

What's News in Level 3 and 4 Term 2, 2015



How quickly time flies!

We have had a terrific start to Term 2 with all classes settling down beautifully into their now familiar routines, and busily setting many new learning goals. Children are showing us that they are both aware of their strengths and eager to embrace challenges that will further extend their learning.

The senior school cross country race was an enjoyable event last Thursday. This was the culmination of months of training for many students. They all enjoyed cheering loudly for their house team mates as they crossed the finish line. Congratulations to all students for giving their best and good luck to those going onto the District Cross Country race.

Thank you to all parents who have already provided tissues for student use in class. With the onset of colder weather, we will be seeing a lot of sniffles and coughs. If you haven't sent tissues yet, we would be a grateful for some more this term.

Communication Book

We are pleased that the Communication Book has become such a great way to keep in touch with you. The children are keen to practise the words in their spelling lists and it's a quick way to send information home about our projects and what we are currently learning in Maths. Please encourage your child to write something about what is being read at home in the space provided. There is also space for you to sign to show you have been listening to some reading, helping with learning spelling words and helping with any other research or tasks given. Communication books should travel in the Tartan bags and must be at school every Monday and Friday.

NAPLAN

Week 5 (12th 13th 14th May) will see the Year 3 students participating in the NAPLAN testing. The children are being given some practice at working in a quiet exam environment and looking at the different test formats used. If you have any queries or concerns about this please speak to your child's teacher.

Integrated Studies / Inquiry Learning Unit:

History Commemorations – Anzac Day

History Inquiry – Aboriginal History – Country and Place (pre European settlement)

Science investigation – Day and Night This term we will be focusing on the science topic of Day and Night. We will look at the earth's rotation, sun, moon and the night sky.

Year 3 Flora and Fauna Unit

In Level 3 we have had an exciting time during Term 1. We have been getting to know the routines for cooking in the kitchen gallery with Donna Marshall, gardening, and conservation/environment lessons. A new 9 week rotation is continuing this term. Parent helpers are needed from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the kitchen gallery to help us with our cooking and are always welcome.

We were very excited to receive a highly commended for the 2015 Whitehorse Sustainable School Award in Term 1. This was in recognition of our outstanding school gardens, Level 3 cooking program and parent involvement with our Flora and Fauna, including our Rangeview Pets.

ICAS

Year 3 and 4 children were invited to take part in the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. At Rangeview we are offering the following competitions:

Science on Friday May 30

Writing on Monday June 16

Spelling on Tuesday June 17

English on Tuesday July 28

Mathematics on Tuesday August 11

iPads

The year 4 children are enjoying using their iPads for a variety of learning tasks. It is great to see children are showing responsible use and respectful digital behavior whilst using their iPads. The Level 3 classes now have a small bank of iPads for use to learn new skills, apps and of course, practise their safe and respectful online digital behaviour in readiness for their iPad program in 2016.

Cyber Safety - eSmart – Being Smart, Safe and Responsible Online

The students have this week engaged in the Kidproof Safety workshops, learning more about the internet and the risks that are associated with living in a digital world. Each child has received a special Cybersafe newsletter with important information which will come home for your perusal together.

All families are reminded to ensure that they have a home agreement or set of protocols regarding technology use at home. It is important that children have screen-time limits, rules around what technology is used for, and that their internet usage is supervised. Talk openly with your child about how they are keeping themselves safe. All parents are encouraged to attend the Kidproof Parenting Seminar on Wednesday 29th April, 6:00-7:30pm in the school hall. Please register the number of adults attending at the school office.

Whole School Buddy Program

This term Rangeview will be initiating a whole School Buddy Program. The program is designed to help students feel safe, valued and connected to the school community. We are building a friendly and caring school environment. Through building strong relationships, research shows that children benefit immensely. Younger students feel safe and cared for, while older students feel valued and respected. Buddies will meet 3 or 4 times this term as they work on a variety of engaging activities. We look forward to beginning this exciting program.

Level 3 and 4 Excursion to the Museum

The students will be learning about our Aboriginal heritage on this day.

We will need a small number of parent helpers for each class. Please send a note to your child's teacher if you are interested in coming with us.

Buses will leave Rangeview at 8:45am on Thursday 30th of April for Level 4 and Friday 1st of May Level 3.

Year 3 Swimming

All our Year 3 students are looking forward to their intensive swimming program during the last weeks of the term. This is a very valuable experience for them as they build on their skills in the water.

Year 4 Camp – Weekaway

To help with your planning –

Next term the Level 4's will be heading away for 2 nights for their first experience on a school camp.

The dates are Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th August and the cost will be around \$265. There will be lots more information coming home about this very soon.

Reports and Parent Teacher Discussions

Reports will take a new format this year and we anticipate them coming home towards the end of the term, followed by parent/teacher discussions. Remember that specialist teachers are also available for a chat and would look forward to talking about your child's progress.

Dates for your Calendar:

Wednesday 29th April - Parent Information Night – Cyber safety 6:00 - 7:30pm

Thursday 30th April - Level 4 Museum Excursion

Friday 1st May - Level 3 Museum Excursion

Thursday 21st May - Education Week open morning and night

Friday 22nd May - Walkathon

Monday 25th May - Pupil Free Day

From the Level 3 and 4 teachers,

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