

What's Happening in Foundation Term 3 Newsletter 2018:

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. The children are very excited to be using their own iPads. Our Technicians have already connected most of these iPads to the Rangeview Network. Please don't forget to send along the named headphones to go with the iPads.

All classes have a system for signing in iPads in the morning. 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.

When installing the Apps, please refer to the **Foundation Apps** and **Whole School Apps** lists sent out late last term. Explain Everything, Scratch Junior, Book Creator, Magnetic letters and Red Writing **are of particular importance**, as we will begin using these frequently in the coming weeks.

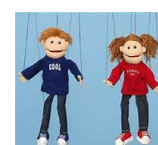
Celebrating 100 Days at School

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 30th July to 3rd August**. We will also have a **class party** to celebrate 100 days at school on **Friday 3rd August**. A note will be sent home with more information.



Incursions

We are very excited about the incursions we have planned for this term. On the morning of Thursday **26th July** we have a visit from the 'Don't Move Puppet Theatre' to begin our unit on Toys. The following week, on Wednesday **1st August** it will be a delight to have a visit and live performance from Opera Australia as part of our excellent whole school Performing Arts program.



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 Thursday **6th 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. As mentioned, above will have a fabulous visit from the 'Don't Move Puppet Theatre' in Week 2. The first three weeks of this term we will be focusing on the Rangeview Values and 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. In order to support this learning, our students have already participated in an incursion by 'Brainstorm Productions' reinforcing this. 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 10th September to Thursday 20th September**. Swimming lessons are at the Aquanation Swimming Pool in Ringwood.



Students are highly encouraged to attend, as this program is offered annually as part of the curriculum. Your child will develop a range of skills in addition to skill acquisition, including communication skills, independence and organisational skills.

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 valuable Literacy and Numeracy websites. All classes will have received their login and passwords during Term 1.



Australian Early Development Census

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. The data gathered is used for a variety of policy, analysis, statistical and research purposes by the Australian Government. The data collected is de-identified, therefore extreme care is taken to ensure children cannot be identified. The Foundation teachers have finalised this census during the first two weeks of this term.

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:

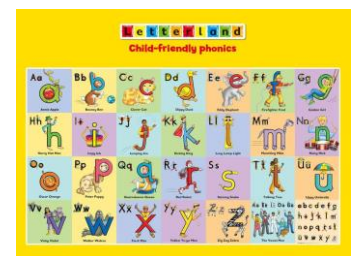
- Week 2- 'Don't Move Puppet Theatre' incursion Thursday **26th July**
- Week 3- Opera Australia incursion Wednesday **1st August**
100 Days at School Party Celebration! Friday **3rd August**
- Week 4- Transition Session 1 for Foundation students for 2019 in Foundation rooms Wednesday **8th August**
- Week 7- Transition Session 2 for Foundation students for 2019 in Specialist Curriculum rooms Tuesday **28th August**
- Week 8- Grandparents Afternoon Thursday **6th September**
Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge finishes Friday **7th September**
- Week 9-10- Foundation Swimming **Monday 10th to Thursday 20th September**
- Week 9- Planning Week – Foundation Planning Day Friday **14th September**
- Week 10- Planning Week continues
Billy Cart/Footy Day Friday **21st September**
Last day of Term 3 Friday **21st September, 2.30pm dismissal** after a 2:00pm Assembly



Letters and sounds – Term 3

WEEK	<i>Letter / Sound focus</i>
Week 1-16/7	Bb and Qq
Week 2- 23/7	Ww and Magic e
Week 3- 30/7	Zz and Xx
Week 4- 6/8	Mr Aa sound and THRASS vowels
Week 5- 13/8	Mr Ee sound and THRASS vowels
Week 6- 20/8	Mr Ii sound and THRASS vowels
Week 7- 27/8	Mr Oo sound and THRASS vowels
Week 8- 3/9	Mr Uu sound and THRASS vowels
Week 9- 10/9	Yy like I and E
Week 10- 17/9	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, Sam Clarke, Natasha Hale and Jen Bonte

