



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LEVELS 1 & 2

Welcome back to Rangeview for 2017. We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and that you are looking forward to this year as much as we are. The children have settled in their new classes with enthusiasm and are looking forward to new learning.

Important Dates: Friday March 10th is a pupil free day.
Monday March 20th is a pupil free day.
Monday March 13th is Labour Day holiday.
Tuesday March 14th is school photo day.
Year 2 swimming Monday March 6th- 17th.

More details later.

Year 1 swimming Monday March 20th-30th.

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Reader Covers: Please check last year's reader cover carefully when it comes home. It may need to be re-covered, and to have the elastic replaced. The children will be given a new record book to keep in their reader covers. We will begin sending books home as soon as possible. Until then, please use Library books and books from the Premier's Reading Challenge to continue reading at home.

Show and Tell or Sharing Time: This is a favourite activity and an excellent opportunity for children to gain confidence speaking in front of a group, to develop listening skills and to learn about interesting things. It is wonderful for the class and very good for your child's self-esteem if all children join in this activity. It works best if some pre-planning is done with your child. There will be a list of suggested weekly topics sent home and you will be informed of your child's regular day shortly.

Birthdays: Children enjoy celebrating their birthdays at school with their friends.

We prefer children to bring cupcakes or similar to share with the class, as a large cake is difficult to manage. Please check with your child's teacher if you need to know class numbers. We ask that party invitations not be distributed in class unless the whole grade is being invited as feelings are sometimes hurt. (This would also apply to the giving out of cards at special times.)

Please note that Departmental policy does not allow us to distribute confectionary in class.

Also, please check with your child's teacher regarding food allergies in the classroom

Specialist Timetable: Specialist programs have already started and it is wonderful that the children are able to participate in these so quickly. Please make sure you have sent in your art smock and library

bag so the children can get stuck into learning! You will receive a timetable of your child's specialist classes.

Topics: During Term 1, Level 1 and 2 classes will be conducting the Start Up program, which aims to build relationships and encourage resilience. Later in the term we will be investigating the topic 'Up, down and all around', which will look at changes in the environment over time, the seasons and natural and man-made materials.

Swimming: Towards the end of term 1, Level 1 and 2 children will be offered the opportunity to be involved in a swimming program which is held at Vicki Fields in Kilsyth. We encourage all children to be a part of the program, as water safety is of the utmost importance. Further information will be sent home soon.



Homework: Children in Levels 1 and 2 are expected to read their home reading books each day, and to practise the words in their Spelling books daily.

Spelling books: The children will use these for each week's spelling words. Please sign the week's words in the Spelling books each week when your child brings them home to show you and send the book back to school the next day. Spelling will be tested weekly. Just repeatedly writing the words can quickly become boring and repetitious and it is important that children remain interested and involved in this task. To make this activity fun and more meaningful, students could make words out of playdough, write them in sand or bean trays, use paintbrushes and water on outside paths, magnetic letters, Magnadoodles, or other tactile activities. Words could be written on a computer/iPad using different fonts and Word Art. If you feel that your child is already confident with the weekly word list, you can extend your child by using the words as a basis for word building, making word families, collecting words with the same sounds or letter combinations and so on. Please talk to the teacher if you'd like some more ideas for practising or extending Spelling.



Tissues: As children of this age tend to use a lot of tissues throughout the year, it would be appreciated if each child could bring a large box of tissues to be stored in the classroom.

Lining-up: Children in Levels 1 and 2 are expected to line up outside each morning to wait for their teachers. They are not to come inside without their teacher prior to the iPad bell at 8.45, even to bring their readers or schoolbags in. At the end of the day, parents are asked to please wait for children outside and not in the corridor in order to avoid congestion.

Children are expected to be at school at 8:45am, ready for a 9am start to the day. If you are late for any reason, please visit the school office to receive a Late Slip before coming to the classroom.

Absences: Absence notes are expected when your child has been away from school. Please inform the class teacher if your child will be away for an extended period. If children are to be collected before the end of the school day at 3:30 pm, please go to the office first to collect a pass to hand to the class teacher.

Reminders: All children are expected to wear school hats. Please check to make sure that your child's name is clearly visible on the hat, and on all other items of clothing and belongings.

Any medication that your child needs to take must be given to the office staff with written instructions. Your child's teacher is not able to administer medication of any kind, even with parental permission.

Please remember, even though the teachers throughout Levels 1 and 2 are teaching the same curriculum, each teacher has an individual approach, and some activities may be taught slightly differently.

Please don't hesitate to make an appointment to talk to any of our team if you have any concerns.

We're all expecting 2017 to be a great year in Level 1 and 2 at Rangeview.

Level 1 and 2 team:

Linda Giardino, Margaret Goulding, Melissa Dann, Rebecca Gordon, Marianne Kehoe, Carmel Brown, Marita Horvath and Chloe Thompson.

