
Animal Welfare Co-ordinator

Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!

October
21st Oct Kelvin
22nd Oct Haylee
23rd Oct Jake
24th Oct Jayde
25th Oct Georgia
3rd Nov Archie
5th November Maxwell
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**Parenting Adolescents in a Digital World**

Increasingly, our families are becoming immersed in technology and the digital world. As parents, grandparents, and carers, it is imperative we are armed with the necessary information, skills, strategies, and perspective to help us confidently work through the abundance of information that often threatens to overwhelm.

With a good understanding of what technology is capable of as well as a realistic perspective of what it means to be a young person growing up today, parents can ensure they are raising safe and smart kids who are better equipped to make the right choices wherever they find themselves online.

Martine Ogilvishore is a teacher, counsellor, and mother to five children. She is passionate about helping families and young people make the best decisions around use of technology, gaming, and devices. Martine will discuss how young people use technology today, privacy, and predators, creating a positive digital footprint and boundaries and limit setting.

**Date:** Thursday 20 October 2016

**Time:**
- 7:00pm Registration Tea and Coffee 7:30pm start-8:30pm finish.

**Venue:**
- Waratah Room, Whitelawr Centre, 987 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (near Nunawading Library)

**Bookings:**
- Registration is essential. Please book online at whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Parent-Information-Forums.html

**Further Information:**
- Please contact Council’s Parent Resource Officer on 9822 6775 or mail to info@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

**Cost:**
- $2 gold coin donation payable on the night.

**Other Information:**
- There will be Auslan interpreters available if required. Please indicate if you require Auslan interpreters through the online booking process.
- Note: we are unable to accommodate children.

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**DRUM LESSONS!**

If you are interested in learning the drums on Thursday nights after school, please get in contact with James Dann.

Lessons are held in the music room for half an hour per lesson.

For more information, please contact by phone or via email:

- Mobile: 0409 139 428
- Email: jpdann@yahoo.com.au

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**First Heatherdale Scout Group**

**The Family Group**

**Come down and try it out!**

**Free 2-3 week trial**
- Joey Scouts Mondays from 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Cub Scouts Mondays from 6:45pm-7:30pm
- First Heatherdale Scout Hall 34 – 36 Burford St, Ringwood.

For more information or to arrange a free trial visit:
- Bill Muir: 0408 011 388
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**Yarra’s Community Festival**

**Celebrating 50 years**

**Saturday 15 October**

**from 3.00pm**

**Festival highlights:**
- Fireworks
- Carnival rides
- History book launch
- Time capsule burial
- Helicopter rides
- Community photography competition
- Food, drinks, music and entertainment
- And much, much more!

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