

Level 3 and 4 Newsletter

Term 2, 2018



Welcome to our term 2 newsletter, you will find information about many of the activities that are happening in Level 3 and 4.

Communication Book and Homework

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 day.

Spelling

*For spelling this year we are focussing on spelling patterns in words and strategies for spelling using the THRASS program. The students are focussing on sounds in words and the spelling options that occur with these. For example 'air as in hair' and 'are as in square' and then the less traditional spelling patterns for that sound that fall in the * category. We will focus on a different sound box each fortnight and will be assessing the students understanding of these sounds with a spelling test. We value your support with this by talking to your child about the sound they are focussing on and even brainstorming words with them, possibly over dinner or on a drive.*

Inquiry / Integrated Studies Topic

This term we are looking at Our Community – Now and Then. The excursion to Schwerkolt cottage allowed us to look at our local community of Mitcham's early beginnings and gain an insight into life in the 1800's. A big thankyou to the many parents that assisted on our walking excursion. A speaker from Whitehorse council will be visiting us to provide more information about the Mitcham area. We are also looking at all things that make up communities and the services they provide. Later this term the children will be using some of their teamwork and STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) when they design and build a model community.

iPads – BYOD program

Level 3 and 4 are using iPads in many areas of the curriculum. It would be great to have all students with their own set of headphones stored at school. We hope that parents have logged onto the parent app Seesaw and have been enjoying following all the posts their child and teacher are putting in their Seesaw Journal. It's a great way to reflect with your child on some of their learning. Most apps like Pic Collage, Explain Everything, Book creator, Popplet, A+ spelling, iMovie and Dictionary are used often. Parents need to make sure they put their own constraints and rules around the use of any iPad apps in their home environment. At all times the safe use of digital technologies and internet is expected at school. The Rangeview eSmart committee will be organising a parent information night later this year on these topics.

Flora and Fauna

Level 3 children have enjoyed cooking and eating food that has mostly been grown in the school vegetable garden. Food like eggplant fritters and apple muffins have gone down a treat. Parents are welcome to help from 11.30 am – 1.00pm every Tuesday in the Gallery kitchen with Mrs Francia or even gardening with Mr Barr. Could all students please keep a pair of children's gardening gloves in their schoolbag for when they're working outside.

Naplan

Over the last weeks we have had a heightened focus on the upcoming NAPLAN testing. We are encouraging the students to feel comfortable with the testing and as stress free as they can be. This involves practising the tests under test conditions. If you know your child feels pressure in this sort of environment, we ask that you chat with them about it. Naplan tests will occur in week 5; 15 -17th May. If you have any queries or concerns, please chat to your child's teacher.

Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 students will be participating in an intensive swimming program during the last weeks of the term 3. This is a very valuable experience for them as they build on their skills in the water. More information will be coming home later.

Year 4 Camp – Weekaway

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 15th – Friday 17th August and the cost will be around \$305. The first note has been sent out. There will be lots more information coming home at the end of the term about clothing to take and medical permissions.

Reports and Portfolios

Rangeview is changing the way we report to parents. Children are working on tasks that will mostly be assessed and collated in a booklet. This will be sent home half way through the year with the intention that it promotes parent / child discussions, and then be brought to Parent Teacher interviews. There will be a shorter 2 page version of reports sent home. Information will be in the newsletter about this new process.

Dates for your Calendar:

Wednesday 9th May – District Cross Country at Ruffy Park

Friday 11th May – P & F Mother's Day stall

Wednesday 16th May – Pizza lunch

Thursday 24th May - Education Week open night

Week 11 – 23rd – 26th June Parent Teacher interviews

Level 3 Teachers – Beth Joyce, Kirilee Bell, Tania Balderston, Rebecca Gordon

Level 4 Teachers – Karen Hastie (3/4), Anju Mehta, Dane Kennedy, April Warfield, Jackie Moran