Important Dates 2016 & 2017
Final newsletter for 2016 - distributed by email next Thursday, 15th December.
Regular assembly for Monday, 12th December with final Student of the Week.
Special assembly on Wednesday, 14th December with Michael Sukkar MP attending to present The Deakin Shield Award winner and to acknowledge this year’s Rotary Award winner.
No assembly on Monday, 19th December.
Final assembly Tuesday, 20th December at 1pm.

2017
Book Collection Days: 27th Jan 9.30am-3pm & 30th Jan - 12.30-3pm
Term 1: Monday, 30 January (Staff return - Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday, 31st January (Level 1-6 students begin)
Wednesday, 1st February (Foundation students 9am-12.30pm)

Cricket Success
Two weeks ago the senior girls cricket team won the regional final and were invited to the MCG to compete at State level. The boys team played very well at the regional finals, but unfortunately missed out on this opportunity, but won 3 out of 4 matches to have a very good day. Congratulations to all the players and their coach Mr Michael Sacchetta. The girls team finished top 4 in the state for cricket. It was a good day and the girls played really well! We should all be proud of their efforts.

Student Leaders for 2017
Students in level 5 have been considering the leadership roles available as level 6 students in 2017. Letters have been written for positions and house leader candidates have presented to their peers last week. Level 4 and 5 house members vote for their house leader, as introduced last year.
I congratulate 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 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, 28th November 2016, Mitchell V. from 6M received the Rotary Youth Achievement award for excellence from the Rotary Club of Forest Hill.
Mitchell was recognised for his outstanding academic achievement, his representation of Rangeview in sport and the outstanding example he sets for others in his leadership role.
Mitchell attended a dinner with his parents where he was presented with his award.
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 Rangeview Primary School is extremely proud of Mitchell.

Transition Reminders
This Tuesday, 6th December was the final transition session for Foundation students starting in 2017. It was also the transition into Year 7 for the level 6 students 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.

Carols on the Oval
Weather permitting, Carols on the Oval will start at 6.30pm as per last year. There is a barbecue available from 5.30pm. 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.

Watering in the Summer break
Volunteers are needed to help keep our two new gardens alive and watered during the long summer weeks. If you can spare a few days here and there during summer, please ring the school on 9874 6381 to go on a Roster.
**Principal’s Report Continued**

**Level 5 and 6 Bike Ride**
Level 5 and 6 students have been participating in a bike education program during term 4. This cumulated in a bike ride last week where many extra parent helpers volunteered to assist on this final ride. Safety was paramount and the preparations were extensive. Thank you to all the parents who were involved and the staff who worked with the students to ensure that everyone was well prepared for the ride. Many families put in extra hours of riding to help support their child/children to get the most out of this fabulous learning experience.

**Staffing News**
We are in the final stages of staffing for 2017. Ms Samantha Clarke, Ms Chloe Tomkins, Mr Dane Kennedy and Mrs April Warfield will be joining the teaching staff at Rangeview. Mrs Melissa McCarthy has successfully applied for the position in the general office. Mr Khay Le and Ms Alex Box will be taking leave for 2017 to pursue other interests. Mrs Melissa O’Brien will be taking Family Leave at the beginning of the 2017 school year.

I acknowledge the dedication and hard work by Alex Box who has worked at Rangeview since 2010. Khay Le has been very much a part of Rangeview over the years since 2002, with just a brief time away at Panton Hill P.S. Both teachers have taught in a number of year levels and contributed to the range of opportunities for our students and they will be missed. On behalf of the school community I wish Alex all the best in her travels and the adventures ahead and to Khay and his farming ventures the best of luck.

I would like to also welcome Samantha, Chloe, Dane and April to the school community and our students. Next week in The View the class structure for 2017 will be published.

**Free Dress Day**
This Thursday, 8th December we are holding a Free Dress Day in support of the Story Dogs Program implemented at Rangeview Primary School. Students can wear ‘dog colours’ (brown, black, cream etc.) and bring a favourite stuffed toy and a picture story book. We ask that your child/children brings in a gold coin donation to support this worthwhile cause. All funds go to this voluntary group of trained handlers and their dogs. For more information about the Story Dogs Program go to: [http://storydogs.org.au/](http://storydogs.org.au/)

**Portable in Place**
A new relocatable building is now in place near the school oval. The older single portables will be demolished early in 2017.

**Parent Helpers**
The celebration for our parent helpers morning tea was held on Monday and it was well attended. Thank you to all our helpers across the school.

**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, 14th December from 3.30pm. The reports will not be printed. If you are unable to access the portal, arrangements can be made to have them printed. This request has to be in writing and sent to the office before Friday, 9th December. There is a direct link into the Portal on the Home page of the website.

**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.

**OSHClub Program**
The OSHClub Program will commence at 1.30pm on the last day of school, Tuesday, 20th December. The Holiday Program will commence on Monday, 9th January. To enroll or obtain full details, please visit their website: [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

**Students leaving Rangeview**
Please notify the school office immediately if your child will not be returning to Rangeview Primary School in 2017 as this assists us with our planning for classes next year. Thank you for your assistance.

Mrs Liz Barr
Principal

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**Welcome to our KidsMatter page**

Please feel free to use the RPS ‘Suggestion Box’, that has been introduced and is located at the General Office, for valid and constructive ideas from parents and guardians.

We request that all suggestions placed in this box have a name and contact phone number please.

Regards,

From the Kids Matter Action Team
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<td>You present your work with care and pride. A fantastic effort, Anika! You are fabulous!</td>
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<td>Mikayla</td>
<td>For her determination and enthusiasm in her learning and everything she does!</td>
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<td>Archie</td>
<td>For being a quiet worker in class all year. You work without distracting any of your peers.</td>
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<td>Jake</td>
<td>For an overall fantastic year in Grade 4! You have really stepped up and shown your academic and personal qualities. You are a most inclusive boy and you try your best in all class activities. Thank you for being a wonderful Literacy Buddy and for co-leading our boys’ hip hop dance for the Carol’s night.</td>
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<td>Jaz</td>
<td>For a great year in Grade 4! You have shown a lot of resilience and grown both academically and personally. Your work ethic is unsurpassable and you complete all work to a high standard. Thank you for being such a delight this year!</td>
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<td>Kade</td>
<td>For an overall fantastic year in Grade 4! You have grown both academically and personally and have absolutely thrived in leadership roles. Thank you for co-leading our boys’ hip hop dance for the Carol’s night and for sharing your witty humour with us all year.</td>
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<td>Sam</td>
<td>For a great year in Grade 4! You have tried your best and worked hard to complete all class tasks this year. You did some impressive coding of a Sphero and proudly shared your skills with the class. You are supportive of your peers and a real team player.</td>
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<td>Zac</td>
<td>For a fantastic year in Grade 4! You have worked hard to develop your mathematical understandings and your joined handwriting has improved out of sight! You have shared many stories with us and it has been wonderful seeing you expand your social group this year.</td>
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<td>Charlie M</td>
<td>For a great year in Grade 4! You have tried your best and worked hard to improve your understanding of mathematical concepts this year. You are inclusive and supportive of your peers and a real team player (your netball skills are also very impressive).</td>
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<td>Benjamin</td>
<td>For a great year in Grade 4! You are a keen mathematician and writer and have amazed us with your imagination, completing two short novels this year. Stay passionate and keep writing Benjamin!</td>
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<td>Kailan</td>
<td>For a great year in Grade 4! You have worked hard to complete all of your work to a high standard and should be proud of your achievements. You have grown in confidence and it has been wonderful seeing you expand your social group this year.</td>
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<td>Max</td>
<td>For a great year in Grade 4! You have shown resilience and real personal growth this year. You have worked hard to extend yourself in mathematics and to complete all other tasks. Thank you for sharing your technical knowledge with us this year!</td>
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<td>Max</td>
<td>For writing, publishing and illustrating an excellent picture story book for your buddy, demonstrating great improvement in these skills. Well done!</td>
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<td>Nelson</td>
<td>For the outstanding progress you have made this year in all areas of your learning, in particular, Number and Algebra. Fantastic effort!</td>
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<td>5 E</td>
<td>Rhoan</td>
<td>For his friendly and positive approach to school. Your sense of humor and your quick wit bring a lot of fun to our classroom discussions.</td>
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Rangeview School APP

The School is very pleased to be using the Updat-ed phone app that makes connecting with the whole community so much more convenient.

The app is great for sending out alerts, URGENT ALERT’S, news, articles and reminders, with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone’s calendar.

All information is pushed to the app in ‘real time basis’ allowing schools to interact better with parents.

To download the app, just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android. Search for   Updat-ed (or Updat-ed Sponsor-ed) from the menu and follow the prompts to install.

Please chose your child’s Level (class for 2016) or from February chose ‘2017’.

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Carols, Orangutans, Robots, $1, Rangeview, Pandas, Lego, Level 5, Icy Poles-Yes, ICY POLES!!!!

What are all of those things doing together in one list?

Did you know that two teams of Grade 5 students from Rangeview recently participated in a FIRST Lego League (FLL) challenge?

No, it was not a mannequin challenge or a water bottle flipping challenge. We got to go to Swinburne University. Part of the challenge involved programming robots to navigate a course and complete set missions like milking (Lego) cows. It was a fantastic opportunity (thank you Mr Evans and Rangeview) where we experienced lots of teamwork, working towards goals, taking responsibility and persisting with difficult problem solving. Wow! And it was fun!

Another part of this year’s FLL challenge was to do a project looking at a problem that occurs when humans and animals interact. This is what our teams chose:

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<td><strong>Orangutans</strong> live in rainforest that palm farmers cut down to get more room to plant palms to produce palm oil. Palm oil is used in lots of products. Therefore the farmers need lots of land to produce the palm oil. We believe it starts with us, the end consumer, but we also need lots of big businesses to do their part to help our wildlife. Please look at this website and think about using fewer products with palm oil that takes away orangutans’ homes. <a href="http://www.zoo.org.au/zoopermarket">http://www.zoo.org.au/zoopermarket</a></td>
<td><strong>Pandas</strong> are getting extinct by getting caught in deer traps. Our first solution to the problem was to play a sound of a panda’s predator in a speaker. But then we found out that deer run away from the sound as well. So we had to think of a new idea. So our new idea to save them is to make the entrance into the trap smaller.</td>
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We are going to sell coloured icy poles at Carols night to raise money to donate to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). We will be selling icy poles to represent pandas, Orange for orangutans and Green and Red to fit the Christmas theme.

The Icy Poles will cost $1.

The WWF works to protect endangered animals like our pandas and orangutans. You can find out more about them at [http://www.wwf.org.au/](http://www.wwf.org.au/)

At the stall you will be able to see our posters: Charlie the Orangutan and our panda poster. If you have any questions about the Orangutans and Pandas please ask at the stall. By Willow (5E) and Neve (5E) with parent help.
Best Wishes & Happy Birthday to the following students!

December
7th Dec  Amelia
9th Dec  Jaz
Tom
9th Dec  Tom
10th Dec  Jacob
11th Dec  Ethan
11th Dec  Ernest
11th Dec  Jake C.
11th Dec  Evan
Emily
Alexandra
12th Dec  Blake
14th Dec  Alice
14th Dec  Caleb

PET ROSTER

Term 4 - Levels on Duty:
- 5th December to 20th December (last school day)
  Level 3J (Mrs Joyce is on duty)

Term 4 - Families on Duty:
- For the weekend 10th December the Smith Family is on duty.
Christmas & 2017 Animal Roster out soon!! Please see Mrs Joyce or ring/email the school if you can volunteer for next year!

May I take this opportunity to thank all families who give up their valuable spare time to look after the school animals.

Beth Joyce (3J)
Animal Welfare - Co-ordinator

SCHOOL DATES
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1st February (Foundation students 9am-12.30pm to 31 March

Term 2: 18 April to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 Sept
Term 4: 9 Oct to 22 Dec

Freshly Cut Christmas Trees
ON SALE!
1st Vermont Scouts
483 Canterbury Rd, Vermont
Near Cur of Mitcham & Canterbury Rds
EVERY SAT & SUN FROM 27TH NOV TILL 17TH DEC

A variety of different size Xmas Trees will be available. All profits go in supporting the 1st Vermont Scout Group

OSHClub Program phone: 0428 882 764
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
This week we have started off our Christmas Celebrations with our own advent calendar of different activities. If you have any suggestion for activities please let us know. The children also enjoyed a visit from St Nicholas on Tuesday 6th December.

It will be available from the 9th of December.

Reminder - As it is term 4 and in line with our Sun Smart policy all children will need a hat if they want to play outside. Children will also need a Hat during the Holiday Program and throughout Term 1, 2017.

Coordinator: Hannah Ambrose
Assistants: Chloe Tomkins, Stephanie Burns, Vidhisha Singh, Leah McLaren, Kaitlyn Robertson, Rebecca Park
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember that the enrolment process 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.
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Note: Some afternoon sessions are full.
You must receive confirmation of your ‘on the day’ booking for your child/children to attend.
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Interested in playing soccer in 2017?

Croydon City Arrows are looking for players aged 5 to 11 for both boys and girls teams.

(Previous playing experience is an advantage, but not a requirement.)

If interested, please contact the club at: secretary@croydoncityvae.org.au or visit our Facebook page.

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