Parent Teacher Interviews - The ‘Getting To Know You’ interviews will be held on Wednesday and Thursday this week to allow an opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s teacher and share information to ensure a productive start to the school year. ‘Open Rooms’ will be held in the 5 Foundation rooms between 6.00pm and 7pm on Thursday and you are most welcome to attend.

Class Ambassadors - Thank you to all the parents who nominated to be Class Ambassadors this year. We are in the process of collating expressions of interest but there are still a few vacancies, if you are interested. You can also share the position with another parent or two in the class. We need at least one class ambassador per grade. If you have a child in the following grades, please use the tear-off slip on page 5: Fnd B, Fnd K, 1G, 1M, 2K, 2T, 3/4B, 3J, 4K, 5/6E, 5M & 6M. We are hoping to have these positions filled by the latest Monday, 27th February, when we wish to hold a Class Ambassador 2017 meeting (date TBC).

School Council - Notice of Election and Call for Nominations
2017/18 Nominations open on Friday 17th February for a two year position on the Rangeview Primary School Council. This is an opportunity to be actively involved in your child’s education. There are four vacancies for the Parent Member category, and two Community members. And there are two vacancies for one year positions. Nomination forms can be found on the last page of this newsletter or at the office. The nomination forms must be lodged by 4pm on Friday, 3rd March. Should a ballot be required the ballot will close at 4pm on Friday, 17th March.

Start Up – Over these two weeks we are running the Start Up Program in every grade of the school. During this time the children get to know each other really well, realising that we are all individuals and need to be respected for our unique talents and skills. We are reviewing the School Values and what those values mean for the behaviour we display at school. This program establishes a firm base of community values throughout the school. We are all members of the Rangeview community; students, staff and parents and as such have a right to be cared for and be safe, but also have responsibilities for the care, safety and wellbeing of others and the environment.

Level 6/7 Transition – I remind parents with current level 5 students to visit secondary schools and open days/nights as early as possible. It is important to develop knowledge of the options available to make an informed decision for your child’s further education.

RCC / Parent Club – Thank you to the many parent volunteers and School Council President, Lloyd Lazaro that came to our meeting last week. A parent club not only benefits students, but enriches and contributes to the wellbeing of the school community through positive interaction and support. For more information about what a parent club entails, please obtain a flyer from the school office. Planning for further education.

ACHES / Leader GRIP Conference
Mon 20th
Icy Pole Day - bring $1
Fri 24th
Fnd-L2 Subway Day
Mon 27th
Class Ambassadors meeting(TBC)
Tue 28th

Parents As Tutors session

March

School Banking recommences
Getting To Know You Interviews.
Thu 16th
Fnd Classrooms Open 6-7pm
2018 Fnd School Tour 9.15am
Fri 17th
Chess Club starts (cost involved)
Icy Pole Day - bring $1
Mon 20th
District Swimming Carnival
Tue 21st
2018 Fnd School Tour 9.15am
Fri 24th
Leaders GRIP Conference
Icy Pole Day - bring $1
Mon 27th
Fnd-L2 Subway Day

Parents As Tutors session

Sun 26th
School Working Bee
Bunnings BBQ
Mon 27th
L1 Swimming continues

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Music News

Production Scripts
Congratulations to all the students who auditioned for a part in the Level 5/6 production of ‘Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies’!
Level 5/6 students with a speaking role will be handed a script this week. Please name your script and place it into a plastic pocket folder. If any students are interested in obtaining a soft copy of this script, go onto Showbie and enter the class code 6KM82.

Instrumental Lessons
All instrumental lessons have now commenced. This year, all piano lessons and Creative Music lessons will take place in the Resource Room.

Drum Lessons
Drum lessons will begin this Wednesday and Thursday in the Music room. Katie Thomas has been appointed the role of drum teacher. She has completed her Bachelor of Music in Western Australia and will begin her postgraduate music course at VCA. If you are interested in learning drums, please contact the office or speak to Mrs Melitsis.

Trumpet Lessons
Are you interested in learning a new instrument? Why not try a versatile instrument that can play many styles! Andrew McAdam our trumpet teacher is offering a free trial for any students Level 3 and above. Instruments are also available for hire. Speak to Mrs Melitsis if you are interested.

Choir and Band Rehearsals
Don’t forget to attend rehearsals on time with your music folder!

Senior Choir – Monday rehearsal at 8.15am in the Music room
Junior Choir – Tuesday rehearsal at 8.15am in the Music room
Band – Wednesday rehearsal at 8.00am in the Music room
If you arrive to rehearsal early, please wait outside the ramp for Miss Hubbard or myself.

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S042-2014 Student accident insurance/Ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school

Schools & Families are reminded that the Department of Education & Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Furthermore, the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, iPads, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students, staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
Save the Date

Twilight Sports - Thursday, 2nd March from 6pm
Welcome Picnic - Foundation 2017 Families & Students
Thursday, 2nd March picnic & School Council BBQ from 5pm
RANGEVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – MONDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY 2017

Fnd B   Lachlan  For settling in well to the Foundation routines. I like the way you are a very attentive learner and always work very hard on all your activities. Well done, Lachlan! You are fabulous!

Fnd C   Kate     For being a superstar helper in FC! Kate showed fabulous collaboration and leadership skills during our Foundation school tour. Miss Clarke was so impressed. Well done Kate.

Fnd H   Isabel   For an excellent start in Foundation. Isabel is always focused on her work and demonstrates great collaboration by working with and helping her friends. Well done Isabel!

Fnd K   Ethan    For being a great thinker and problem solver in our Foundation room. You are listening and thinking of answers to all of your questions very well. Excellent start to the year Ethan.

Fnd N   Lilah    For being kind by asking a class mate, “Can I help you?” Wonderful manners Lilah, you make FN a great place to be.

L 1 DG  Ethan    For demonstrating fantastic Collaboration skills. You were able to listen, negotiate and problem solve, so that your classmates could work together to build with Lego. Sensational Ethan!

L 1G    Rohnan   For showing perseverance in all tasks in the classroom. Rohnan you have tried really hard to concentrate and complete your work. Well done.

L 2K    Alvin    For showing great thoughtfulness and kindness in our classroom. You have settled in so easily here at your new school. Congratulations Alvin.

L 2T    Paddy    Your holiday recount was so well written that the whole class thought they were right there with you! Fantastic effort.

L 3 BL  Mia      For role modelling a great enthusiasm for learning in all tasks. We particularly appreciate you sharing your knowledge on how to develop ‘word clouds’ on the iPad for our book box project.

L 3K    Amber    For a fantastic start to the school year at Rangeview. You are quickly making new friends and are already demonstrating our school values. We are looking forward to learning more about you. Welcome Amber!

L 4K    Sashenka For settling in nicely to Level 4. You are a kind and helpful student and have demonstrated an eagerness to learn in class. All the best for the year ahead.

L 4WS   Lucas    Thank you for the organised help you gave classmates in setting up their school materials. You displayed responsibility and respect in the way you spoke with them, showing that you are an attentive and mature class member.

L 5/6E  C.H. Ho  For making an excellent start to his new school. Well done. We are pleased to have you in the 5/6E class.
               (13/2/17)  For her enthusiastic start to the year. You were extremely helpful in getting Mr Evans up to speed after his break and offered to take on many classroom responsibilities. Great to see!

Tara S  For settling into your new class and making new friends so quickly after coming from your former school in Malaysia. Welcome to Rangeview Sidney!

L 5M    Abby     For a wonderful start to the year. You have tried your best in all tasks and have been very helpful and friendly towards your classmates. Well done, Abby!

L 5W    Jack/   For demonstrating excellent ‘Teamwork’ skills when completing a Venn Diagram to learn more about your group and find out what you have in common. Great work!
               Max/     Jake                     

L 6M    Sidney   For settling into your new class and making new friends so quickly after coming from your former school in Malaysia. Welcome to Rangeview Sidney!
From the Library....... 

Welcome back and a special welcome to all the new students and their families!
What a start to the year we’ve had! The Foundation children have begun borrowing books from the library and many students are already reading the Premier’s Reading Challenge books!

We have a new Library Captain, Emily J. She often brings her friends in to help with the many different tasks we ask of her during the week. Congratulations, Emily on your selection for this important leadership role. We look forward to working closely with you as the year unfolds.

This year Mrs. Blythe is in the Library on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Geilings works in both the Library and the Art room – Monday (Art), Thursday (both rooms) and Friday (Library).

Library OPEN TIMES this year will be the first half of lunchtime on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and after school on Tuesday 3.30pm – 3.45pm.
Again this year, a group of school Mums have rostered themselves to help in the library each morning for 30 minutes or so (9am - 9.30am) to help with the re-shelving of returned books,

We are very grateful for this extra help as there are often over 250+ books to re-shelve at any one time! A big ‘Thank you’ goes to Janet Stephens, Fiona Shade, Karen Pedrotti, Lynette Ellis and Rachel Watkins for their willingness to help once again. Of course new helpers are always welcome! We are in need of someone to help with the covering of the new books, so if this is of interest to you, please come and see us.

Ring pulls from aluminium drink cans
For several years, the school has been collecting ring pulls from drink cans. Over 50kgs so far have been collected. One school family even had friends at a hotel collecting the ring pulls for us!
The ring pulls are used to make prosthesis' for children who have had limbs destroyed by landmines. It takes approx. 1kg of ring pulls to make a forearm. There is a blue box on the Returns bench in the Library for the collection of the ring pulls.
So, anytime you have a can, please take the pull off and add it to our collection, so we can help someone else!
Thank you in anticipation!

Happy reading....
Mrs. Deirdree Geilings and Mrs. Robyn Blythe
Teacher Librarians
Program Update

OSHClub has had a great start to the new year with many children enjoying the holiday program. We also want to say a warm welcome to all the new families that have started this year; along with the families of the foundation children who have settled in wonderfully.

This term OSHClub will be running a Play of Football clinic every Wednesday afternoon, look out for the flyer and email with more information coming soon.

We are looking forward to a wonderful first term, filled with lots of exciting activities, games and sports. If you have any suggestions please let us know!

As it is a new year your child/s medical details will need to be updated. If your child/ren has any medical conditions, please speak to Hannah Ambrose at the OSHClub office about reviewing and updating the information we have at the Program. Thank you.

Reminder: During Term 1, OSHClub’s Sunsmart Policy is still in effect. Children are required to wear a hat and sunscreen whilst outside.

OSHClub Program phone: 0428 882 764
Coordinator: Hannah Ambrose
Assistants: Vidhisha Singh, Cory McGeary, Kaitlyn Robertson, Steph Burns
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember the enrolment process is free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For ‘on the day’ bookings, please ring the above mobile to ensure availability of storm term care.

Wanted! Donations of plastic cooking play items. Please bring to Room 5 (4K) or 6.(4WS)
Thank you!
Happy Birthday to the following Students

January

30th Jan
Tyler
Charlotte

31st Jan
Zara
Grady
Luke
Daniel

February

2nd Feb
Jasper
Archer

4th Feb
Hailey
Ben

6th Feb
Kim
Indy
Joshua

7th Feb
Charlotte
Oscar
Nyah

8th Feb
Isabella
Connor
Amber

9th Feb
Cooper
Ilhan
Gus

11th Feb
Brandon
Dru

12th Feb
Cia
Jack
Javier

13th Feb
Nieve

14th Feb
Roxie
Calista

Animal Duty ROSTER

Term 1 - Families on Duty:
- For the weekend 18th February the Ragg Family are on duty
- For the weekend 25th February the Woodland (Goddard) Family are on duty

Term 1 - Class on Duty:
- 13th Feb to 24th Feb - 3K (Mrs Bell)
If anyone has time to volunteer for the dates: 14-17th April (Easter break) to look after the animals that would be greatly appreciated!! Please contact Mrs Joyce or the office on 9874 6381.

Beth Joyce (3J) - Animal Welfare Co-ordinator

READING EGGS/READING EGGSPRESSS

Rangeview subscribes to Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress which promotes literacy development. Students have home access.

Teachers are in the process of reallocating students on the website. During this time you will not have access. Class teachers will send home your child’s log in details shortly.

Marita Horvath - Literacy Coordinator

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE 2017

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge will be opening soon and Rangeview is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by September 2017. Older students develop a sense of responsibility and an opportunity to self-manage their reading as they work towards completing the challenge.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier.

What you do:
F-2 read 20 Reading Challenge books & 10 own choice books. (If you are in Foundation, Level 1 or 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, sibling or friend.)
3-6 read 10 Reading Challenge books & 5 own choice books.

Many of our library books have reading challenge labels & our lovely librarians are always assisting with the Reading Challenge. Many books you have at home will be Reading Challenge books.

More information can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/ - Reading Challenge website

(The site will officially open in March.)

Keep a look out for further information.

Happy Reading

Marita Horvath - Literacy Coordinator
**VIOLIN PROGRAM**

Highly demanded specialised music education, enabling each child to reach their potential. Accepting enrolments until full, two vacancies in the program for this year. Students in the program have access to the following exclusive opportunities:

- **T.O.P Grading System** - a patented examination system which promotes all the elements of learning the violin and music (Technique, Theory, Orchestral & Performance) while maintaining student motivation in their continued learning.

- **T.O.P Termly Recitals & Class Performances** - provides students with opportunities to showcase their developing abilities in front of family, friends & peers, motivating students in their practice & giving them positive performance experiences.

- **Semesterly Regional Orchestral Workshops** - students are prepared & given access to the largest string workshops opportunities available in Melbourne.

  - LittleNotes Quartets - advanced students are recruited by a private company which organises paid corporate performances for students of up to $150 per hour.
  - LittleNotes also builds each student a 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-to-one), starting at $77 per lesson.

For further information contact: Tiaan Dunstan

Phone: 0413 207 609

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**TUNING IN TO KIDS**

**EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING**

Would you like to learn tips and strategies to:

- Be better at talking with and understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Children with higher emotional intelligence:
  - have greater success with making and keeping friends
  - have better concentration at school
  - are more able to calm down when upset or angry
  - tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

A six session FREE parenting program for parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 0 – 12 years.

**WHERE:** Mitcham Community House 19 Brunswick Road, Mitcham

**WHEN:** 21st Feb to 28th March 12:30pm to 3:00pm

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

Contact: Juls at Parentzone on 9735 6190 or 0405 696 495

**Mitcham Community House**

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**FITNESS BOXING**

**1HR SESSIONS**

$10/session - 10 Pack (10 week Pack)

**OR**

$20 – Casual Session

**“Trial Session - $10”**

- GLOVES & MITS PROVIDED (Or bring your own)

- FUN, FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

- NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

**CONTACT:** Anastasia 0403 966 837

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School Council Elections
Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate ........................................................................................................ for an elected position as a parent member on the ................................................................. school council.

CANDIDATE'S DETAILS

Name
Residential address........................................................................................................

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email.................................................................................................................................

I am the parent/guardian of ......................................................................................... who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of ............................................. who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator ........................................................................................................

Signature of Nominator ................................................................................................. Date / /

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

• an undischarged bankrupt
• of unsound mind
• currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence
• a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate ................................................................................................. Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate and to nominate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on ............................................................

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.
Term Dates 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

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WOW YOU LIKE TO PLAY DOMESTIC BASKETBALL ON WEEKNIGHTS OR SATURDAYS?

AFTER 150 YEARS - MITCHAM HAS A POST OFFICE, SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, PUBS, A HOSPITAL, SCHOOLS, A MUSEUM AND A FOOTBALL TEAM!

NOW: MITCHAM HAS IT'S OWN BASKETBALL CLUB. COME JOIN US IN OUR SECOND SEASON.

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER 2017 SEASON FRIENDSHIP TEAM? GET SOME FRIENDS TOGETHER, GIVE US A CALL AND WE'LL LOOK AFTER THE REST.

INTERESTED BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

WE CAN HELP.