Mt Pleasant Road Primary School Public Speaking event
Some students had the opportunity to deliver a prepared speech on a set topic at Mt Pleasant Road P.S. last Thursday. The Foundation topic – 'What you don’t know about me' was answered very admirably by Samuel & Matilda representing Rangeview.
Sashenka and Olivia (see photo right), also representing Rangeview P.S., spoke about the unit ‘Just One Day’ for the Level 3/4 topic ‘If I ruled the world’. Congratulations to those students and we look forward to a similar public speaking opportunity in 2017.

House Sports Day – Congratulations Arbor!
What a great day, with a high level of participation, finishing with the infamous egg toss played by the House Captains. In the end only a few points separated the winning teams and in first place was Arbor, and Hydro in second place. Congratulations to all participants and Mr Michael Sacchetta for the smooth organization of the day. Thank you to the parents that helped out on the day in a number of different ways.

Facilities Update
As mentioned at the School Council October meeting, the 99 enrolments for 2017 Foundation and 6 students in other levels across the school, mean the predicted numbers for next year will be close to 600. This means we qualify for an additional double classroom.
Negotiations have begun for the delivery of a new mod 5 portable classroom. It is anticipated that German and a senior class will be housed in this portable. Having now met with companies involved in the relocatable building, and the demolition of the last older single portables, the decision has been made to place the new portable on the site of the sentimental favourite Eastmont play equipment. Unfortunately, the building cannot be placed in the space near the Munro St entrance as reflected in the landscape concept design. And, although, this is not my preferred option this does provide the school with the opportunity to replace older play equipment with modern new equipment.

Once the new relocatable is in place, the landscape plans will be modified to include the placement of the play equipment and the relocation of the sustainability area. I look forward to working with a team of students to gather ideas for equipment that they would like to see in this new space.

I have applied through Accessible Buildings for a wheelchair ramp into the new portable.

Foundation 2017 Transition
Another session of transition went ahead last Thursday. The pre-school students have settled into the routine of transition in the Foundation (Prep) classrooms meeting students, teachers and experiencing the learning environment of school. It is an exciting time for these students and it is pleasing to see how well prepared they are for this next stage in their education.

Foundation Information Evening
This Thursday evening is the final Foundation Information Evening for 2016. Families are encouraged to attend and have many of their questions answered about the transition to school. The 2017 Foundation team will be speaking, led by the existing members of the 2016 team. Mr Lloyd Lazaro, School Council President and Mrs Leanne Theisinger, Business Manager will attend as well. The 2017 Foundation team includes: Julie Buismen, Meg Hubbard, Natasha Hale, Karen Hastie and a new teacher to be advised shortly. To assist with catering and childcare please RSVP on 9874 6381.

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 this Sunday. 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 devising 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.

Mrs Liz Barr - Principal
Welcome to our Weekly KidsMatter page

Rangeview Primary School is proud to be embracing KidsMatter 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 include: Mr Ian Bunston, Assistant Principal, Ms Carol Wilson, Team Leader /Teacher, Mrs Leanne Theisinger, Business Manager and Mrs Kate Chivers, parent.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the information session held last Wednesday morning.

This occasion provided an opportunity to give an overview of the KidsMatter organisational framework and to also receive helpful and constructive feedback from parents.

As discussed we have introduced a RPS Suggestion Box, located at the General Office for valid and constructive ideas from parents.

We request that all suggestions placed in this box have a name and contact phone number.

Please note that there is a new KidsMatter display board in the school foyer with a plethora of parent resources related to Wellbeing. Please take the time to read the information relating to services available to the community.

There is also a dedicated section on the school website, Home Page-top TAB - Wellbeing-subheading KidsMatter with information and links to various support sites.

From the Kids Matter Action Team
Student of the Week - Assembly 2.50pm - Monday, 21st November 2016

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<td>FB</td>
<td>Sarah</td>
<td>For showing our values of Teamwork and Learning when using your iPad. You worked co-operatively with your partner when completing a task in Explain Everything. Thank you Sarah! Well done! You are an iPad Star! For displaying the skills of good Communication when presenting your Speech to the class. You were very well prepared and spoke in a clear voice while maintaining eye contact with your classmates. It was a great Speech, Anika! Well done! You are a Communication Star!</td>
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<td>FH</td>
<td>Max</td>
<td>For demonstrating excellent school values, especially in Learning and Teamwork. Max shows grit and determination when learning and is always improving. He was also very encouraging on our school sports day, not only to his Arbor team mates, but to everyone! Well done Max!</td>
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<td>FK</td>
<td>Ryan</td>
<td>For showing great teamwork skills to build a track for the Beebots to travel and then to use his excellent thinking and problem solving skills to write a program for the Beebots to follow. Great coding and programming Ryan!</td>
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<td>FN</td>
<td>Archer &amp; Leo</td>
<td>Magnificent research on vegetables by scanning a QR code with his iPad.</td>
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<td>Tennyson</td>
<td>For consistently demonstrating the school values of Teamwork, because you always work well with others. You also show great collaboration when you do partner work. You are a star Tennyson!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Rhett</td>
<td>For achieving his goal of writing a whole page in his diary. A fantastic effort, Rhett! Well done!</td>
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<td>2K</td>
<td>Jessie &amp; Arlo</td>
<td>For a very exciting recount of our trip to Healesville Sanctuary. Well done!!</td>
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<td>2O</td>
<td>Darcy &amp; Jaymie</td>
<td>For the amazing work you have been doing with your reading. I am so impressed by the hard work you have put in to move up so many levels. Keep working hard Darcy! For writing a fantastic narrative about Winter the Wombat. You used interesting sentences, lots of details and ‘wow’ words. Keep up the great work Jaymie!</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Hasan</td>
<td>For good teamwork when working with a classmate to help your Foundation buddy create a digital story using the iPad. You are quickly settling into life at Rangeview. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>3S</td>
<td>Oliver</td>
<td>You write an amazing amount of text during every writing class. You are becoming more aware of your reader as you work to make interesting word choices. You take advice very positively. Well done, Oliver.</td>
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<td>4B</td>
<td>Freya &amp; Josh</td>
<td>Super work Freya on your Cereal Box Book Review. You have included all elements of the story, Harry Potter and turned them into a crunchy breakfast cereal. I am sure your new brand of breakfast cereal will magically sell out fast! For writing a spooky story! From the early stages you have shown much enthusiasm and worked hard from the beginning, creating a spooky house on Minecraft, writing your story boards and finally recording your story. A fantastic effort!</td>
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<td>Daniel</td>
<td>For your outstanding and friendly attitude in class. You always use your time wisely and you are helpful and caring towards your peers. Great effort Daniel.</td>
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<td>6M</td>
<td>Aaron</td>
<td>For writing an outstanding narrative called ‘The Broken Bone’. Your writing was beautifully structured with an interesting storyline and excellent grammar and punctuation.</td>
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Level 1 & 2 Healesville Sanctuary excursion - Some highlights of our trip to Healesville Sanctuary by 2 Kehoe

I couldn’t believe it. It was the day! I couldn’t wait to get to school.

Broom, broom and the bus was off. It was not long and I could see the sign, Healesville Sanctuary 1km.

The first animal we saw was the echidna. WOW. They are spikey, cute and my favourite Australian animal.

I saw my favourite Australian animal, the KOALA! The koalas looked cute and cuddly and I just felt like cuddling them.

After lunch we went to the reptile house and saw snakes and lizards. They were scaly and there were lots of different species.

An animal keeper told us about how they feed the wombats. She described their pouch that opened backwards so that dirt didn’t get in the pouch as it is bad for their baby.

We finally reached the dingoes!! We saw two habitats. One with one dingo that was sleeping and another that was lying down. There was also a white dog that learned how to howl with the dingoes.

At the nocturnal animal house we saw a tiny baby platypus that swam very fast. We saw a water rat that climbed the glass and jumped into the water.

In the bird enclosure, the fruit bats were sleeping upside down. Their wings were covering their faces and bodies.

I think that Healesville Sanctuary was so much fun but eventually we had to go back to school.

I was so sad about that!!
Our chooks, guinea pigs and rabbit live in the chicken coop in the north-west corner of the school. They are let out every school day to free range around the school. They are looked after on the weekends and holidays by our many wonderful school families and during the school week by different Levels.

Rostered families receive the key on Friday after school. On Saturday and Sunday they check on the chooks’ welfare, feed them fresh kitchen scraps, clean their coop and replenish the water and dried feed containers. The family on duty gets to keep all the eggs that are laid during the weekend or holidays. They also check the furry animal food and water containers on Saturday and Sunday and clean the guinea pig box. As well, they bring the furry animals fresh greens like weeds and green vegetable scraps. The tools needed are located in the hay shed in the guinea pig/rabbit enclosure.

The Rangeview Animal Roster operates for a year and most families get a turn for one or two weekends over the year and/or for 3 or 4 days of the school holidays. The roster with names and contact numbers/email addresses is emailed only to those families on the Roster. This is one school program that depends totally on the support of our families to keep it running so successfully at Rangeview. It helps make our school such a special place.

If your family would like to join the Rangeview Animal Roster for 2017 and the 2016/2017 Christmas Holidays please return the animal roster form by email asap.

Our Rangeview community is extremely grateful to all who have looked after our animals in 2016. Especially to those families who managed to get ‘yucky’ jobs such as cleaning out the smelly hay, chook pooh, and so on. Our animals stay happy and healthy due to your commitment and care.

Existing Animal Roster families will stay on the roster. Please let me know if you need to retire.

Thank you again, Mrs Beth Joyce. (Class teacher – 3J – room 1)

Rangeview Animal Roster for Christmas Holidays and 2017!

Parent Name: __________________________________________ Phone Number: __________________________

and email: __________________________________________ Child’s Name: __________________________ Level in 2017: ____________

Our Family can look after the animals for: (please tick)

Only a weekend in 2017 ______ School holiday time - Christmas 2016/17 ______ Easter 2017 ______

July Holidays 2017 ______ September Holidays 2017 ______

We would like to do both a weekend and a holiday time if possible. ______

If particular dates or emergency only, please specify: __________________________________________

For Families already on the Roster!

Family Name: __________________________________________

We loved looking after the Rangeview Animals in 2016. Just pop us on the roster again for 2017. ______

We would like to stay on the Animal Roster, but need to change to a different time next year, or are available as an emergency only. (Please specify)

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**PET ROSTER**

**Term 4 - Levels on Duty:**
- 14th November-18th Nov Level 2H is on duty.
- 21st November-25th Nov Level 1G is on duty.

**Term 4 - Families on Duty:**
- For the weekend 19th November the Birkett/Renner Family is on duty.

If anyone has a guinea pig cage/carrier that they no longer require, the school would really need one. Please bring it into Mrs Joyce’s room at your convenience.

As December quickly approaches, it is time for us to once again to compile an Animal Roster for the Christmas Holiday break and 2017. Please find all details and cut off section in this newsletter and return it to school if you can contribute to this valuable Program.

May I take this opportunity to thank all families who give up their valuable spare time to look after the school animals.

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

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**SCHOOL DATES**

School Term Dates 2016
Term 4: 3 Oct to 20 Dec

School 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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**Junior School Council news**

**The Shoeboxes Of Love**

Students have been very generous bringing in their donations to place in their Shoeboxes of Love.

This is a great opportunity for children to be empowered by seeing the impact of their choices on the life of a child in a developing country. We are planning to have boxes packaged and ready to be shipped by Friday, 2nd December. 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

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**Road to Bethlehem**

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th December 2016

We’ve moved to Edinburgh College, Edinburgh Rd, Lilydale.
Step back in time and be immersed in the excitement and drama of the first Christmas. You will meet loyal, shepherds, majestic wisemen, beautiful angels and Roman soldiers.
Your finest encounter will be with the baby in the manger.

Secure your tickets from November 28 at 9am onwards
ONLINE at roadtobethlehem.org
or PHONE 9264 7770

For further information: www.roadtobethlehem.org

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**Commonwealth Bank**

Student Banking

Please note that the last day for Student Banking for 2016 will be Wednesday, 30th November. No Banking in December. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this.

A HUGE thanks to our parent volunteers, Irene and Helena, who come in every week and count the money. Please let the office know if you would be interested in helping next year.

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**TOY WORLD**

In the last 12 months, 27 Rangeview families have just supported the school by using the Toyworld Forest Hill benefit card program.

RPS have received a voucher worth $150, which will help purchase some wonderful school resources.

Thanks for your support of Rangeview Primary School and please don’t forget to mention RPS when shopping at ToyWorld!
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