From the Principal’s Desk

FRIDAY MINI OLYMPICS

The hall was a blaze of colour and sound last Friday for the Rangeview Olympics Opening Ceremony – Ms Lisa O’Connor worked with students and staff to pull together a showcase of student performances in dance and skipping. Classes represented different countries, and Ms Jean Lyons added her artistic flair to help produce some fantastic flags, the Olympic Flame and the cauldron with students. Mrs Shirley Van der Toorren led the combined choirs, opening with ‘Waltzing Matilda’ and concluding with ‘I Am Australian’. The 2 lead vocalists Liam and Emma, during the junior and senior choirs’ performance of the National Anthem, was another highlight.

There were guest athletes who spoke to the students about their Olympic journey. Ms O’Connor had a vision of what this ceremony could look like, and with a team of staff and students working with her it came together on the day. It was a day full of fun and involvement that should spark an interest in the events taking place on the other side of the world. On behalf of the school community I wish to extend our thanks to Ms O’Connor, Mrs Van der Toorren, Ms Lyons and all staff and students involved in making the day possible and we wish all the Olympians representing their countries the best over the next 2 weeks of competition.

L4 Netball

The Netball Competition, attended by selected Level 4 boys and girls teams, last Thursday provided another opportunity for active participation in a team sport. I was pleased to witness the skill level of both teams and more importantly, their team spirit and sportsmanship on the day. Congratulations to all the students and although they did not make it through to the next round of the competition, they epitomised the values of Rangeview. I acknowledge the coaching, support and training offered by Ms Faye Natoli and Ms Sue Hargrave leading up to and on the day.

Follow up to Pupil Free Day

Last Wednesday Michael Ymer, a renowned Mathematics consultant, worked with the teaching staff, Integration staff and some regular casual relief teachers on effective teaching and learning in Mathematics. The day provided invaluable time for staff to work on a whole school focus on student engagement and differentiating learning. Pedagogy of teaching and learning with the practical application in a classroom proved a most valuable day.

Such professional learning will prepare the way for the implementation of the National Australian Curriculum in 2013.

REMINDER: THE RCC CHOCOLATE MONEY & ANY UNSOLD CHOCOLATES ARE DUE BACK THIS FRIDAY.

GONSKI Review

Have you heard about the findings of the Gonski Review?

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Well, potentially it’s very good news for our school and our students.

Headed by senior businessman David Gonski, the Federal Government’s review was the most comprehensive national investigation of school funding in almost 40 years. It found that a major funding increase for public schools is urgently required to ensure a high quality education for all.

That increase equates to an average of $1,500 per student extra per year in public schools. If we were to receive that amount it would mean a primary school with 250 students would receive an additional $375,000 and a secondary school with 1000 students an additional $1.5 million each year.

The report encourages parents to contact their local MP, in our case, Federal Minister Mike Symon, Member for Deakin, and tell him how crucial additional funds are to your school. His electorate office phone number is 9874 4544 – a short call can really make a difference. For more information please access the following website:


You can also find out more about the Gonski Review at the Federal Government’s website www.schoolfunding.gov.au

Administration

We understand that emergency situations arise where you may be late to school for pick up or that you have to work suddenly and need to use the Outside School Hours Care Program in an emergency. But please remember that with over 550 students at the school messages during and at the end of the day are sometimes difficult to relay to your child/children. We ask that you ring for messages to be relayed to your students only in an emergency and/or urgent situation. If your child is ill, a note to their teacher upon return to school will suffice. Thank you for your continued understanding in this matter.

Mrs Liz Barr - Principal
German news......

Congratulations to Freya, Lauren, Mathilda, Mia and Phoebe, our participants for the 2012 AGTV Regional Poetry Competition Final. The girls have been learning a German poem of their choice by heart. They meet regularly with Frau Thaler, Frau Lindner and Frau Gürlich to perfect their performance. They will recite their poem to a panel of German teachers on Wednesday, August 8th 2012, at Vermont Secondary College. Please support and encourage them in their endeavour.

Wusstest du.....Did you know....
Germany may not have won the 2012 European Soccer Championships, however, with 6.4 million members and 178,000 clubs, the German Soccer Association (Deutscher Fussballbund) is the largest sporting association in the world.

Why study German?
Why should you continue to study German in secondary school? German is an easy language to learn. Many words are similar and Germans have adopted many English words into their language. That means you can make greater progress in a shorter period of time than with some other languages. Learning another language is “brain food”: People who have learned other languages show greater cognitive development in mental flexibility, creativity, and higher order thinking skills, such as problem-solving, conceptualizing, and reasoning. Get smarter, learn German for longer! (from Value adding with high ATAR Scaling for VCE German, AGTV)

There are many opportunities for scholarships to Germany. Check out the AGTV website and follow the tabs ‘Students’ and then ‘Scholarships and Exchanges’ and learn about the BJR Exchange, the Goethe Institut/AGTV Year 10 Award or the SAGSE. Simone Young, a well known Australian conductor, who is currently working in Germany, was a SAGSE scholarship recipient.

Rangeview Pet News

Pet Roster
Grades on duty
* Mon 30th July to Fri 3rd Aug 4M (Ms Mehta)
* Mon 6th Aug to Fri 10th Aug 4B (Ms Brown)

Family Roster
♦ For the weekend 4th August - The Birkett & Renner Family are on duty.
♦ For the weekend 11th August - The Shepherd Family are on duty.

Thank you - Mrs Joyce 3J

Birthday Corner
“Best wishes” and “Happy Birthday” to the following students

August
1st Aug  Lexi
       Eva
       Vince
       Kiara
2nd Aug  Ashleigh
        Mitchell
        Jack
        Thomas
3rd Aug  Amelia
4th Aug  Rhoan
5th Aug  Rose
6th Aug  Bianca
        Mika
7th Aug  Ellie
        Jake
        Mitchell
        Alex

Cyber Safety Tips Check List – Am I On Track?

Below are tips from 2012 to date, summarised into a checklist so that families can review and check their progress thus far. Please take a few minutes to reflect on how many of the following statements are already true in your household and which could be acted on.

☐ Our computer is positioned in the kitchen or general living area where it can easily be monitored at all times.

☐ We bookmark age-appropriate websites as Favourites and access them this way.

☐ My family openly discuss computer usage and I am aware of whether or not my children are chatting to ‘friends’ online.

☐ We have in place computer time limits.

☐ Jobs and homework are completed before TV/computer time.

☐ The children are engaging in other creative, playful interests.

☐ We schedule family activities (bike ride, cooking, projects, etc).


☐ We have an agreement in place with clear expectations, signed by both parents and children about how technology is to be used in/out of our home. For sample contracts go to www.cybersmart.gov.au/cyberquoll/html/parents.html

Ms Alex B
Dear Parents and Students,

Everyone had a great time roller skating on the previous Curriculum Day. The Program had 47 children attend on the day.

Just a reminder on some OSHC housekeeping: The Before School Care Program serves breakfast until 8.15am. If time allows we will, of course, accommodate late comers with fruit/juice and toast.

The After School Care Program provides afternoon tea and it comprises of fruit and varied hot or cold food. If your child does not eat what is on offer a sandwich can be made instead.

Please put your thinking hats on for ideas for the upcoming September holiday program, as your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Please note that due to a computer upgrade last week, if you did not receive your OSHC Statement by email, this will be sent in the next few days.

Ms Shona Ewert
OSHC Coordinator

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<th>Katie</th>
<th>For her very positive attitude towards her work in class and for being a very kind, thoughtful class member to her friends in Prep B. Thank you, Katie, you are fantastic!</th>
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<td>Prep D</td>
<td>Sophie</td>
<td>For being a kind, caring friend to her classmates and for working very hard in class during Reading Workshop activities. Well done Sophie!</td>
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<td>Prep H</td>
<td>Jake</td>
<td>For making excellent choices about your best learning spot in the classroom. Well done on taking responsibility and your careful thinking. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Prep S</td>
<td>Chloe</td>
<td>For always doing your best! You try your best in every activity and you are always a wonderful friend and kind classmate in Prep S. Well done Chloe!</td>
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<td>1 H</td>
<td>Jessica</td>
<td>Thinking creatively to make her ‘Boxing Kangaroo Olympic Mascot’ stand up without falling over. Excellent thinking skills Jessica!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Krishna</td>
<td>For bringing in some interesting facts to share with the grade about our Olympic country, Indonesia. Thanks Krishna, now we know more about Indonesia than we did before!</td>
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<td>Lily</td>
<td>For impressing us with the presentation of some Indonesian phrases that she found on the computer at home. Well done Lily!</td>
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<td>Eliza</td>
<td>For her job application as part of our Junior Earn and Learn. She remembered to use paragraphs, persuasive language and correct punctuation. Keep up the good writing Eliza!</td>
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<td>Oscar</td>
<td>For your excellent editing skills. You always remember to re-read your work carefully to check the spelling and punctuation. Well done, Oscar!</td>
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<td>Zafirah</td>
<td>For paying close attention to the Maths Curse book and writing and illustrating her own maths problem about people in the class.</td>
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<td>Breeannon</td>
<td>For working very hard on your counting and thinking skills in mathematics. Keep up this great effort!</td>
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<td>Daniel</td>
<td>Joining in with the spirit of the Olympics by dressing as a Viking from Denmark then taking part enthusiastically in the sports activities.</td>
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<td>Sean</td>
<td>For his excellent oral presentation about the Men’s 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay team. Well Done Sean.</td>
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<td>Kingston</td>
<td>For trying and loving the lamb wraps on the Olympics Day.</td>
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<td>Harry</td>
<td>For being a conscientious and enthusiastic learner who contributes great ideas to class discussions.</td>
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<td>Jessica</td>
<td>For a great improvement in all aspects of her school work. Great reading, improved maths thinking and excellent work on France for our Around The World project.</td>
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<td>5 R</td>
<td>Ella</td>
<td>For outstanding work on your project! You have showed excellent commitment and enthusiasm to research and present the information on your countries. Fantastic work Ella.</td>
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<td>Freya</td>
<td>For the outstanding amount of time and effort you put into researching your country, Jamaica. It was fabulously researched and magnificently presented. Outstanding work, Freya!</td>
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<td>Chloe</td>
<td>For an impressive start to your Countries project! Your information has been well collated and has been presented beautifully! Well done Chloe.</td>
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From the Library...

'Champions Read' in the National Year of Reading 2012

Term 3 is a very busy term in the Library with our literacy and appreciation focus on the Children's Book Council of Australia's (CBC) shortlisted books, the annual Scholastic Book Fair and celebration of Book Week/Science Week with a parade and activity rotations.

CBC books

All the books are in the Library on display for everyone to read during class Library time or during the open hours. There are six books in five different sections and one book in each section will be selected as the winner. Winners will be announced on Friday August 17th.

We focus on the books relevant for Primary School children in the following sections – Picture story book, best illustrated book, early childhood, junior non-fiction book and young readers. Students are encouraged to evaluate each book as we read them and to choose the ones they think should win. Their reasons for selecting the books are always very interesting and often quite well thought out!

Book Week and Science Week Parade

Our annual parade and activity rotations will be held on Monday 20th August.

We ask that all students come to school on this day dressed as a character from a book or as a science character. The day will begin with a parade and celebrations in the hall until recess. For the rest of the day until assembly time, students will be involved in three activities that the teachers will have organised. One student from each grade level will be selected to receive a book (within a set price range!) of their choosing from the Book Fair.

So chat with your child and begin to plan their outfit for the day!

Scholastic Book Fair

In the Library - 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Thursday August 16th – Tuesday August 21st

If you are interested in helping at the Book Fair please fill in the form below and send it back to the Library.

Happy reading, Mrs Robyn Blythe & Mrs Deirdree Geilings - Teacher Librarians

Scholastic Book Fair Helpers

Name: ........................................................................................................ Phone: ........................................

Child’s name and grade: ........................................................................................................

I can help on the following days after school from 3.30 - 4.15pm:

Thursday 16th:................................................................. Friday 17th:.................................................................
(closed Monday afternoon) Tuesday 21st: .................................................................

News from Level 2....

After the spectacular Opening Ceremony of the Rangeview Olympic Games last Friday - the Games actually did begin! Mrs O’Connor had organised events around the school for us to enjoy. Level 1 & 2 were first, followed by Level 3 after recess and Level 4 after lunch. The events were run by several people from SEDA, who were terrific! They encouraged everyone to do their best and have fun too! We loved making the parachute fly up in the air so we could run underneath it and also had fun jumping around the cones in the sack race. What a fantastic day we all had!

A HUGE thank you to Ray Elliott from The Book Cover Co. in Vermont for donating a huge quantity of plastic book covering to the Library. What a great resource!
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Open Hours - Term 3
Wednesday Afternoons
3.15pm—3.45pm

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Brenda Porteous in the office on 9874 6381.