The Rotary Club of Forest Hill Youth Achievement Award

The Rotary Club of Forest Hill hosted the Youth Achievement Award for Year six students. 12 local schools took part. 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.

In other words the spirit of the award is to salute and reward possibly an ‘unsung hero’.

Rangeview proudly nominated Emily R, our School Captain as the worthy recipient of this award for 2014.

Emily is a highly motivated and well respected young lady who enjoys a challenge. She is a kind, thoughtful student, full of encouragement for others. She has shown wonderful leadership qualities throughout her years at Rangeview. As School Captain, she is admired throughout the school community for her invaluable contribution. As a Peer Mediator, she is a true role model for all students. This is quite evident in the school grounds, as she interacts with students across all levels. Her commitment to these roles is commendable.

Emily, nothing is ever too much of an inconvenience for you. Your dedication to others is an example of your empathy and community awareness. You are a great ambassador for all students. Congratulations.

Level 5 and 6 Bike Ride

Year 5 and 6 students have been participating in the annual bike education program in term 4. This culminates in the level bike ride with many extra parent helpers required to assist on the final ride. Safety is paramount - be it the bike being well maintained and the rider being well trained or riding safely on a designated bike trail or along suburban streets. The preparations are extensive and as you would expect, it is dependent on weather conditions. Thankfully, today’s weather was perfect!

Thank you to all the parents who have been involved and the staff who have worked with the students to ensure that all were well prepared for the ride. Many families have put in extra hours of riding to help support their child to get the most out of this fabulous learning experience.

Voting Booth- BBQ and Cake Stall at Rangview

Thank you to the RCC and families who helped out on the day or who provided cakes and goodies before the day.

Saturday was a lovely sunny day with Rangeview being a popular polling station.

Twilight Working Bee- Friday, 5th December

The Twilight Working Bee has been CANCELLED, our next working bee will be in the new year.

Staffing News

We are in the final stages of staffing for 2015. Mr Michael Sacchetta is the successful candidate for the vacated Specialist PE role following Mrs Lisa O’Connor requesting a move into a classroom. I acknowledge the dedication and hard work by Lisa over the years as the PE teacher leading a successful and innovative school wide program. She will take that same passion and energy to the classroom at Rangeview.

I would like to also welcome Michael into the school community and to our students. Mr Sacchetta will start in the new school year. Next week in the View the class structures for 2015 will be published.

Cheerleading in 2015

The very successful cheerleading program, run by volunteer parent Luana, will continue in 2015. Next Wednesday all students in Levels 2 and 4 will receive a flyer about the sessions. Again, availability will be on a ‘first in, best dressed’ basis.

Parent Helpers Celebration morning tea - Friday, 12th Dec 11am-11.45am

Please see the invitation and RSVP slip on page 3 of this newsletter.
Music News

Oxfam Concert

Last Tuesday night our School Band and Senior Choir performed at the Oxfam Music Festival. It was a great night with many schools participating and showcasing their music activities. We saw guitar groups, Scottish dancing and a number of fabulous choirs. We were very proud of our students and their performances. Our band was dressed as pirates and performed ‘The Pirates of the Caribbean’ and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas”. The choir was dressed in African style clothes and sang a number of African songs and Mary’s Boy Child. We would like to thank all the parents for their support, particularly transporting all the band equipment, and our teachers Mrs Melitsis and Mrs Blythe. It was certainly a team effort.

Music Luncheon

This Friday all students in the Senior Choir, Junior Choir and Band will be given a free pizza luncheon. These students have committed themselves for the whole year to these groups. They have attended weekly rehearsals before school. This is a thank you from the school for all their hard work. Lunch invitations have been sent home to children in both Choirs and Band.

Flute Students

Congratulations to Caitlin W. and Isabelle B. for their recent success in the AMEB Flute exams. You did a terrific job girls!

Piano Concert

On Tuesday night our piano students will be taking part in their end of year concert. We wish them all the best and thank Cathy and Sarah Cossey for organizing it.

Carols Night Wednesday, 10th December 6.30pm

Last Friday evening we had our first big rehearsal for the Carols Night Choir and Band section. It was terrific! Our next rehearsal will be on this Thursday, 4th December at 6pm to 7.30pm in the Music room. Please come along and support this great community event.

We need musicians and singers!!

Shirley Van Der Toorren & Karman Melitsis - Performing Arts Teachers

Report by Dhairya J.

The Rubik’s Cube was a popular toy in the 1980’s according to some people, but as you might not know, the Rubik’s Cube is coming back into fashion. You might want to know how I got into the ‘sport’ of Rubik Cubing. Well, it all started when I was asking my dad what he did when he was a kid and when he told me about a Magic Cube (that is what it was called back then) I knew it was the thing for me. After a bit of research and a lot of practicing I learnt how to solve it. There is also a Melbourne Cubing Day when all the fastest ‘Cubers’ come together and compete to see who is the fastest. I went and participated in the 3*3 Rubik Cube competition and came 59th out of 66 people. Believe it or not the fastest Cuber solved a fully jumbled cube in 6.30 seconds!!! There are also other events such as the 4*4 (which means 4 columns and 4 rows on each side), 5*5, 6*6, 7*7, Rubik Cube one handed, Rubik Cube Blindfolded and other puzzles too.

So, if you think a Rubik Cube is the thing for you, do a bit of research, a lot of practice and you’re done.....

Office News

Changes to Education Maintenance Allowance - EMA

Recently 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. For detailed information please contact Brenda if you have any further enquiries.

A copy of the forms that were sent home are on the Home Page of the school website: www.rangeview.vic.edu.au for you to download if necessary.

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.

Important Information in regard to school levies.

Last week all families should have received 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.

This package contained:

✦ 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.

Some families have already returned the payment agreement with credit card details in readiness for 2015. If you wish to do this then it will be kept in a secure place until processing prior to book pack pick up in 2015.

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. A copy of all the above documents are on the home page of the website if you need another copy.

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

Brenda Porteous -- Business Manager
Rangeview Notices for 3rd December
- Newsletter (on website only)
- Receipts
- Colouring Competition forms
- Band & Choir Invitation
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 1st to 5th December Level 1G (Mrs Giardino) is on duty
- For the week 8th to 19th December Level 3J (Mrs Joyce) is on duty

Family Duty:
- For the weekend 6th December the Hoffmann Family are on duty.

Beth Joyce (3J)
Animal Welfare Co-ordinator

Art Blog - Visit:
http://arrangeview.global2.vic.edu.au
or access through the school website, tab ‘Specialists’ subtab ‘Visual Arts’

School Term Dates 2015
Term 1: 28 Jan to 27 March
Teachers start Wed 28th Jan
Pupil Free Day Thurs 29th Jan
Level 1-6 Students start Fri 30th Jan
Foundation Students start Mon 2nd Feb

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)

SCHOOL DATES

Helpers Needed in the LOTE (German) room on Fridays from 2.45pm to prepare ‘Schultüten’ for Foundation 2014 students. Schultüten are a traditional gift given at the start of the school year to new students. Love to see you there!
Thanks, Frau Thaler & Frau Lindner

CELEBRATION FOR OUR PARENT HELPERS
Friday, 12th December at 11am to 11.45am
Dear Parent/Guardian, to acknowledge the help you have provided Rangeview Primary School this year, we would like to invite you to join us for a BIG THANK YOU function that will be held in the school Multipurpose Hall on Friday, 12th December at 11am to 11.45am. We hope to see you there!

Please complete the below reply slip (for catering purposes) and return it to the school office by Tuesday, 9th December or ring the office on 9874 6381.

Mrs Liz Barr - Principal

CELEBRATION FOR OUR PARENT HELPERS 2014

\ We are able to attend the Rangeview Celebration for Parent Helpers.

Parent Name/s: ____________________________________________
Child’s Name & Level: _______________________________________

Perfect weather for a Teddy Bears Picnic!
Student of the Week - for Monday, 8th December assembly

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<td>For coping so well at school with your fractured elbow. I like the way you persevere and try to attempt all tasks. A fabulous effort, Alex! You are a star!</td>
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<td>Beau</td>
<td>For your very caring attitude to all your classmates in Foundation B. You are always so helpful and kind to everyone, and you always give 100% to all your work. A fantastic effort, Beau! Well done!</td>
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<td>For you fabulous contributions to class discussions. You think carefully about what you are going to say and we always enjoy hearing your thoughts about your learning.</td>
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<td>Hamish</td>
<td>Hamish has been an enthusiastic writer and has produced some excellent work. He has been working hard to improve his hand writing and remembering to use punctuation and the correct capital and lower case letters. Well done Hamish!</td>
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<td>Joanne</td>
<td>For taking the part of The Reader in the play of Cinderella with her reading group and reading it with a loud, clear and expressive voice. Fantastic, Joanne!</td>
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<td>Willow</td>
<td>For being a conscientious worker who does her best at all times, and for her great bucket filling attitude towards others. Fantastic Willow!</td>
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<td>Jessica</td>
<td>For improving her reading stamina when reading independently and for treating others with respect. Keep up the great effort Jess!</td>
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<td>Jack</td>
<td>For being such a considerate and caring student. You brought in icy-poles for all your class mates to have on your birthday even though you were away with illness. A lovely gesture Jack. Thank you.</td>
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<td>Sasha</td>
<td>You spoke clearly for everyone to hear during our mindfulness session, creating the story of a tree changing throughout a year. Your voice remained calm and peaceful. Great job, Sasha!</td>
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<td>Taylor</td>
<td>You have a positive attitude to school and are encouraging to your peers about their work. You have also been a dedicated Literacy Buddy and have remained committed to the role despite the challenges along the way. All of this shows great Character, Taylor!</td>
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<td>Tom C</td>
<td>We are really pleased with not only your great writing but excellent presentational skills of your two word poem about the Aboriginal culture. You have taken the time to research authentic words and traditional drawing. Super work Tom!</td>
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<td>Clare &amp; Ashlyn</td>
<td>For exciting Christmas story writing for their buddies. A terrific effort!</td>
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<td>6 M</td>
<td>Isabella</td>
<td>For demonstrating exceptional reading comprehension skills throughout the year and a love of reading.</td>
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**Being SunSmart at Rangeview Primary School**

*If you’ve got the SunSmart app on your phone or tablet you’ve probably noticed UV levels are already rising above three and sun protection times are being issued.*

**Five things to remember.** Please remind children to...

1. Slip on clothing that covers their skin.
2. Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum sunscreen before going outside. Please ask them to remember to pack their sunscreen each day and get a buddy to help them reapply.
3. Slap on a hat that shades their head, face, eyes, ears and neck. Encourage them to remember their school hat each day so they can play outside the sun safe way.
4. Seek shady spots in the playground.

SunSmart reminders - Click on the SunSmart icon on the Home page of the Rangeview website: www.rangeview.vic.edu.au.

**Sun protection times** are issued whenever the UV reaches three or above.
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 car spaces (with sticker showing) and parents using the Outside School Hours Program (OSHClub).

Celebrating Christmas for Pre-schoolers
Thursday, 11th December
9.30 a.m. to 11.00am

Vermont Uniting Community Centre
640 Canterbury Road, Vermont.

We will be having a special Christmas session for pre-schoolers and their parents/carers, which celebrates the meaning of Christmas through song, story and craft.

Free Event
Please register by 5th December on 9874-2058/0447-369-994 to the Co-ordinator, Melanie Hosie.

Sponsored by the Vermont Uniting Church

Rangeview Primary School

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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

Assistant: Chloe, Zac, Randy, Penny, Stephanie, Stephanie P and Tim

OSHC Club 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.