

Level 3 and 4 Newsletter

Term 3, 2015



Welcome to Term 3 everyone. Mrs Hastie and Mrs Joyce are on long service leave for the first few weeks of this term. Ms Downie will be in Mrs Hastie's grade and Mrs Bunston will be in Mrs Joyces's grade.

Communication Book

We hope that all parents are checking the Communication Book each Monday as it contains information pertinent to what's happening in Level 3 and 4 at Rangeview.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The challenge ends in August. All children need to register their books online and then teachers are able to verify them. Don't forget the login is your child's name with no spaces and all lower case and the password is rangeview1.

Level 4 Camp

The countdown has begun for the eagerly awaited Grade 4 Camp which commences from 12th - 14th of August, 2015. Around 84 kids accompanied by 8 staff members will travel to 'Weekaway,' in Lancefield, for a two night camp.

Digital Technologies with iPads

Some of the grades have been learning how to Blog using the app, KidBlog. The level 3's will begin their blogging journey in term 3, also using KidBlog. KidBlog is a safe and secure blogging platform, where all students need a code and password generated by their teacher.

ESmart

Stay tuned to hear how Rangeview will be getting involved in the first National eSmart Week.



Don't forget to stay safe online- <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

LEVEL 3 FLORA and FAUNA PROGRAM

This term our Level 3 students are continuing to focus on the care of our Rangeview pets and cultivating the school vegetable garden. We are very excited about future planting and our plans to extend the garden too.

LEVEL 3 EXCURSION

As part of Flora and Fauna, the Level 3 students will be going to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Cranbourne on 14th August for a program called Shared Country.

LEVEL 3 and 4 ATHLETICS

This term some students in both Levels 3 and 4 will be participating in the athletics program. There will be some lunch time training and training on Friday afternoons. The District Athletics will be held on **Wednesday 4th September**.

ICAS

English - Tuesday 28th July

Maths – Tuesday 11th August

Numeracy

When children come to Levels 3 and 4, parents' minds often turn to "learning the times tables". The AusVELS documents do direct teachers that, by the end of Level 4 (Grade 4), students will know the tables up to 10x10. Many students will have achieved this easily, while others will struggle. Before focusing on the multiplication tables it is important that students have automatic response of, and understand, the addition and subtraction facts. Learners also need to have the ability to "see" numbers in sets, not as single elements, before the concept of multiplication becomes relevant. For example, 4x6 refers to 4 sets of 6, so we expect students to "see" 4 groups of 6 which is quite difficult for some. Once you know your times tables, you can't imagine what is so hard about learning them, but they are very challenging for many children.

Please check the Rangeview newsletter The View on-line every week. All the activities and special days are outlined well in advance there. Also if you have lost an excursion notice there are generic notices on the website in the calendar area. Click on the date of the excursion and the notice will appear.

From the Level 3 and 4 teachers: *Beth Joyce, Karen Hastie, Khay Le, Nicole Barnes, Alex Box, Caroline St Ruth and Lisa O'Conner.*