

Foundation Start of Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The first term has flown by and the Foundation children have settled into school well. The children have enjoyed learning about letters and sounds. It has been lovely to see the students make connections between home and school when they bring in an item to share for Show and Tell. In addition, it has been pleasing to see their confidence develop when working with numbers in Maths.

Some of the highlights of Term 1 have been getting to know their Grade 5 and 6 buddies, Harmony Day, making hats with our buddies and then having a Harry Hat Man parade all around the school, not to mention our fun Family Dress Up Day. What a great beginning!

This newsletter is to inform you about some information regarding the end of terms and to prepare for Term 2.

WEEK	Letter/Sound focus
29/4	Yy
6/5	Ff Ll
13/5	Ee Uu
20/5	Kk Pp
27/5	Vv Jj
3/6	Rr Ww
10/6	Qq/Uu Bb
17/6	Zz Xx
24/6	<i>Magic e</i>

Last Day

At the end of each term, school finishes 1 hour earlier. This means that the children will **finish school at 2:30pm.** We always finish the term with an Assembly in the hall, beginning around 2:00pm.

Readers and Word List Words

All the children will bring home about 3-5 readers for the school holidays and the second readers word list from the Magic 100 Words. These 'Golden' and 'Red Words' are some of the most common words in reading. Please continue to help your child to learn these words. There are many hands on and engaging ways to do this, including playing games with them. Try making cards with the words on them and play a memory game, play snap, cut out words from magazines or newspapers or make them out of playdough. You could also support your child in writing them into simple sentences, such as 'I see the'

Online Learning Programs

At Rangeview P.S., we are fortunate to have online learning programs for our students to support their learning, such as Reading Eggs, Maths Seeds and Mathletics. As you are aware, the passwords for these programs are in your child's reader cover. We encourage our students to utilise these engaging resources during holiday breaks.

Learning Experiences During the Holidays

The holiday period is a wonderful opportunity to broaden children's life experiences outside of school and are a chance for them to explore the world around them. During these times, you might like to encourage your child to participate in a range of activities to develop their fine motor skills, which will assist them in their writing. Some such activities could include playing with playdough or clay, doing art and craft, using scissors and helping peg washing onto the line. Visits to the local library can also be an enjoyable learning experience for your child.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge has begun! As your child reads books, please add them on to the list and then when finished update your child's list on the internet.

Show and Tell, News or Sharing Time

The children really enjoy sharing something with the class and are developing their speaking and listening skills. Please help select appropriate items to bring to school on your child's day and discuss what your child might tell the class even if they do not bring anything to show.

In Term 2 we will continue to introduce two letters/sounds most weeks. Please send something along that starts with one, or both letters/sounds for Show and Tell.

Student Independence

Please remember that an important part of Foundation is developing a sense of autonomy. At school, one way we promote the development of this is through encouraging students to undertake tasks as independently as possible. As we move into a new term, please support your child in developing their independence by allowing your child to walk into the school building without the person who drops them off. Saying goodbye at the line up area when the bell goes is a simple, yet important step you can take in supporting your child in this area.

Late or Early Arrival to School

If children are late for school (after 9:00am) they must go past the school office and get a late pass. Also when children leave early, they must be signed out at the office.

Sunsmart

In line with Rangeview's Sunsmart Policy, all students are required to continue to wear hats when outside as we move into Term 2. Hats will no longer need to be worn from the 1st of May 2019.

THANK YOU!

Thank you very much to all the parents who have helped with reading and the many other needed classroom maintenance jobs like cleaning, pencil sharpening and even cutting and preparation of more activities. Thank you also to our Class Reps for the valuable job they do.

Term 2 Diary Dates

In Term 2 we will be learning all about farms. This will include an excursion to Myuna Farm.

- **Term 2 starts** Wednesday 24th April
- **ANZAC Day** Thursday 25th April
- **Literacy Learning Centres** will begin in the Foundation rooms in the **second week of term 2**.
- **Excursion to Myuna Farm** Wednesday 1st May – rain, hail or shine!
- **Education Week** May 20th–24th. This will include an **open morning on Tuesday 21st** and **open night on Thursday 23rd** where the Foundation rooms will be open for viewing along with the whole school.
- **Peter Puppy Pyjama Party Day** Foundation children wear their pyjamas to school on Thursday 30th May.
- **Queens's Birthday Public Holiday** Monday 10th June
- **Last day term** Friday 28th June

As you can see, we are in for a very exciting Term 2, full of great learning experiences for your child. Many more details will be sent home next term so don't forget to read all the notices very carefully. Also keep an eye out for continued fortnightly updates on the school website, as we share what the children have been up to.

Kind regards

Mrs Marg Goulding, Mrs Vicki Tzimos, Miss Sam Clarke, Ms Carol Wilson and Miss Jen Bonte.

Premiers' Reading Challenge

When you have finished the Reading Challenge log your books on using the process below. Your books must be logged on to receive a certificate.

RECORDING BOOKS ONLINE

Go to www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/

Then click on student login.

*Key in the username: child's full name in lowercase with no spaces e.g.
robertsmith*

password: All the passwords are the same - rangeview1

If you do not have internet access a family friend may be able to help.

If you have trouble logging on let your class teacher know. (There are a few usernames that are slightly different.)