

What's Happening in Foundation Term 3 Newsletter 2017:

Dear Foundation Parents,

We have had a great start to Term 3 and are looking forward to the many exciting events happening this term.



Thank-you

Thank-you very much to all of the parents who continue to help with Reading and Writing Workshops, take-home books and the many other much needed classroom maintenance jobs like cleaning, pencil sharpening and even cutting and preparation of more activities. Thank you also to our Class Ambassadors for the great job they do representing our classes, passing on information, organising events and organising helpers for events. We appreciate your effort and assistance.



BYO iPad Program

Thank you to all the families who have provided their child with an iPad to use in class as a tool for learning. Our Technicians have already connected most of these iPads to the Rangeview Network. Thankyou to you all for such a great start to the Foundation BYO iPad program, the children are very excited to be using their own iPads. Please don't forget to send along the named headphones to go with the iPads. All classes will have a system for signing in iPads in the morning. All the children have permission to come in at the **8:45am iPad bell** to place their iPad in the correct space. Then the children need to go outside again until the music starts. We will be revisiting the safe and responsible use of technology with iPads with the Foundation children throughout this term. Thank you to all the families who have loaded the Foundation Apps and the Whole School Apps onto their child's iPad. We use many of these Apps in Foundation and find them a wonderful tool for teaching and learning in class.

The Apps we will be starting to use are Book Creator, Explain Everything, Showbie, See Saw, Popplet, Magnetic Letters and Red writing as well as the many others listed. Please refer to the Foundation Apps and Whole School Apps list sent out in the large white envelopes late last term.



Celebrating 100 Days at School

This term we will celebrate 100 days at school with a week of learning about the number 100. The children will be asked to bring 100 of something to share for their Show and Tell during the week of **Monday 7th August to 11th August**. We will also have a **class party** to celebrate 100 days at school on **Friday 11th August**. A note will be sent home with more information.



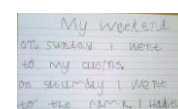
Incursions and Excursions

We are very excited about the number of incursions and excursions we have planned for this term. On the Wednesday **2nd August** and Friday **4th August** we have a visit from the Fairytale Puppet Theatre to begin our unit on Toys. We will have an excursion to the Lego Discovery Centre on Friday **1st September**. On Friday **August 18th**, we will have a visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership Program and then on **Wednesday 9th and Wednesday 16th of August** the Firefighters will visit and present a Fire Education program to the Foundation students to complement our unit around Personal Safety. On Thursday **24th August** Opera Australia will present "The Magic Flute" to the whole school as part of our great Performing Arts program.



Correct Handwriting Formation

We are continuing to use dotted thirds lined paper and the children are using upper case and lowercase letters in their writing. Included with this newsletter is a list of letters and how they are



formed so you may help your child. These sheets also show the capital letter formation, position on the lines and the correct pencil grip. You may like to use these sheets as a guide to help your children. It may be an idea to make a few copies or laminate them yourself to get even more use out of them.

Grandparents Afternoon

Every year we like to invite grandparents (or another special person) to school for an afternoon to share the great work the children have been doing. This afternoon will be held on Friday **8th September**. Some of the time will be spent in your child's classroom and then we will join together in the Hall with all the Foundation classes for some songs and rhymes. Please add this date to your diary.



Inquiry Topic – Toys and Technology

This term we will be investigating Toys. We will have a fabulous visit from the Fairytale Puppet Theatre in Week 3. The first three weeks of this term we will be focussing on the Rangeview Values, Personal Safety, including **Cybersafety** and how we stay safe on and off line. All grades have begun talking about being safe on the Internet, not giving out personal details and always checking with an adult first. Our Inquiry unit will then focus on Science, Design, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Technology. Students will complete a toy project in class that involves designing and making a toy.



Construction Materials

We need all sizes and types of boxes, containers, lids, cylinders (but not toilet rolls) and any other interesting things. **Please collect these at home until we call for them** to be brought to school. This will be later in the term.



Swimming

We are all looking forward to swimming in the last 2 weeks of this term. We have a 9 day program which runs from **Monday 11th September to Thursday 21st September**. Swimming lessons are at the Vicki Field Swim Centre in Kilsyth.



Now is a great time to encourage your child to try to dress themselves, and to have a go at drying themselves if they are not already doing so. This includes encouraging your child to put on their own shoes, socks and learning how to tie laces or do up buckles.

Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

We hope your child has been enjoying these Literacy and Numeracy websites. All classes will have received their login and passwords during Term 1.



Healthy Lunches, Brain Food and tissues

It has been great to see the children having such healthy lunches and eating fruit and vegetables. We encourage you to put in extra fruit and vegetables as this is great "brain" food for your child. If you haven't brought in a tissue box, now is the time with the winter sniffles. Thank you in advance.



Diary Dates

Look out for notices and information in the School Newsletter about events this term.

Term 3 Important Dates:

- Week 3- Fairytale Puppet Theatre Wednesday **2nd August** and Friday **4th August**
From Wednesday **August 2nd** the Book Fair arrives in the Library
- Week 4- Special Assembly to farewell Mr Ian Bunston, Assistant Principal **Monday August 7th**
100 Days at School Party Celebration



Robin Hood Dress Up day Tuesday **8th August**

Fire Fighter visit 1- Wednesday **9th August**

Grade 6 Production- Thursday **10th August**

Grade 5 Production- Friday **11th August**

- Week 5- Fire Fighter visit 2- Wednesday **16th August**

Responsible Pet Program Friday **18th August**

- Week 6-Book Week Parade Day Monday **21st August**

Transition Session 1 for Foundation students for 2018 in Foundation rooms Tuesday **22nd August**

Opera Australia-“The Magic Flute” Thursday **24th August**

Subway F-2 Friday **25th August**

Week 7- Legoland Discovery Centre Excursion tentative date Friday **1st September**

Week 8- Transition Session 2 for Foundation students for 2018 in Specialist Curriculum rooms Wednesday **6th September**

Grandparents Afternoon Friday **8th September**

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes Friday **8th September**

- Week 9-10-Foundation Swimming **Monday 11th to Thursday 21st September**

- Week 9- Planning Week – Foundation Planning Day Friday **15th September**

- Week 10- Planning Week continues

Billy Cart/Footy Day Friday **22nd September**

Last day of Term 3 Friday **22nd September, 2.30pm dismissal** after a 2:00pm Assembly

Letters and sounds – Term 3

WEEK	<i>Letter / Sound focus</i>
Week 1-17/7	Bb and Qq
Week 2- 24/7	Ww
Week 3- 31/7	Zz/ Xx
Week 4- 7/8	Mr Aa sound
Week 5- 14/8	Mr Ee sound
Week 6- 21/8	Mr li sound
Week 7- 28/8	Mr Oo sound
Week 8- 4/9	Mr Uu sound
Week 9- 11/9	Yy like I and E
Week 10- 18/9	Sh

Each week, please send along an item that starts with our letter/sound focus.



As you can see, we are in for a very exciting term 3 full of great learning experiences for your child. Many more details will be sent home during the term. Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation,

Kind Regards

The Foundation Team,

Meg Hubbard, Julie Buisman, Karen Hastie, Sam Clarke and Natasha Hale

20th July 2017.

