Voting Booth- BBQ and Cake Stall at Rangview

There is a call for help for the school barbeque and cake stall this Saturday, as Rangeview is a voting booth. All help most welcome. Please let the office know if you can help or return the tear off the slip in the newsletter. See you there!

2015 Start

Students (Level 1-6) return to school on Friday 30th January, 2015.
Foundation students start on Monday 2nd February, 2015.

Oxfam Music Festival

The senior choir and school band performed at the Box Hill Town Hall last night Tuesday 25th November. Congratulations to all the students who performed and thank you to the support by parents and families to allow our students to shine at such events. There have been a number of events over the year and now we look forward to the Carols spectacular on December 10th at 6pm.

In 2014 the senior choir has been led by Shirley Van Der Toorren and assisted by Robyn Blythe. The school band has been led by Karman Melitsis with support by Shirley Van Der Toorren. Junior choir has been led by Rebecca Hull and our Music Captain Luka Clark and Band Captain Dheran Stork-Finlay have been able to support and promote events. There have been a number of students and staff working together and the accomplishment is evident at such community events.

Twilight Up Coming Working Bee

The Twilight Working Bee has been CANCELLED, our next working bee will be in the new year. We appreciate the hard work by the many families over the year as I have said before, ‘many hands make light work’. We can look back on the year and see such a difference in the school gardens and take pride in the combined effort.

The school council will look at concept drawings for the cleared space following the removal of the 3 old single portables at the last meeting for 2014 on Wednesday 3rd December.

Staff Car Park

As all families are well aware parking outside the school is challenging and the staff car park is exactly that – for staff working at Rangeview. I ask parents to please be respectful of the limited car spaces for staff during school hours. Exceptions have been made for the 2 disabled parking spots.

Students leaving Rangeview

Please notify the school office immediately if your child will not be returning to Rangeview Primary School in 2015 as this assists us with our planning for classes next year. Thank you for your assistance.

Student Action - Keely 4A

Students over the year have presented ideas that have come to fruition. Our student voice leader Holly and with Adele, designed and made Fuzzles that sold out very quickly at the school fair which raised money for the garden projects. Ryan C (5/6K) had an idea for a lunchtime science club that ran in term 3. Keely in 4A has presented a compelling case to choose wisely as consumers and asked if this could be promoted through the school newsletter. Keely’s letter: (see over page)
Dear Mrs. Barr,

I’m sure you’re aware that beautiful orangutans are getting endangered every month. Well, it should stop and we would like to take part. We do not really want them to become extinct. I, for one love orangutans. Palm Oil Plantations are taking over the orangutans’ homes. It’s terrible. They are chopping down the trees and making space for palm oil. We could help with just little steps. For example, maybe we shouldn’t buy so much palm oil. Sometimes it can be disguised as vegetable oil.

I don’t think anyone would like it if they got separated from their family. For example, poachers take the babies from the mother and sell them for money. How sad is that?! Also, the loggers sort of work with the poachers and the poachers blame someone else.

It’s a horrible situation, so we are asking for your help. We would really like to put some tips about palm oil free products in the newsletter. Would this be possible? Kind regards, Keeley from 4A

P.S. – Please see the attached tip picture above, about which products are palm oil free.

Office News

Changes to Education Maintenance Allowance - EMA

Late last week a letter was sent home to all families that were eligible for EMA in 2014. This was in regard to the abolishment of the EMA program. See below for an extract of this letter. If you require any more information please contact me.

....“A message from the Department of Early Childhood Development:

Parents will no longer be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance as it is now completely abolished by the DEECD. The government will be providing extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the EMA directly to parents.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools, unfortunately, not all schools will be receiving any funding in 2015.

Rangeview is not an eligible school and will receive no additional funding.....”

For those families who may be experiencing financial difficulties, we have copies of information available at the school office, provided by the Commonwealth Government that outlines the assistance that is available to you.

Import Information in regard to school levies.

Later this week all families should receive by mail, detailed information in regard to the 2015 Essential Education Items and Other Contributions - First Aid Fund and our two Tax Deductible funds—Library and Building Funds.

In this package will be:

♦ School Council Approved detailed charges for 2015
♦ First Aid Fund findings from recent survey
♦ 2015 Payment Agreement (salmon coloured form)

We ask that you bring with you, the 2015 Payment Agreement when you pick up your children’s book packs.

For those families who may not be able to make full payment at the start of the year, we are offering an instalment option that may be beneficial to you.

For more information about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Brenda Porteous
Business Manager

Music News

Carols Night

This Friday the 28th November we will be having our first rehearsal for the Carols Night Band and Choir. If you love to sing or play an instrument, please come along and be part of this group. Grandparents, uncles, aunts, special friends are all welcome as we celebrate this special time of the year together.

The rehearsal will start at 6pm and finish at 7pm. Please bring a black pocket book with you for the music.

End of Year Luncheon

Every year students in the Senior and Junior Choir and School Band get together for a special luncheon and celebrate the achievements of the year. Previously this was listed in our newsletter as Tuesday 2nd December. Due to a clash with the Level 5 & 6 bike ride, we are now going to have it on Friday 5th December. A notice will be going home to all students in our groups.

Shirley Van Der Tooren & Karman Melitsis - Performing Arts Teachers
Rangeview Notices for 26th November

- Newsletter (on website only)
- Foundation Photos reminder
- Election Day BBQ Helpers form (to Class Reps only)
- 2015 Student Education Contribution information (by mail)

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.

PET ROSTER

Level Duty:
- For the week 24th - 28th November Level 2G (Mrs Goulding) is on duty

Family Duty:
- For the weekend 29th November the Sherwood Family are on duty.

FOUNDATION 2014 PHOTOS REMINDER

An order form was sent home recently to all our Foundation families for the opportunity to have a set of photos taken proudly sponsored by Harvey Norman Computers in Nunawading at a total cost of $30.00 a set. The permission slip and payment are due back at school by this Friday 28th November. Another form will be sent home on Wednesday for you to complete. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY SAMPLES OF PHOTOS ON DISPLAY OUTSIDE THE OFFICE.

HELPERS WANTED

ELECTION DAY BBQ/CAKE STALL

Rangeview Primary School Hall - Saturday 29th November 9am - 4pm

RCC are having a sausage sizzle on Election Day, Saturday 29th November and require help on the day.

If you have an hour to spare we would like your help.

We are also accepting donations of baked goods to sell on the day.

If you would like to help please email elliotdowell@optusnet.com.au or tear off the slip below and return it to the office.

ELECTION DAY BBQ/CAKE STALL

YES I CAN HELP WITH THE BBQ

NAME____________________________________ PHONE OR EMAIL_____________________________________

YES I WILL CONTRIBUTE BAKED GOODS TO THE CAKE STALL

NAME____________________________________ PHONE OR EMAIL_____________________________________

Rangeview Primary School

Holiday Program - January 2015

The Summer Holiday Program will be running from Monday 5th January to Wednesday 28th January 2015

There will be a variety of Theme Days, incursions and excursions and we are currently putting the final touches to the schedule of fun activities.

All details of exactly what will be on offer each day will be available on our website and at the program by 5th December.

Bookings are now open through our website at www.oshclub.com.au. Simply log into your account (or create a new one) and book the dates you require.

For all enquiries, please call 03 8564 9000.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Holiday Program.

From the OSHClub Team

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Rangeview Animals

The chooks and numerous guinea pigs 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 many wonderful school families and during the school week by different Levels.

Rostered families get the key on Friday after school. On Saturday and Sunday they let the chooks out into their wire cage area, feed them fresh kitchen scraps, clean their coop and replenish the water and dried feed containers. They also shut the chooks safely away in their shed at night time.

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 you need are located in the hay shed in the guinea pig 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 distributed 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 at Rangeview. It helps make our school such a special place.

If your family would like to go on the Rangeview Animal Roster for 2015 or the 2014/2015 Christmas Holidays please return the animal roster form by email asap.

Our Rangeview community is extremely grateful to all the families who have looked after our animals in 2014. 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 2015!

Parent Name: ___________________________ Phone Number:_________________________

and email: _______________________ Child’s Name: __________________________ Level in 2015:_________

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

Only a weekend in 2015 [ ] During school holiday weeks Christmas 2014/15 [ ] Easter 2015 [ ]

July Holidays 2015 [ ] September Holidays 2015 [ ]

We would like to do both weekend and a holiday times if possible. [ ]

If particular dates or emergency only, please specify: _____________________________

For Families already on the Roster

Family Name:________________________________________

We love looking after the Rangeview Animals. Just pop us on the roster again. [ ]

We would like to stay on the Animal Roster but need to change to a different time. (Please specify)

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Student of the Week - for Monday, 1st December assembly

| F B     | Kav Marshall Sawanika | For your wonderful Holiday diary that you worked on while you were away in Queensland. It was full of information about all the fabulous activities you and your family enjoyed. Thank you for working so hard while you were away! You are a star!
  | For your effort and enthusiasm with all your work in class. I am very proud of your endeavours and you should be very pleased with your results. You are fabulous, Marshall! Well done!
  | For your fabulous effort with your reading and writing. You have been working really hard and with enthusiasm on all your work. Well done, Sawanika! You are wonderful!
| 1 H     | Anton | For enthusiastic participation in our daily ‘Just Get Active’ fitness program. Fantastic exercising and meditation Anton.
| 1 L     | Sam   | For demonstrating resilience, patience and personal strength when needed.
| 2 G     | Katie | For your excellent research skills and presentation of your project on quokkas. You always set a great example with the enthusiasm and effort you put in to everything you do. Well done, Katie!
| 3 M     | Patrick | For accepting learning challenges and for challenging himself in Mathematics particularly in open ended problem solving activities. Keep up the effort Patrick!
| 3 L     | Jason Rhoan | For always completing your work to a very high standard. You do great thinking in class and you take pride in the neatness of your handwriting. Keep it up Jason
  | For being a kind and friendly student in class. You always show consideration and good manners. Well done Rhoan.
| 3/4 S   | Amber Marisa | You used the question mark in Mathletics to help you understand an addition problem and work out how to solve it. You persevered by going back to the HELP button until you really knew what to do. Good work!
  | You tackle all school tasks with such enthusiasm. Now you are writing a letter inspired by our journey on The Endeavour with James Cook. I look forward to reading the finished product.
| 4 A     | Tom   | For voluntarily giving up part of your lunchtime to utilise your digital skills to help edit the music in preparation for 4A and 4B’s carols performance. Teachers, students, if you ever need help with iMovie or figuring out how to shorten a piece of music, Tom is your man.
| 4 B     | Poppy | You have demonstrated great critical thinking skills by researching how Aboriginals lived before white settlement and started creating your own model of their traditional shelter. You discovered that their shelter changes according to where they live in Australia and the resources available and then worked out what would be the best resources available to you at Rangeview PS. Well done!
| 4 H     | Vicenté | For starting at Rangeview in such a positive and enthusiastic way; you always trying so hard with all your school work. Well done Vicenté.
| 6 M     | Jack Jed | For describing your role as German Leader to future leaders currently in level 5. You spoke so well with such confidence!
  | For working so hard in 2014 to improve in Mathematics. Well done Jed!

Social Services Report – November 2014

Your unwanted shoes are wanted in Africa !!! You can do magic for people who cannot afford shoes in the poorest regions on earth by donating your gently worn shoes. Make sure they are clean and in good condition- preferably shoes you have hardly worn. Stuff in a pair of socks – which help avoid blisters – and your present will make a huge difference to the poorest people in the world. It is estimated that over 300 million children around the world have never owned a pair of shoes and an average pair or good quality shoes are worth two or three months savings to a poor person.

Donations of shoes can be dropped off before school to the storage area under the hall (first door along) and placed in the boxes provided. Two Social Service’s Representatives will be there to assist with organisation. Please don’t forget to include a gold coin donation with each pair of shoes (this will cover the cost of shipping).

info@soles4souls.com.au

Mrs Brown – Junior School Council Leader
This week’s Cybersafety Tip

Privacy Management

Have you ever considered just how much personal information you’ve shared online? Chances are, it’s quite easy for someone to find a picture of you, your full name, date of birth, maybe even your mobile number or the school you go to!

Some people out there may use your personal information to steal your identity, identify your physical location or bully you.

So what can you do about it?

- Use privacy settings on your social networking profiles. We strongly recommend that you set your accounts to “private” or “friends only”.
- Only accept friend requests from people you know and trust.
- Don’t show your birthday on your profile.
- Avoid posting photos online of you wearing a school or sport uniform. You might just be giving away your exact location.
- Think before you post any personal information about you, your family, your friends and even your enemies. Think about who will see that info, what could they do with it, and weather or not it’s worth the risk!

The Heatherdale Community Action Group Inc.
Meeting Dates 2014, 7.30pm—Dec 10th.
Held at Rangeview P.S. All Welcome!

Program
January 2015 School Holiday Program
The School Holiday Program will commence from Monday, 5th of January 2015. Please book and read further details on the website.

Reminder: Please make sure that your child has a hat at before and after school care as we will be taking advantage of the better weather and going outside to play as much as possible.

OSHC program phone: 0428 882 764

Coordinator: Hannah A
Assistants: Chloe, Zac, Randy, Penny, Stephanie, Stephanie P and Tim

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 phone number.

Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!

November
26th Nov Kate
27th Nov Daniella
28th Nov Amy
29th Nov Amelie

December
1st Dec Tess
3rd Dec Rohan

OSHClub
Before & After School Care

Rangeview Clothing Exchange
Every Thursday 8.45am to approx. 9.30am

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting Dates for 2014
Held at Rangeview P.S. Meetings commence at 7.30pm for approx. 1 hour duration.

Last one for 2014! Tue, 9th Dec.
Everyone Welcome!

RINGWOOD BALLET
PRESENTS IT’S 2014 ANNUAL PRODUCTION
HANSEL AND GRETEL
And supporting programme
Kakkaalyka Theatre
11th to 13th December
Phone Kakkaalyka on 9879 2933