A note from Mr Lloyd Lazaro - School Council President 2014

Dear Parents and Friends of Rangeview

It has been yet another year punctuated by exceptional individual, team and corporate achievements – with the odd challenge that always provides us with perspective, underpinned by the values we espouse to as families, as a community, a school and a nation.

Over the course of the year we have achieved much together – both in and out of the classroom. Some of those investments include: portables in place for level 2 and level 5 and 6; continued investment in ICT infrastructure; the Carols on the Green; broader landscaping; the Coles $10,000 grant to help establish garden areas and the Flora and Fauna program; the out-sourcing of our exceptional OSHC program to OSHClub; successful fundraising and; well attended working bees. Against that backdrop, the school is in a strong and healthy position – poised for further investments in 2015 and beyond.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your contribution that has collectively contributed to a tremendously successful year. I acknowledge that we’re not perfect, (who is), however we’re driven by a common purpose of creating and providing the very best learning environment with a view that we ‘never stop learning because life never stops teaching’. As always, your constructive feedback, thoughts and views contribute to how we shape that holistic learning environment – for the betterment of each and every child, and the school.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the staffing group to our children under the leadership of Mrs Barr and Mr Bunston - thank you. I would also like to highlight the hard work and tireless contribution of each of the School Council Members and for their diligent governance of the school - your efforts do not go unnoticed.

I am proud of what we will continue to achieve together. At a time of peace on earth and goodwill, we’re confronted by tragedies both near and far. To that end, could I encourage you all to always hold life in perspective and choose to consciously contribute to the better good.

On behalf of my family I would like to extend to your family a very happy Christmas and may you all have a peaceful, safe and enjoyable holiday season and I look forward to reconnecting with you in the New Year.

Best wishes, Lloyd

2015

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The View

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RESPECT  TEAMWORK  RESPONSIBILITY  LEARNING
Principals Report Continued

School Leadership for 2015
Candidates spoke impressively to a panel of Level 5 and 6 teachers, Ian Bunston-AP and myself. I congratulate all the short listed candidates for their confident speeches and wish to thank all the candidates for their courage and preparedness to have a go.

The School Captains for 2015 are: Alia S. and Daniel W
The Student Voice Leaders: Ruby F and Ryan C

House Leaders:
   Solar: Emme D & Trent S
   Terra: Lucy R & Oliver C
   Hydro: Nina A & Ty G
   Arbor : Hailey F & Angus B

Student Leaders for 2015 will be presented formally with their badges at assembly on 2nd February, 2015 commencing at 3pm sharp.

Important Dates in 2015
Book Pack 2015 - Pick up Dates:
   Fri 23rd January 9am - 3pm
   Tues 27th January 11am - 2pm
   Thur 29th January - 9am - 11am

Monday 5th January - OSHClub Holiday Program starts
Monday 26 January – Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 28 January - Teachers return - Professional Development Day
Thursday 29 January - Staff Professional Development Day

Friday 30 January - Levels 1-6 students return - Foundation Parent/Teacher Interviews
Monday 2 February - Foundation students start 9am - 12.30pm (Cheer & Tears Morning Tea for parents/careers 9.30am)
Assembly at 3pm

Monday 23 February - District Swimming
Monday 2 March - L2 Intensive Swimming begins
Monday 16 March L1 Intensive Swimming begins
Friday 20 March - School photos taken - Term 1: Concludes on the Friday 27 March

Transition into 2015 Classes - All current Foundation to Year 5 students spent a session today with their 2015 classes. When developing individual classes each year, teachers consider a number of factors including academic ability, special skills and talents, social competencies, gender, students who work well together, those who may not work well together and friendship groupings. The placement of students for the coming year is a complex process where teachers put great thought and sensitivity into their planning. They discuss, reflect and review their decisions over a period of time.

Rangeview Carols on the Green - What a fantastic turnout for the Annual Rangeview Carols Evening last Wednesday, for the first time on our oval. Our thanks must be extended to Mrs Shirley Van der Toorren, Mrs Karman Melitsis, staff, parents, and the stars of the show - the students. What a magnificent showcase of talent Rangeview provided.

iPADS 2015
In 2015 we will see the iPad program being offered in Level 1, 4, 5 and 6, and the Foundation students commence from mid year. We understand the excitement of the students to bring the iPads on the first day of school, but this will not be necessary. As part of the Start Up Program that all classes participate in, we will look at the eSmart program and the iPad User Agreement. Cyber-safety issues, cyber-bullying and privacy issues will be covered with age appropriate lessons and tasks before iPads are introduced into the classrooms.
The 2015 User Agreement and App List for each of the levels can be found on the school website, under ICT@Rangeview. Early in 2015 we will send out copies of the App list and User Agreement, which will need to be returned when the iPad is brought to school.
The dates for connection are:
Monday 9th Feb – iPads connected to WiFi, Level 4 and 5 students
Monday 16th Feb – iPads connected to WiFi Level 1 and 6 students
(Foundation students do not bring in their iPads until beginning of Term 3, 2015.)

Supervision of Dogs - Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school premises between the times of 7.00am to 6.30pm. There are students at the school who have who have allergies.

Thank You - I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Rangeview Staff, School Council President-Lloyd Lazaro, School Council Treasurer-Robert Coombes and other staff and parent School Council members. Thanks are also extended to the Rangeview Community Committee, and the numerous number of volunteers for the excellent job they do for Rangeview Primary School and the wider school community.

Parents & Families - Have a safe and restful holiday and we look forward to your return in 2015. First day Term 1, 2015 for Levels 1 to 6 students is Friday, 30th January. Foundation students commence on Monday, 2nd February. The new foundation parents are invited to ‘Cheers and Tears’ morning tea at 9:30am in the hall, to celebrate their child’s beginning at Rangeview on Monday, 2nd February.
To all families not returning in 2015, I thank you on behalf of the school community and wish you well in the future.

Liz Barr - Principal
Music News

Carols night
What a great night we had last Wednesday. Our first Carols on the Oval!
We were very fortunate with the weather. The forecast was for showers late afternoon, however as the day wore on it remained dry and we were able to run the program as planned.
Our joint MC’s Ian Bunston and Danny Burdeu did an excellent job keeping the show going and entertaining us with their jokes. All the classes performing held interesting and quite unique acts. Their teachers did a great job preparing them.
We had a great turn up in the morning with many dads and teachers helping move the stage and set up the sound and lighting equipment.
Four dads stayed for the whole day. Mark Grummisch, Jason Sherwood, Andrew Campbell and Peter Lyons. It was tremendous to have their help and support.
As you can imagine it takes many people to put together a big night like this. I would particularly like thank staff and students who worked back-stage with Robyn Blythe and Lisa O’Connor.
Our accompanist, Cathy Cossey who played with our band and Karman Melitsis who worked so hard preparing our school and community band.

Instrumental Reports
Instrumental reports will be sent home this Wednesday, They will be placed together with normal classroom reports.

2015 Instrumental Lessons
A form has gone home about instrumental lessons for next year. If you missed out, please ask for one from the office. Please ring early if you are interested as we have waiting lists for some instrumental lessons.
Karman and I would like to thank you all for your support. We have had an incredible year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and great holiday.
S Van Der Toorren & K Melitsis

Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!

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SCHOOL DATES

School Term Dates 2014
Term 4: 6 Oct to 19 Dec
(* assembly at 1.00pm
* early dismissal at approx.1.30pm
* After School Care available-book in)

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Carols on the Green 2014
BYOiPad portal open

Rangeview Primary School began implementing an optional BYOiPad program for Level 4 and Foundation students in 2014. This will continue into 2015 with the optional program being offered from mid year for students entering Foundation and from the beginning of the year for students entering Level 4 and Level 6 in 2015. They will continue into 2015 and beyond.

Rangeview Primary School in conjunction with our technical support provider JB HI FI Educational Solutions, are able to offer an online portal to purchase iPads. This portal also offers the benefit of insurance, accidental damage and theft protection, as well as various payment options including credit card and eftpos. There will be a finance option plan payable over 1, 2 or 3 years available soon. The first delivery of iPads from JB HiFi (portal orders), will be in the last week of school 2014, and the second delivery will be around the last week of January, 2015.

There is no obligation to purchase through the JB HiFi portal or to purchase any of the ancillary services offered. Other retailers may provide comparative prices.

Any iPad Mini, iPad 2, iPad 4, iPad Air or iPad Air 2 is suitable however an iPad with a higher memory (e.g. 32GB or above) will allow more storage space for apps, photos, videos and may be more suited to your needs and longevity of use.

iPads will need to be in a protective case with sturdy corners.

All students will need earphones or buds, Foundation students will be required to bring earphones only.

To access the JB HiFi portal, click on the link on the website: top tab - ICT@Rangeview / BYOiPad Program / click on JB icon as displayed below

OR visit their website: www.jbeducation.com.au/byod

The code to enter is: RPS2015

Important notice from Sickbay

Re: Epipen/Medication collection for end of school year

Can you please advise the office if you wish to collect your child’s Epipen and/or their medication before the end of Term 4, 2014.

If you do, it can be collected from the sickbay on Friday, 19th December between 11.15am-1.30pm.

Note: if Epipens/medication are required for Outside School Hours Care on that afternoon, please take it from there that night.

Please note that Epipens/medication left at school for the holiday period is stored at room temperature and may have to be replaced in 2015.

It is the parent/guardian responsibility to ensure all Epipens/medication is usable and any Doctors Plans are current at the beginning of 2015.

Program Update

Just a reminder that the January 2015 Holiday Program will start on the 5th of January. We have lots of exciting days planned and some great excursions too, so make sure you are booking your children in online.

Everyone here in the OSHClub team would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OSHC program phone: 0428 882 764
Coordinator: Hannah Ambrose
Assistants: Chloe Tomkins, Zac Parr, Randy Senn, Penny Low, Stephanie Burns, Stephanie Porteous and Tim de Freitas
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this 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 contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
CHRISTMAS SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS PET ROSTER

Thank you to everyone who has put their name down to care for the Rangeview Pets over the summer holidays. Without your marvellous help the Program could not continue. Please check the below Roster and you will have each others details if you need to swap in the holidays. There are still openings or relief work for next year, just let Mrs Joyce know asap.

Thank you!

19/12/14 - Jenny Kerr
23/12/14 Tuesday (& Public Holidays) - Kylie Pielz
27/12/14 Saturday (Public Holidays) - Ola O’Connor
31/12/14 Wednesday (Public Holidays) - Kirsten Boxall
04/01/15 Sunday - Amber Thorgersen
08/01/15 Thursday - Bec & Ben Stacy
12/01/15 Monday - Mel Alder
16/01/15 Friday - Alex and Hamish Campbell
20/01/15 Tuesday - Simon DeRoos
25/01/2014 until begin - Carla Temple (Watson)
31/01/15 Saturday - Brodie Woodland
07/02/15 - Natalie Hind

PET ROSTER 2014

Level Duty:
- For the week 8th to 19th December Level 3J (Mrs Joyce) is on duty.

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

You may have noticed that our fifteen chicks have grown rapidly and will be ready for a new home by the holidays.

They are very cute indeed with a variety of colours and types.

If you are interested in purchasing some for your backyard or to add to your flock, please let Beth Joyce in room 1 know.

From the Level 3 students and teachers.

Rangeview Notices for 17th December

- Newsletter (on website only)
- Final Receipts
- Book pack pickup reminders
- Reports

Please check this section weekly to see if your notices are coming home to your family.

Where possible, a generic notice (or blank permission slip for Excursions / Incursions) will be on the website (click on the date in the calendar) then again on the event, for you to download the relevant permission form.
Lost Property

LOTS OF DRINK BOTTLES & PLASTIC CONTAINERS!!!

Please check the LOST property bucket as soon as possible.

Please ensure ANY/ALL clothing and other items brought to school are clearly named.

Due to lack of space any uniform clothing items remaining (unnamed) in the LOST bucket by Friday, 12th December will be donated to the second hand Rangeview Clothing Exchange. All other items will be donated to charity.

Hair Accessories

HANDMADE HAIR ACCESSORIES FROM UPCYCLED SCHOOL UNIFORMS

MIX AND MATCH SUMMER AND WINTER ITEMS

CAN BE PERSONALIZED TO YOUR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

FOR FULL RANGE AND FURTHER DETAILS VISIT

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HANDMADEGIFTSFORKIDS OR SEE ME AROUND SCHOOL - HEATHER ROCHE 0419 832 532

ART BLOG

- Visit:

http://artrangeview.global2.vic.edu.au

or access through the school website, tab ‘Specialists’ subtab ‘Visual Arts’.

TRYSTARS

KIDS TRIATHLON

If you park near the school please follow the parking restriction signs. These are designed to improve safety for everyone, especially our children.

Looking for summer holiday activities for your kids? Nunawading Triathlon Club are running a TRYstars program in the week beginning 12 January 2015 at 9am.

TRYstars is Triathlon Australia’s national “first touch” junior participation program for 7-12 yr olds that encourages kids to get involved in Triathlon.

TRYstars is based on action packed swim, ride and run games ensuring kids of all skill levels and abilities achieve success. It will be delivered during 4x 2 hour sessions.

TRYstars is more than a junior Triathlon initiative. It is the ONLY national first touch sport participation program which develops ALL of the fundamental movement skills needed for successful, life-long involvement in sport and active recreation activities.

TRYstars participants need to be able to swim 50 metres and ride unaided without the use of training wheels. They also need to have a bike, helmet, a pair of shoes and be ready to have fun!

TRYstars embodies the 5 core values of Triathlon Australia (Respect, Health, Enjoyment, Belonging, Achievement)

The fee for the TRYstars Program is $120. For further information about TRYstars and to register please follow this link: http://www.trystars.com.au/parents/how-to-register/