The View

From the Principal’s Desk

The Range- Pop Up Shop
Starts this Friday, 19th Feb., and runs for 3 more Fridays – 26th Feb, 4th & 11th March. Details on last page of this newsletter.

It has been determined by Apple that in certain cases the two prong Apple AC Wall Plug Adapter that were sold with Macs, iPhones and iPads from 2003 to 2015 may break and cause a risk of electric shock. Customer safety is always Apple’s top priority, and in school’s they have voluntarily decided to exchange affected wall plug adapters with a new, redesigned adapter, free of charge. Rangeview will be following this up.

Staff manage the charging of school owned devices including iPads. I also urge families that have this type of plug to have it replaced. One family reported to me a prompt replacement of the potentially faulty item at MACS, 10 Murray Place, Ringwood, phone 9847 0411 (an Apple authorised service provider).

Staffing

We welcome Frau Helga Shaw who will share the German (LOTE) teaching position, with Frau Lindner starting in week 5. We are sure everyone will make her feel welcome.

School Council Elections 2016

There are four vacancies for the Parent Member category, and one Community member in the Rangeview School Council. This is one such opportunity to be involved in your school community.

Nomination forms can be collected at the office. The nomination forms must be lodged by 4pm on Friday, 26th February. Should a ballot be required the ballot will close at 4pm on Friday, 11th March.

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category – members are co opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is about two years. The term of office half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council? Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.
Excursion Fund (CSEF) provided by the government will be able to offset by instalments. Parents/Guardians eligible for the Camp Sport and Choir, Band and Competitions, small group activities and the like. There will be a notice coming home late this week requesting payment either in full or sustainable and equitable approach across all levels of the school. This up by streamlining administration process and will also ensure a more support from fundraising. This new method of payment will assist families in the costs that families incur throughout the year including the generous however, will not include Camps, Swimming, Sport Levy and annual charge per student. Rangeview Primary School Council is aware and recognises that activities throughout 2016 are up to and not exceeding this amount to $100.00 per student for the whole year. Teachers will budget to ensure this amount against the Levy. Please collect a form from the office and return it completed with a copy of your valid Health Care Card or other Concession Card.

**BookPacks 2016**

Sincere thanks to Families who have paid the 2016 Booklist and Curriculum Contributions. Many families elected to pay by the end of last year with a fantastic response to pre-paying before collection. All Bookpacks have been collected and those students that had missing or damaged items will be rectified by our supplier. Receipts have been issued and please note that if you have contributed to the Library & Building Funds, the receipt must be retained for taxation purposes. If you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Leanne Theisinger, Business Manager at the School Office.

**Activity Levy 2016**

This year we will be introducing an Annual Activity Levy for 2016 replacing the Termly Activity Planner of past years. Activities throughout the school year are planned by teachers to enhance and enrich the curriculum and this levy is intended to cover the cost of excursions, incursions and activities up to $100.00 per student for the whole year. Teachers will budget to ensure that activities throughout 2016 are up to and not exceeding this amount per student. Rangeview Primary School Council is aware and recognises the costs that families incur throughout the year including the generous support from fundraising. This new method of payment will assist families in budgeting for the entire year, provide less confusion and last minute follow up by streamlining administration process and will also ensure a more sustainable and equitable approach across all levels of the school. This annual charge however, will not include Camps, Swimming, Sport Levy and Special Sporting events, Level 6 Graduation, extra-curricular activities like Choir, Band and Competitions, small group activities and the like. There will be a notice coming home late this week requesting payment either in full or by instalments. Parents/Guardians eligible for the Camp Sport and Excursion Fund (CSEF) provided by the government will be able to offset

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**Working Bees**

Many parents have commented on the improved level of maintenance around the school. While this maintenance has addressed the constant ‘to do’ list there is still plenty of work to be tackled by the volunteer force, so rain hail or shine (yes most likely shine!) the Twilight Working Bee on Thursday, 17th March 4pm-5.30pm needs you! The school grounds need a mini-clean up after summer and before the Fun Fair & Run Day event on Saturday, 19th March. Please don your gardening gloves, bring clippers and brooms and come along to the mini clean up. A light BBQ will conclude the event at 5.30pm.

**News from the Office**

**Student Accident Insurance & private property brought to schools**

We have already been alerting parents/staff/community with alerts, news, articles and reminders. All information is pushed to the app in ‘real time basis’ allowing schools to interact better with parents. To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android’s. (The direct LINK and instructions is on the HomePage of the school website: www.rangeview.vic.edu.au )

**Student Accident Insurance**

Just a reminder for parents/guardians that:

- if you don’t have Student Accident Insurance, you 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.
- Parents/guardians and staff are reminded that 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.

**School App**

Last year Rangeview Primary School implemented a phone app called *Upd-at-ed* We have already been alerting parents/staff/community with alerts, news, articles and reminders. All information is pushed to the app in ‘real time basis’ allowing schools to interact better with parents.

Thank you, School Office
Student of the Week - Assembly Monday, 22nd February at 2.50pm

| F H | Jamie H | For being a wonderful bucket filler and always saying kind things to his friends. What a great start to Foundation! |
| F N | Tommy  | For singing ‘Happy Birthday’ in Polish to a classmate with confidence and sincerity. Super singing Tommy! |
| 1 G | Jordy  | For maintaining your enthusiastic approach to learning. You are always willing to give everything a go! |
| 1 LB| Evan   | For demonstrating the school values of Responsibility and Learning. You are an enthusiastic and conscientious worker in Level 1. You should be very proud of your great efforts, Evan! |
| 1 M | Naomi  | For being such a kind and caring friend to a new classmate. Thank you, Naomi! |
| 2 H | Henry  | For working carefully on maths problems when you were working with Miss Horvath. You are using lots of great strategies Henry! |
| 2 K | Abigail| For being a very caring class member and always wanting to do your best. FANTASTIC!! |
| 3 J | Imani  | For all your efforts to be an inclusive and fair student in our class. You show our school value of teamwork happily, every day. Well done Imani! |
| 3 S | Hayley | Good on you for making the connection between your reading and mine. We came across the word ‘promptly’ in a story I read to you, then you found it in your reading. How exciting it is to learn new words! |
| 4 L | Sophie | For working very hard and presenting work of a very good standard. I like the way you listen well during class time and try to help your peers when they need assistance. A fantastic effort, Sophie! |
| 5 M | Poppy  | For writing an excellent letter to Captain AB including some thoughtful questions too. You used the given class time efficiently and displayed some great writing stamina. Keep it up! |
|     | Eva    | For writing an excellent letter to Captain AB including some thoughtful questions too. You used the given class time efficiently and displayed some great writing stamina. Keep it up! |
| 5 W | Abigail| For creating an engaging and highly informative iMovie to share your knowledge about angles. Well done! |
| 6 M | Raven  | For amazing research about the population of places around the world and for alerting the class the Australian Bureau of Statistics website. |
| LOTE| Madeleine 5E: For making an excellent start to the year in German by listening attentively and participating well in all activities. Wunderbar! Naveen 6R: For his excellent use of German in the classroom and for putting care and effort into his work. Fantastisch! |

MUSIC NEWS........

Trumpet Demonstration at Assembly
There will be a short assembly demonstration from our new brass teacher, Andrew McAdam. He will talk about brass instruments and perform some great tunes for everyone.
If your child/ren are keen on learning an instrument and not sure what - this will be a great opportunity for everyone to listen and learn about brass instruments!

Junior Choir and Senior Choir Enrolments
Ms Hubbard and I were so excited to see so many girls and boys get involved in the Junior and Senior Choir this year. Unfortunately, both choirs are now full. If your child/ren has not completed an enrolment form and paid, they will need to wait until there is a vacancy in the choir.

Please speak to Mrs Melitsis if you missed out on joining in the choir and I will let them know as soon as there is a spot available.

March 5th
Halliday Park
Movie starts at dusk & games for kids from 6:30pm
Bring picnic rug & chairs. Food will be available to purchase.

Term Dates
2016
Term 1: 27 Jan to 24 March
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 Sept
Term 4: 3 Oct to 20 Dec

Rangeview Clothing Exchange
Every Thursday morning - 8.45am to 9.30am
There is a good range of second hand clothing and sizes for sale.
All uniform donations gladly accepted.
Learning about Communication

Across the school we have been exploring ways we communicate and what good communication looks like and sounds like. Children understand that there are variety of ways we can communicate our thoughts and ideas to others. They also recognise that we can use digital and non-digital tools for communication. A quick brainstorm (with some level 1 students) of different ways we can communicate came up with: Show and Tell, Facebook, books, eBooks, twitter, letters, movies, posters, texts, emails and even face to face.

Communication is the ability to effectively:
- Articulate thoughts and ideas in a variety of ways: spoken, written, nonverbal, in both formal and informal contexts
- Listen with understanding
- Use technology responsibly and ethically
- Develop a means to judge the impact and effectiveness of their communication skills
- Communicate with a diverse audience and for a range of purposes

As part of this investigation into Communication level 1 students have been learning about letter writing. Some students have written letters to their teachers to introduce themselves and written to Captain AB to find out about his challenge. Last week all level 1 students wrote a letter to a Foundation student to welcome them to school. On Friday they went to the letter box and posted their letters. This was a great activity to support our writing program and to develop Communication skills.

German News - LOTE FOR LIFE

A couple of weeks ago our German Captain, Connor, highlighted the benefits of learning another language. So we know it's beneficial for our overall brain function and improves our memory, concentration, problem solving skills, as well as our English and numeracy skills. But: WHY LEARN GERMAN?

The German language is spoken by more than 125 million people as their native language in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein, Belgium, Luxemburg and Italy, and as a non-native language throughout the world. German is the most widely spoken native language in the European Union. German is a significant world language in the fields of science, medicine, technology and the arts as well as a business language used in commerce, industry and many other professions. German is a major trading language in Europe and the world.

Knowledge of the German language can open doors to a wide range of employment opportunities both in Australia and overseas in the commercial, educational, arts, scientific, psychological, chemical, automotive, hospitality and viticulture fields, to name a few. Germany invests heavily in the Asia-Pacific region. Germany is Australia’s fifth largest import partner, and combined German investment in Victoria is worth around 3 billion Euros. Established companies in Australia include Audi, BASF, Bayer, BMW, Bosch, Aldi, Deutsche Bank, Miele, Schenker, Siemens, and ThyssenKrupp Engineering. So keep up the great work and continue to practice your German language skills at home by checking out:

Viel Spaß und danke schön! - Frau Ulrike Lindner

PET ROSTER

Term 1 - Families on Duty:
- For the weekend 20th February the Slater Family are on duty

Term 1 - Level on Duty:
- 15th-26th February - 4L Mr Le
- Beth Joyce (3J) Animal Welfare Co-ordinator

Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!

February
- 11th Feb Brandon
- 12th Feb Dru
- 13th Feb Javier
- 14th Feb Jack
- 15th Feb Nieve
- 16th Feb Roxie
- 17th Feb Calista
- 18th Feb Ginger
- 19th Feb Matt
- 20th Feb Niamh
- 21st Feb Indigo
- 22nd Feb Ryan
- 23rd Feb Joel
- 24th Feb Benjamin
- 25th Feb Leeroy
- 26th Feb Caitlin
- 27th Feb Lachlan
- 28th Feb Andre
- 29th Feb Patrick

News from the Art Room

Hi everyone, what a great start we have had already in the Art room. Don't forget all students must have an art smock to do art activities. This can be an old shirt or tee shirt etc. Please make sure it is named so it can easily be returned if misplaced. We look forward to having a wonderful year and creating some amazing art works.

Mrs Shirley Van der Toorren
& Mrs Deirdree Gellings.
On Monday, we had our first whole school buddy session. We met our buddy classes and started to get to know each other.
Thank you to those parents/guardians who have already volunteered for the position/shared position of Class Rep. The following positions (Grade/Level) STILL need to be filled: FN, 1LB, 1M, 2O, 4B, 4L, 5E & 6R.

Please help support the classroom teacher and program. Following direction from the class teacher this person might coordinate the involvement of classroom helpers; assist with excursions and other roles consistent with the needs of the classroom program and the wider school needs. Class Representatives are also asked to help with the Mother’s and Father’s Day Stalls and some hot food lunch days that are coordinated by the Rangeview Community Committee. The School Fair will be a major fundraising event this year and would involve the Class Representative. They will also liaise with the Executive of our Rangeview Community Committee.

Please join us for the first Class Rep meeting - Wednesday, 2nd March at 9.10am in the Staffroom.

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The Range Pop-up Stall

It's Baaaack!!!
The Range Pop-up Stall will run for 4 Friday’s in Term 1 2016.
The Range only runs in Terms 1 and 4.

**Term 1 dates are:**
- Friday 19th February
- Friday 26th February
- Friday 4th March
- Friday 11th March

The Range will be open in the Gallery (enclosed area between the back of the hall and the Foundation/Grade 1 corridor).
- 3.20pm-3.45pm
- All items are $1.00

We sell a range of homemade donated goodies eg: jelly cups, cupcakes, slices, cookies and occasionally Mr Le’s famous potato cakes.

We look forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL BANKING 2016 Resumes - Wed, 17th Feb

Rangeview Primary School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help children develop essential saving skills and to raise funds for our school.

We are pleased to offer School Banking for the students at Rangeview Primary School, however we have decided not to participate in the School Banking Rewards Program. We are happy to continue School Banking in the traditional way by encouraging our children to create regular saving habits.

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as driver’s license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day – it is that easy!

If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you have the option to open the account online as well!

School Banking day is every Wednesday before 9.30am. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you for supporting the school.

**Please disregard any correspondence relating to the Rewards Program you may receive from the Bank.**

The Rangeview Community Committee (RCC) Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 1st March at 7.00pm (in the Staff Room) - Everyone Welcome!
The Rangeview Community Committee is your community committee dedicated to contributing to the well being of School Community members (students, parents and staff), liaising with the School Council and the Principal in identifying needs and concerns within the School Community, encouraging the participation of all parents in the life of the school and the education of their children, providing opportunities for parents to get to know each other and to be informed about their child’s school and to raise funds for the benefit of the school. As families of students attending Rangeview you are automatically members of the RCC. If you are interested in getting involved in any of the committee’s activities or arranging a new activity via the RCC, please attend our AGM or email the RCC on: rcc@rangeview.vic.edu.au. Any and all contributions are most welcome and we’d love to see you there!

RANGEVIEW COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 2016 NOMINATION FORM

I ____________________________ wish to nominate for the position of ____________________________

(your name above) (Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, School Council Liaison, General Member)

to the Rangeview Community Committee for 2016. I understand this is a 12 month appointment.

My nomination is supported by:

1) ___________________________________________________

2) ___________________________________________________

(signature & print name of any 2 members of the school community)