What a great start to 2015 we have had!

Last Friday, it was great to see students and staff return to start the 2015 school year. This year we welcome 91 new Foundation students and 4 from Level 1-6 to the school. As advised last year we welcomed back Mrs Natalie Bellis after returning from Family Leave. Mrs Bellis will support the release of teachers leading NPLD (New Pedagogies for Deep Learning). Mr Michael Sacchetta is the new Physical Education teacher and has been introducing himself to the classes across the school. Ms Hannah Ambrose is the replacement German teacher to work with Mrs Martina Thaler, while Mrs Ulrike Lindner is on Family Leave. Hannah is familiar to students and families who use the Out of Hours Care Program, OSHClub. We welcome staff returning and new staff beginning at Rangeview.

This year we have spread the pupil free days throughout the year, targeting different aspects of professional learning. The leadership team spent Tuesday 27th January, before staff returned, to look at the 2015 directions in teaching and learning reflected in the School Strategic Plan 2014-17 and the draft AIP (Annual Implementation Plan). The first 2 pupil free days, Wednesday and Thursday, 28th and 29th January allowed time for the staff to learn about inquiry learning and investigations as we implement the revised scope and sequence of units studied across the school. This is in line with National Curriculum and reporting requirements with a focus on History and Science. The school has also invested in an extensive science program ‘Primary Connections’ with units in all 4 areas – Physical, Chemical, Biological and Earth/Space.

Another day included using ENNEGRAMS for building self-awareness and emotional intelligence, the introduction to Writer’s Workshop and notebooks and the revision of 2 traits from the 6Cs – Collaboration and Character. We even squeezed in valuable time in teams and then in classrooms in preparation for the start of the term. It was an invaluable learning time together.

JANUARY WORKS - The school was a busy place in January with a number of projects undertaken.

Works included:

- A new sewerage line excavated across the oval replacing old pipes. This followed blockages in November 2014 and the works has been funded by DET (Department of Education and Training)
- The goal posts have also been removed at one end of the oval and our temporary fencing will remain in place while the reseeded area grows. This will close part of the oval for term 1 at this stage. New movable goal posts should be installed during this period
- The maintenance painting in corridors and classrooms
- Huge clean up of leaf litter and storm debris, trees cut done and shade sails torn from the storm on 7th January
- Maintaining the veggie patches including the one below the oval with tomatoes, sunflowers, squashes, corn, zucchini, pumpkin and orchard trees- it will be a bumper season
- Thanks to the families on the watering roster for January – we have brought back the green to Rangeview!

A BIG thank you to the mystery family/parent / friend of the school who mowed the new foundation landscaped area. It was pleasing to see that amongst the damage from the storm.

A number of these projects have been financed by locally raised funds. The proportion of the voluntary Building Fund has been allocated to the maintenance painting of the school. This has made a huge impact on the fresh look of the school that all students access.

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In recent years we introduced the Class Representative scheme for Rangeview Primary School. The initiative involved appointing a parent to each class (or share the position) to perform the role of a Class Representative. Generally the role of the Classroom Representative is to support the classroom teacher and program. Following direction from the class teacher this person might co-ordinate 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 co-ordinated 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. This year we are asking for representatives from Foundation to Year 6. If you would like to support the classroom program as a classroom representative please complete the slip below and return it to the School Office by **Friday, 13th February 2015**.

After Classroom Representatives have been confirmed a meeting of those involved will be called to discuss roles and any other organisational issues. Please contact me if you have any queries in this regard.

Thank you, **Liz Barr**
Welcome back everyone to a wonderful year of music making at Rangeview. We hope to have as many students as possible involved in our program.

Instrumental Lessons
These will resume from Monday, 9th February. The instrumental teacher will be in touch with you in regards to times.
This year we have James Dann joining our team teaching Percussion lessons.

Instrumental teachers for 2015
James Dann - Percussion, 0409 189 428  j.pdann@yahoo.com.au

Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!
(Birthdays to 31st January 2015 were included in the last newsletter from 2014)

February
2nd Feb  Oliver
3rd Feb  Raven
4th Feb  Benjamin
6th Feb  Indira, Joshua & Daniel
7th Feb  Matteo
8th Feb  Connor, Isabella & Amber
9th Feb  Angus
10th Feb  Zaara, Clancy
11th Feb  Dru

Rangeview Primary School achieved eSmart status towards the end of 2014.

The eSmart Schools framework is a whole-school system for student wellbeing, cyber-awareness and cyber-safety.

Think before you post. You won’t regret it.

RANGEVIEW TWILIGHT SPORTS
Friday, 27th February
The Twilights Sports is a School Council initiative, so come along and see your School Council Members in action.
More details in next week’s newsletter. This is always a fun, well attended event.
Bring picnic rugs, chairs, food & drinks. The Range Pop Up Shop will host a market and have BBQ food and drinks for sale.
As in past years this is an alcohol free event.
A program of events will be in next week’s newsletter, so stayed tuned! Everyone welcome!

School Council Committee
CHESS CLASSES
Term 1, 2015

Children have great fun playing chess!

Chess is a wonderful game which enhances skills such as: Problem Solving, Pattern Recognition, Analytical, Visualisation, Concentration and Social Skills.

Term One chess classes commence on Friday 13th February with tuition provided by Dark Horse Chess. Players of all ages and levels are welcome, and prior experience with chess is not necessary. Certificates will be awarded to all players, and trophies will be awarded to the tournament winners. Players may also gain the opportunity to participate an interschool chess competition during the term!

Class Times: Fridays 1:10pm – 2:00pm
Class Dates: 13/02, 20/02, 27/02, 06/03, 13/03, 20/03
Price: $9.00 per lesson x 6 lessons = total cost of $54.00.
Enquiries: admin@darkhorsechess.com

Registration is due at the school office by 9am on Friday February 13th. We endeavour to make intercom announcements before each lesson, but responsibility for attendance lies with students.

Details for bank transfer: Dark Horse Chess, BSB: 063182, Account No. 11100482. Please put “RPST1 name of child” in the description, and please notify admin@darkhorsechess.com.

I give permission for my child …………………………………………… in Class ……… to participate in the above activity at Rangeview Primary School. I authorise the teacher in charge to consent, where it is deemed impracticable to communicate with me, to any medical treatment as considered necessary.

If numbers permit, my child would like to enrol in the following class: (Please tick)

☐ Novice (Friday)  ☐ Intermediate/Advanced (Friday)

Payment Method (Please tick):

☐ Cash → I have enclosed money to the amount of $54.00.
or
☐ Cheque → I have enclosed a cheque for $54.00 made payable to Dark Horse Chess.
or
☐ Bank Transfer → Please also notify admin@darkhorsechess.com. [Preferred]

SIGNED Parent/Guardian: ……………………………………….. Child’s Date-Of-Birth: ……………………..

Email: ……………………………………………………….. Phone: ……………………………………………
**Program Update**

The Rangeview OSHClub team would like to welcome everyone back and we hope that you’ve all had a wonderful holiday and are excited to get back to school! During the holidays many children participated in a very successful holiday program. We did lots of exciting activities like Clip ‘n’ climb, Kemizo, Silent Disco and Little Athletics. We even had a magician perform for us and teach us some of his tricks.

**This Week’s Activities**

This week we will be doing activities like Lego competitions, paper plane making, playing with our train set and cars. We will be very active playing games like basketball, soccer, tennis, cricket and many more. Our Art Board is looking very bare at the moment and we will need lots of help to fill it up!!

**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 Ambrose
Assistants: Chloe Tomkins, Zac Parr, Randy Senn, Penny Low, Stephanie Burns and Stephanie Porteous
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](http://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.

**Term Dates**

2015
Term 1: 28 Jan to 27 March
Term 2: 13 April to 26 June
Term 3: 13 July to 18 Sept
Term 4: 5 Oct to 18 Dec

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

2017
Term 1: 30 Jan to 31 March
Term 2: 18 April to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 Sept
Term 4: 9 Oct to 22 Dec

The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.
Office News.....
Thank you to everyone who has picked up their child/children's bookpack for 2015. The year has begun very smoothly. If you have any questions regarding your Family Statement, please ring Brenda Porteous, Business Manager on 9874 6381.

Next week you will receive your child/children's Activities for Term 1. This is a form that lists all Incursions/Excursions that your child/children will be attending during Term 1. Where possible the permission notice will be attached to this form.

Please advise the office about ANY changes to address, phone numbers, custody arrangements, medical conditions etc., by email: rangeview.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Or in writing and send to the school office. It is imperative that we have correct detail and current information.

Thank you.

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Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, 24th February at 7.00pm
Everyone Welcome!

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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!

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RANGEVIEW COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 2015 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 2015. 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)

Eastmont Pre-School has vacancies in its 3 and 4 year old programs.
Please contact Leah for more information.
enrolments@eastmont.org.au
Phone - 0409 353 120