Diary Dates 2015

December
Tue 1st L5 Professor Maths
Mad On Music Exams
Wed 2nd L6- Etihad Stadium Excursion
Thu 3rd Pizza Lunch - choir/band students
NEW TIME-Carols rehearsal-5.30-6.30pm
Creative Music Presentation 7pm
Fri 4th Piano Concert 5-6.30pm
Mon 7th Special Award assembly
Parent Helpers Tea 2pm
Tue 8th L6 to L7 Transition Day 9am
Foundation 2016 final Transition sess.9.15-10.45am
Wed 9th Rangeview Carols Night 6.30-8.30pm
Fri 11th Piano Concert 5-6.30pm
L3 & L4 Picnic
Wed 16th Visit to new classes
Access to Sentral- portal for Student Reports
Thu 17th L5 & 6 End of Year Excursion
Fri 18th Last Day 2015-1pm assembly

School Term Dates 2015
Term 4: 5 Oct to 18 Dec

School Term Dates 2016
Term 1: 27 Jan to 24 March
- Staff begin Wed 27th January
- L1 to L6 students start Thurs, 28th January 2016
- Foundation students start Friday, 29th January 2016

Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 Sept
Term 4: 3 Oct to 20 Dec

Invitation to Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea
Our hard working families of Rangeview P.S. are invited to an afternoon tea, as our way of saying thank you for your valued and varied contribution to the school.
The afternoon tea will commence at 2.00pm on Monday, 7th December before assembly starts at 2.50pm. Speeches will be at 2.15pm.
To assist with catering, please RSVP on 9874 6381.
We would love to see you there!
Liz Barr & Staff

Student Leaders for 2016
Students in level 5 have been considering the leaderships roles available as year 6 students in 2016. Letters have been written for positions and house leader candidates will be presenting to their peers this week. We are asking only the 14 and 5 house members to vote for their house leader. This is a change from previous years.
I congratulate all the students for taking the step of applying for, or considering a leadership role. All senior students, regardless of a leadership badge, are a role model for our younger students. The relationship they will build with their foundation buddy is very important and can make a significant difference in their school life.

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill - Youth Achievement Award
On Monday, 23rd November, Lucy R. from 6M received the Rotary Youth Achievement award for excellence from the Rotary Club of Forest Hill.
Lucy was recognised for her outstanding academic achievement, her involvement in the instrumental music program, representation of Rangeview in sport at state level and the outstanding example she sets for others in her leadership role. Lucy attended a dinner with her parents where she was presented with her award. Rangeview Primary School is extremely proud of Lucy.
The criteria for the award is that the recipient is not necessarily an outstanding student who has already achieved many sporting and academic awards, but one who:
• has made worthwhile contributions and put effort into the life of their school community,
• has achieved success through application and determination throughout the year
• can be called upon as being an example for other students, and / or has mentored students

Transition Reminders
Next Tuesday, 8th December is the last transition session for Foundation students starting in 2016, at 9.15am to 10.45am.
This day is also the level 6 transition day into their secondary school. We wish all exiting level 6 students all the best as they prepare for the imperative transfer into the next learning phase of their lives, with all of the exciting challenges they will face.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015
Almost every student at Rangeview took part in this years Premier’s Reading Challenge. Level teachers have decided that the following students receive a special Reading Challenge lapel pin, to recognise their outstanding efforts in this years challenge.

Cricket Success
The senior girls cricket team won last week and are now off to the MCG. The boys team played very well but unfortunately missed out on this opportunity by losing the final by 20 runs.
Congratulations to all the players and their coach Mr Michael Sacchetta and we all wish the girls good luck on Thursday.
Principal’s Report Continued

Carols on the Oval
Weather permitting, Carols on the Oval will start at 6.30pm as per last year. There is a barbeque available from 5.00pm and The Range Pop-Up shop will be open from that time as well. Out of respect to our neighbours, please park away from the school and walk where possible. I remind all families that there is very limited parking on the school site and that is strictly for staff and the 2 disabled visitors spots.

Reports
Teaching staff have been working on the student reports and Mr Ian Bunston and I will share the reading of every child’s report before their report is available on the portal through Sentral. reports will be available to read on-line through the Sentral Parent Portal from Wednesday, 16th December 3.30pm. This is the first time the reports will not be printed. If you are unable to access the portal, arrangements can be made to have the printed report sent home. This request has to be in writing and sent to the office before Friday, 11th December.

iPad Information session & Maths Activity Afternoon
It’s always nice to receive positive feedback from the school community about sessions and extra activities that staff stay back at school to run. The below were 2 emails received recently by the school:
Dear Mrs Barr,
I am writing to say a big (belated) thank you to all staff involved in organising and attending the Maths Activity afternoon earlier this term. It was an excellent opportunity to have fun with maths and it was great to see some of the activities that are so helpful in our students’ learning. We all had a great time and very much appreciate the time and effort involved in planning such a fantastic activity for Rangeview families.

I am writing to say a very big thankyou to the staff and students involved in preparing and presenting the iPad information session which I attended on Monday afternoon. The session was very informative, and the time and effort all put in to make this session so useful was very much appreciated. The information presented by the staff gave an excellent overview, and the presentations from the students (both in person and on the videos) gave an excellent insight into how students use their iPads and how they feel about using them. IT Technician Ben’s willingness to answer questions and share his knowledge was extremely helpful also.
I would very much appreciate it if you could please pass my feedback on to Mrs Barnes, Ms Box, Ben (IT technician), and the students involved in the presentation.
Thank you, Julie S (Ben S 3/4S and Luke S FB)

Instrumental Music Lessons at Rangeview
Following feedback from the School Community, Specialist Music Teachers and supported by School Council a review of the external providers of music tuition taking at Rangeview has now taken place. The panel has decided to introduce an alternative music company for 2016 called ‘Creative Music’ who will be able to continue to provide keyboard and guitar lessons at Rangeview Primary School. A letter was sent home last Wednesday, to families currently being tutored this year. An information evening has been arranged for parents this Thursday, Dec 3rd at 7-7.30pm in the school. Enrolment information for 2016 with ‘Creative Music’ will also be available at the school office.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank ‘Mad on Music’ for their musical contribution and involvement at Rangeview and wish them well for the future. If you have received a 2016 invoice from ‘Mad on Music’ and have paid please liaise with them to arrange a refund. If you have enrolled for Term 1, 2016 you will need to now consider the tuition options provided by ‘Creative Music’.

At Rangeview Primary School we are committed to providing quality educational opportunities for our children and we are confident that this decision will further enhance and enrich our extended Music program.

Candy Canes
In line with the school policy for confectionary, we ask students not to distribute candy canes with their Christmas cards. Children could receive multiples of the sugary sweet, and it is often handed out at the beginning of the day.

Mrs Liz Barr - Principal

Congratulations to Jessica H. in Level 6. Over the last couple of years she has been quietly working away on a Compass Award. The award follows the same format as A Duke of Edinburgh Award, but is designed for children aged 10-14 years!
Jess has now completed the award which means she set herself goals, then completed & documented:
- 49 hours of physical activity (rollerskating, bike riding, water polo, bat tennis)
- 45 hours developing a skill (ceramics, astronomy, cartooning)
- 70+ hours of volunteering activities (kindergarten, St John Cadets)
9 days on different explorations (1000 Steps, Melbourne city, The Summit, Pt Leo star-gazing)
It was fabulous that she was able to incorporate several school activities into the award and we wanted to thank Mrs Kehoe & Mrs Morgan for assisting as assessors for these. More information about the award, click on the following link: http://www.dukeofedvic.org.au/about/compass-bridge-awards/

Junior School Council Report
Well done to everyone who brought in items for the Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Giving Boxes. Junior School Council members have been very organized and supportive of this terrific cause. Each classroom had received 3 giving boxes to fill. The compiling and packaging of the boxes was completed on Friday, 27th November and will be picked up shortly.
78 children will receive a Christmas Box for Christmas. A big thank you to the Rangeview Community Committee, who are covering the initial cost of the giving boxes and also the $9.00 per box shipping cost, through proceeds from The Range Pop-up shop.

Mrs C Brown
Junior School Council Leader
News from the Office - Booklist & Curriculum Contribution 2016

Thank you to those families who have already paid the 2016 Booklist & Curriculum Contribution. Commencing Term 4, 2015 we have introduced BPay as a new payment option for busy Rangeview families and this method of payment is preferred.

The 2016 contributions can be paid before the 14th December 2015, or in the new year but at the latest on collection of Book Collection Days 2016: Note correct times:

- Monday, 25th January 9.30am to 3.00pm
- Wednesday, 27th January 12.30pm to 3.00pm

If you have pre-paid go directly to the ART ROOM for collection of bookpacks. Pre-paying your contributions will avoid queues at the general office on these days.

Final Reminder 2015

Those families who still have outstanding levies from 2015 are requested to make payment without delay, to ensure the schools financial commitments are finalised by year end.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Mrs Leanne Theisinger - Business Manager

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**MUSIC NEWS**

**Instrumental Music News 2016**

Sarah our piano teacher has been at Rangeview since 2013. She has taught many beginner to intermediate piano students as well as enrolling students through AMEB exams and accompanying other instrumental students. Sarah will be working full-time as Music and Humanities Teacher at Dromana Secondary in 2016. We wish her the best of luck in her teaching career. Cathy Cossey will be taking on Sarah’s piano students next year.

**Creative Music Information Night Thursday 3rd December 7-7.30pm in the Library**

For families that cannot attend the information session, there will be information available at the office next week.

Some general information about Creative Music:

Creative Music has been operating since 1987. They currently teach at 80 schools in Melbourne. They pride themselves on assisting ensembles, bands, choirs and orchestras as well as providing students regular performance opportunities. Creative Music priority has always been the welfare and music education of children whilst providing parents with cost effective access to lessons along with an efficient, understanding and friendly administration.

The structure of instrumental lessons are personalized and varied for students. Lessons will be rotated on a termly basis so students don’t miss out on the same class.

- 30 minute group lesson with 3 students $16.00
- 30 minute group lesson with 2 students $21.80
- 30 minute private lesson $29.80

Parents are invoiced directly by Creative Music for all fees and charges. This can be all paid for online.

Creative Music offers students the option to progress onto AMEB exams.

**Student discounts:**

- A 5% discount off lesson fees for early payment
- A 5% discount off lessons for Health Care Card Holders
- A 5% discount for a sibling increasing by 5% for each subsequent sibling

All the above discount are cumulative

**Oxfam Senior Choir**

The Senior Choir performed at the Oxfam Music Festival last Thursday. They sang a Lion King medley and ‘Seasons of Love’ from the musical, Rent. I would like to congratulate all the senior choir students for their high level of preparation in the lead up to the event. Thank you for the great feedback from parents, school community and other teachers. Special mention to Mrs. Blythe and Mr. Bunston for their support on the evening.

**Carols Night**

We still need some extra helpers to assist with jobs on the Carols Night next Wednesday. If you are available at all on the evening to help out, please fill in the red form sent home last week and give it to the office.

**Final Carols Band Rehearsal**

Due to the Creative Music 2016 Presentation on Thursday at 7pm in the library, the final Carols Band Rehearsal will take place from 5.30-6.30pm in the Music room. Don’t forget to practice your music and work on it during your instrumental lessons.
**Student of the Week - Monday, 7th December**

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<td>F B</td>
<td>Esther</td>
<td>Alice</td>
<td>For your kindness and attention you afford your classmates, especially those who need a friend to play with or are feeling sad. Thank you, Esther! You are a star! For your interest and excellent behaviour and listening during our Royal Botanic Garden’s excursion. You were a model student and shared your ideas willingly with the educators. Well done, Alice! You are fabulous!</td>
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<td>F G</td>
<td>Miranda</td>
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<td>For your fabulous enthusiasm during our excursion to the Botanic Gardens. It was wonderful to hear you sharing your knowledge. Well done!</td>
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<td>F H</td>
<td>Tennyson</td>
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<td>For being a kind and friendly student and displaying the school values by demonstrating excellent teamwork and being a respectful listener. Well done Tennyson, you’ve had a great year in Foundation!</td>
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<td>1 H</td>
<td>Paddy</td>
<td>Marshall</td>
<td>For making excellent improvements in his reading and writing throughout the year. Paddy has been practising very hard at school and at home. Wow, what a STAR! For improving his classwork throughout the year. We have really noticed your improvements, Marshall. Great work!</td>
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<td>1 LB</td>
<td>Seb</td>
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<td>For continuing to be a good role model to your classmates by doing your best and always being respectful.</td>
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<td>2 B</td>
<td>Imogene</td>
<td>Daisy</td>
<td>For designing and constructing a <em>Butterworsupibe</em>, an invented mini beast, that was creatively presented and of a fantastic standard. Your accompanying diagrams and information sheets included lots of interesting information. Well done Imogene! For designing and constructing a <em>Buttyspi</em> an invented mini beast, that was creatively presented and of a terrific standard. Your accompanying diagrams and information sheets included lots of interesting information and were beautifully illustrated. Fantastic work Daisy!</td>
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<td>2 M</td>
<td>Harry</td>
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<td>For working very hard on his handwriting skills and for improving his resilience. Congratulations Harry!</td>
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<td>3 L</td>
<td>Cadyn</td>
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<td>For your wonderful Reader’s Spotlight recount. You always do a thorough summary of the book you are reading. Keep it up Cadyn.</td>
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<td>4 A</td>
<td>Samantha</td>
<td>Archie</td>
<td>For an outstanding effort with your informative piece about dogs. You’ve clearly taken note of how to organise this genre of writing and you have mastered where to put your punctuation. Wonderful work! For your excellent progress in maths. You have been focussed on our revision tasks and have sought me out to help unpack tricky concepts with you. It’s great to see you take this responsibility in maths. Keep it up.</td>
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<td>4 B</td>
<td>Abbey / Summer / Nelson</td>
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<td>Fantastic creative efforts in turning your favourite part of The Lion, The Witch &amp; The Wardrobe into a pop-up book. Super work!</td>
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<td>6 K</td>
<td>Alana</td>
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<td>For settling in so well to our class. You are a very talented young lady.</td>
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<td>6 M</td>
<td>Matthew</td>
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<td>For a fabulous effort in everything you have done at Rangeview in 2015. You are a quiet achiever who always strives to do your very best. Well done Matthew!</td>
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**Program Update**

*Bookings for 2016 are now open and the brochure for the January Holiday Program is now available to access on the Rangeview OSHClub website:*


Our pet stick insects now have names; Romeo and Juliet. The children are really enjoying looking after them.

**Reminder:**

In line with the OSHClub Sunsmart Policy, children are required to wear a hat and sunscreen whilst playing outside. Please ensure your child has a hat in their bag at all times.

OSHClub Program phone: 0428 882 764  
Coordinator: Hannah Ambrose  
Assistants: Chloe Tomkins, Zac Parr, Randy Senn, Penny Low, Stephanie Burns, Stephanie Porteous and James Carfax -Foster  
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000 
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember to enrol 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 directly at the Program.
Our ten chooks, four guinea pigs and Flopsy the rabbit live in the chicken coop in the north-west corner of the school. The chooks 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 Grade 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 2016 and the 2015/2016 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 2015. 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)

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**Rangeview Animal Roster for Christmas Holidays and 2016!**

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<td>and email: __________________</td>
<td>Child’s Name: __________________________</td>
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Our Family can look after the animals for: *(please tick)*

- Only a weekend in 2016 [ ]
- School holiday time - Christmas 2015/16 [ ]
- Easter 2016 [ ]
- July Holidays 2016 [ ]
- September Holidays 2016 [ ]

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

If particular dates or emergency only, please specify: ____________________________________________________________

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For Families already on the Roster!

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We loved looking after the Rangeview Animals in 2015. Just pop us on the roster again for 2016. [ ]

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)
Rangeview Primary School does not endorse the service or product of any advertisements, paid or unpaid, printed in this newsletter.

Neighbourhood Watch Rangeview

Come along to the final Neighbourhood Watch meeting for 2015, held at Rangeview Primary School and help support your community and local area. Meeting commences at 7.30pm and go for 1 hour.

FINAL FOR YEAR-8th Dec 2015
Hope to see you there-thank you for your support throughout the year!!

PET ROSTER

Levels on Duty:
30th Nov - 4th Dec - 1G (Mrs Giardino)
7th Dec to 18th Dec - 3J (Mrs Joyce)

Families on Duty:
5th Dec - Boxhall Family
5th Dec - Van der Berg/Clifford Family
Beth Joyce (3J)
Animal Welfare Coordinator

Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!

November
25th Nov - Charlotte
26th Nov - Kate
27th Nov - Daniella
28th Nov - Amy, Tyson, Mason, Amelie, Lamisse

December
1st Dec - Tess
3rd Dec - Poppy, Rohan, Darcy

Congratulations to Oliver and Rex for outstanding results in their Grade 1 Classical Guitar exams.

Rangeview Preschool is offering a new position of Administration Assistant to support our Committee of Management and teachers.
This role is for 4 hours a week during school terms and for a fixed term of 6 months at which time the role will be reassessed.
The role includes:
• Providing general administrative assistance to our teachers and committee as required.
• Submission of reports and liaison with various government bodies
Financial tasks including processing accounts payable invoices in MYOB, raising invoices for families, debt collection, banking and working with the Committee to prepare the annual budget.
You must be a self starter, be able to work with limited direction and be highly organised. You will have excellent communication skills and proficiency in computer skills especially Microsoft Office applications. Experience in early childhood services or volunteer committee environments, administration of records and financial accounts is highly desirable.
We offer flexible hours, a warm and caring environment and a fantastic team of people. The role commences from Monday 8th February.

If you know someone that is interested and meets the above criteria, resumes and cover letter can be forwarded to treasurer@rangeviewpreschool.vic.edu.au by Thursday December 10th 5pm. You can also request a position description from the above address. Phone screens will be conducted on Friday December 11th and you must be available for an interview on Tuesday 15th December in the afternoon.

Gumnuts

Gumnuts is a new program that commences term 1, 2016
It is separate to Rangeview Pre-School's standard 3 year old program.
Gumnuts is aimed at 3 year olds who have not yet commenced a formal 3 year old program or who are looking for something extra.
More info at rangeviewpreschool.vic.edu.au/gumnuts

FRUIT FOR THE YEAR!

5th Dec - Boxhall Family
5th Dec - Van der Berg/Clifford Family
Beth Joyce (3J)
Animal Welfare Coordinator

School of Hoops

BEGINNER BASKETBALL PROGRAM
Ages 6 - 12

Option 1:
Friday Program
4.30pm - 5.30pm
Every Friday from January 29 – March 18

Option 2:
Saturday Program
9am - 10am or 10am - 11am
Every Saturday from January 30 – March 19

$70 for the FULL term 1 2016
+ First time participants receive a FREE ball and T-shirt!
To register:
Paul Lankford: info@blackburnbasketball.com.au - 0431 559 893
All sessions held at SLATER RESERVE - Grosvenor St. Blackburn North
BRENTFORD SQUARE

HO HO HO!!!

Christmas is once again coming to Brentford Square!

Colour in our Santa and you could win a $20 voucher.

Christmas time is not that far away and we are giving you a chance to win $20 of Brentford Square Bucks to spend at selected stores at Brentford Square Shopping Centre.

To enter, simply turn the page over and start colouring!

There are four categories in which you can enter and a winner will be declared for each category:

*Prep - *Grade 1 and Grade 2 - *Grade 3 and Grade 4 - *Grade 5 and Grade 6.

Make sure you fill in your details below, have your Mum, Dad or Guardian give their permission and hand the completed drawing to your school office by the end of school on Thursday 10th December 2015.

Happy Colouring and Good Luck!

Please ensure this form is completed:

Artist's name:

________________________________________________________________________

Artists Grade: (please circle)  Prep  Grade 1 & Grade 2  Grade 3 & Grade 4  Grade 5 & Grade 6

Name of School: ___________________________________________________________

Please ask your parent’s to complete:

I, ___________________________________________________________ give permission for my child

________________________________________ to enter the Brentford Square Christmas

competition. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions listed below.

Signed: ___________________________ Phone Number(s): _______________________

E-mail address: (please clearly print)

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Terms and Conditions: Only one entry per child will be accepted. You must have your parent's/guardians permission to enter. All entries must be handed in to your school by 3.30pm on Thursday 10th December 2015. One winner will be selected from each of the 4 categories above. Winners will be declared at 10.00am on Friday 19th December 2015 at Fudge Gifts. Entrants need not be present. Judge’s decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into. Winning Artists Parent’s will be notified by phone and or email. Email addresses may be used to communicate future Brentford Square promotional activity. Your details will not be passed onto a third party for promotional purposes.