Oktoberfest
It was a sea of red, yellow and black at the annual Rangeview Oktoberfest on Wednesday last week. Events, food fest and activities including, a soccer story retold by level 5/6K, and a film directed by Frau Thaler and edited by Beau and 4B students as the stars of the film. Many students commented on the exciting day celebrating language learning across the school. Congratulations to all students for their participation in the wide range of activities. We appreciate the support by parents and the RCC to help with the massive task of ordering, collating and distributing the food on such a busy day. I wish to acknowledge the work and leadership by Frau Thaler and Frau Lindner – excellent teamwork.

Parent Forum with Parent Rep meeting
Last Friday morning a number of parents met in the staffroom as part of the discussion and contribution to our next Strategic Plan. This plan sets the direction for the school over the next 4 years and beyond. We watched the Sir Ken Robinson animated talk on Changing Education Paradigms: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDZFcDGpL4U&feature=player_embedded

This RSA Animate was adapted from a talk given at the RSA by Sir Ken Robinson, world-renowned education and creativity expert and recipient of the RSA’s Benjamin Franklin award.

The parents were asked to contribute to the question “What do you want your child to learn at Rangeview?”. The contributions generally fell into the categories of Student Capabilities and Academic Achievement. This is in line with the Strategic Plan’s 4 goals - Student Learning, Student Wellbeing, Student Engagement and Productivity (aligning resources to achieve the goals).

Parents spoke about wanting their children to develop a sense of self and connectedness to their school in an environment that challenges, stimulates, nurtures and supports them while acknowledging the individual. A culture of ‘acceptance of diversity’ to be the norm was expressed. The importance of social skills to enable a child to negotiate, collaborate, investigate and problem solve with others was a common thread. We want our children to have strategies to trial and learn with and the confidence to have a go and be resilient when faced with disappointment.

Clearly, motivation and engagement in their learning is critical in students achieving and having a sense of success. Students having a voice and choice is interrelated to engagement.

Examples of the responses:
- Connecting, influencing, negotiating, enhancing others
- A wide range of stimulating and challenging experiences so that they can learn more about themselves
- The opportunity to collaborate with others
- Being accepted
- Progress at a pace
- Team work
- The ability to accept/understand the differences of others
- To challenge what is right and wrong
- To develop skills to successfully communicate
- Understand their strengths and what makes them happy
- Independence, academic ability, personal growth, communication across ages

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend. This feedback will be shared with school council and staff as we develop the school goals.

World Teachers Day
World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to say thank you and acknowledge the teaching staff. Every day teachers make a difference educating and inspiring students. World Teachers’ Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October but we celebrate on Friday, 31st October.

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Manhattan Party Night
What a superb night at the Manhattan Hotel, ably organised by the RCC parent Committee. The people who attended the night of music and socializing deemed the evening a resounding success. Thank you to the parents and friends of Rangeview for joining in on the fun, and I would like to acknowledge the organizing team, led by Alex C, with Sabreena, Irene, Karen, Lynette, Rebecca, Nicola, Christine and Sivly.

Twilight Working Bee
Last Friday evening a number of families spread mulch and planted in the level 2 portable garden areas. Parents and friends also helped move The Range Pop Up Shop to the resource room next to the foundation garden areas.

Many thanks to the following families for their hard work, which they can look back on with pride, as the gardens flourish. Thank you to Family: Woolard, Cox-Armitage, Boully, Buttery, Allison, Kellock, Bolet, Lee and staff that joined me included: Mr Le, Mr Bunston and Mr Ian Barr. All jobs were completed with a limited number of families attending.

October School Council feedback
At the October School Council meeting reports included:

- CAP EX (Capital Expenditure) has reported on the completion of the deck between the 2 portables. As well as landscaping the foundation area and sand pit
- Parent opinion survey data indicating that parent input and student safety up, while general satisfaction is down from the previous year
- Parent comments in the survey could be grouped into the categories of Communication, Perception of Teachers and Student Behaviour
- Parent Forum - Future Directions
- Approval of the Pupil Free Days in 2015 Term 1 2015, Wednesday 28th January and Thursday 29th January, followed by one in May and July (dates TBC)
- 2 twilight working bees in term 4, 2014

Parents as Tutors
Parent involvement can come in many different ways in your child’s education and the Parents as Tutors Program that ran in October was one such opportunity. Ms Marita Horvath led the program with support from Mrs Marg Goulding. The focus was on literacy learning and identifying what helps your child learn and feel successful. Over the evening, parents looked at reading, and how parents can assist in the classroom. If you have been unable to attend this session there will be a Parents as Tutors session early in 2015.

Students leaving the school in 2014/15
Please notify the school office in writing if your child will not be returning to Rangeview Primary School in 2015 (other than current Level 6 students) as this assists us with our planning for classes next year. Thank you for your prompt assistance.

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.

Melbourne Cup Day - Tuesday, 4th November
Parents please note that Monday, 3rd November, the day before the Cup Day holiday, will be a normal school day under DEECD guidelines.

Mrs Liz Barr - Principal

Music News

L5 & L6 Drumming Incursion
On Monday, 27th October the Level five and six students enjoyed an incursion with an African drummer. They had the use of authentic drums and experienced playing them first hand with a talented musician.

Percussion/ Brass Woodwind Concert
On Thursday, 30th October at 4pm, there will be a concert for students of Sam Pouste’s and Nina Musumeci’s. The concert will be held in the music room. Good luck to all students playing.

Count Us In
Students have been learning the song “Paint You A Song” for this year’s Count Us In being held on Thursday, 30th October. Our school band has been rehearsing the music and our choirs have been learning the harmony and actions. All students will head to the hall by 12.30pm. We will have a live feed to Parliament House where John Foreman from Channel 9 will count us down to sing and play the song. It should be great fun.

To hear the song go to http://www.musiccountusin.org.au
Lunchtime Science Club
Photos from week two science club. Students constructed simple catapults. They are very well behaved and enthusiastic. They had to build catapults from scratch using their own ideas or just going off picture’s. A very rewarding session. Next week is magnet madness, followed by more sophisticated and complex catapults.
Joanne and Alex

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

Reminder: Please ensure 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
OSHCClub 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.
Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!

October
29th Oct  Imogen
          Justin
          Abbey
30th Oct  Morgan
          Samantha
31st Oct  Hudson

November
1st Nov   Junhong
          Eliza
2nd Nov   Kathrine
3rd Nov   Jamieson
          Lucienna
          Caelan
          Cameron
4th Nov   Ben
5th Nov   Joshua

Lost Property
LOTS OF DRINK BOTTLES & PLASTIC CONTAINERS!!!
Please check the LOST property bucket before this Friday.
Please ensure ANY/ALL clothing and other items brought to school are clearly named.

Rangeview Notices for 29th October
- Newsletter (on website only)
- Receipts
- Foundation - 2 Subway forms
- Exc/Inc payment reminders

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 20th to 31st October - Level 5W (Ms Wilson) is on duty.
- For the week 3rd to 7th November - Level 1L (Ms Laing & Mrs Balderston) is on duty.

Family Duty:
- For the weekend 1st November (CUP WEEKEND) the Stacy/Keath Family are on duty.
- For the weekend 8th November the Robertson Family are on duty.

Beth Joyce
(3J)
Animal Welfare Co-ordinator

Rangeview Primary School Car Park
Just an important reminder that there is NO parent parking in the school grounds. The only exceptions to this are the disabled carparks (with sticker showing) and parents using the Outside School Hours Program (OSHClub).

Rangeview Clothing Exchange
Every Thursday
8.45am to 9.30am

Art Blog Visit: http://artrangeview.global2.vic.edu.au
or access through the school website, tab 'Specialists' subtab 'Visual Arts'

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting Dates for 2014
Held at Rangeview P.S. Meetings commence at 7.30pm for approx. 1 hour duration.
Tue, 9th Dec.
Everyone Welcome!

Rangeview Community Committee
Many, many thanks to RCC members and parent helpers who did such a great job at the Oktoberfest last Wednesday and for the very successful Manhattan Party Night on Saturday!

Dates for your Calendar
* F - L 2 Subway lunch-orders due, Wed 5th Nov
* F - L 2 Subway lunch - Monday, 10th November
* L3 - L6 Subway lunch-orders due, Wed 19th Nov
* L3 - L6 Subway Lunch - Monday, 24th November

Please contact the school office on 9874 6381 to find out how to join the Rangeview Community Committee.
You may wish to help on a small project or something more involved.
Hyperactivity? Inattention? New Study with a Natural Medicine
The effects of a special extract of Bacopa monnieri on children and adolescents with hyperactivity and inattention.

Do you find that your son seems hyperactive?
Have you noticed that your son gets distracted easily and has difficulties staying focused and finishing his homework?

We are seeking male children & adolescents aged 6-14 years for a 4 month trial with a natural medicine.

At Swinburne University we are currently investigating the effects of a natural medicine, a special extract of Bacopa monnieri, and its ability to reduce symptoms related to hyperactivity, inattention and impulsivity.

Your son may be eligible if he is:
- Aged between 6 & 14
- Experience high levels of hyperactivity, impulsivity or inattention
- Not taking any other natural supplements

Your son will NOT be eligible if he:
- Has existing or pre-existing physical or neurological conditions
- Has a history of substance abuse
- Has visual or hearing impairment

You will then be given a 16 week supply of either a special extract of Bacopa monnieri or placebo on for your child to consume.

Testing session: 5 testing sessions (each 2 hours) over the course of 4 months
Testing location: Advanced Technologies Centre at Swinburne University (Nawthorn Campus)

If you or someone you know are interested in taking part in this clinical trial and would like further information, please contact the Swinburne Centre for Human Psychopharmacology, Hawthorn on:

Phone: (03) 9214 4444 (please leave a message) or Email: jkean@swin.edu.au

The Heatherdale Community Action Group Inc.
Meeting Dates 2014, 7.30pm
Nov 12th / Dec 10th.
Held at Rangeview P.S.
All Welcome!

Working With Children Check (WWCC)
A current Working With Children Check (WWCC) is required for ALL people who work with or care for children, either as an employee or volunteer.

If you do not have a valid card (none or expired card) you need to apply for one online (there is no charge for a volunteer and they are valid for 5 years). Visit http://enewswwcc.justice.vic.gov.au or ring them on 1300 652 879 for more information.

Once you receive the card please bring it to the office for copying.

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Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Challenge has now finished!
No data can be entered now.
Lookout for the following:

*October: Online Honour Roll featuring a congratulatory video to be published on the Challenge website.

*November: Certificates issued to school principals and home based settings for distribution.

Thank you everyone for taking part!!!

Thanks - Ms Natoli

Don’t forget – October is Walk to School Month

Why should children walk more?
There are dozens of reasons why walking is good for children. Walking keeps them fit and active, helps them learn about road safety and prepares them for independence. It shows them that the world is an interesting place, and gives them the chance to watch their own neighbourhoods change with the seasons. It keeps them connected with other people who live nearby.

One of the best things you can do as a parent is to walk regularly with your children, and encourage them to walk more. You will be helping them to set up a lifetime of healthy habits from an early age.

As a community, we all need to be out and about on our two feet more often if children are to be inspired to do the same (it’s difficult for parents to convince children that walking is fun if nobody else is doing it).

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