



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LEVELS 1 & 2

Welcome back to Rangeview for 2019. We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday spending valuable family time together and that you are looking forward to this year as much as we are.

Important Dates:

Wednesday February 20th is a PUPIL FREE DAY.

Tuesday March 5th is school photo day.

Monday March 11th is Labour Day holiday.

Thursday March 21st is the whole school Harmony Day

Friday April 5th is end of Term 1. Assembly at 2pm and students will be dismissed at 2.30 pm.

Reader Covers: Please check last year's reader cover carefully when it comes home. It may need to be re-covered, and to have the elastic replaced. The children have been given a new record book to keep in their reader covers. Please encourage your child to read aloud to you regularly. We encourage all children to participate in Premier's Reading Challenge. This a great way to encourage reading at home.

News Time or Sharing Time: This is a favourite activity and an excellent opportunity for children to gain confidence speaking in front of a group, to develop listening skills and to learn about interesting things. It is wonderful for the class and very good for your child's self-esteem if all children join in this activity. It works best if some pre-planning is done with your child. The children know their day and weekly topic.

Topics: During Term 1, Level 1 and 2 classes will be implementing the Start Up program, which aims to build relationships and encourage resilience. Once again this year, the whole school is celebrating Harmony Day and students are learning about diversity, inclusion and acceptance. They are exploring different cultures and celebrations and learning how people are the same as / different to one another.

Spelling books: The children will use these for each week's spelling words. Spelling will be tested weekly. Just repeatedly writing the words can quickly become boring and repetitious and it is important that children remain interested and involved in this task.



To make this activity fun and more meaningful, students could make words out of playdough, write them in sand or bean trays, use paintbrushes and water on outside paths, magnetic letters, Magnadoodles, or other tactile activities. Words could be written on a computer/iPad using different fonts and Word Art. If you feel that your child is already confident with the weekly word list, you can extend your child by using

the words as a basis for word building, making word families, collecting words with the same sounds or letter combinations.

Birthdays: Children enjoy celebrating their birthdays at school with their friends. We prefer children to bring cupcakes or similar to share with the class, as a large cake is difficult to manage. Please check with your child's teacher if you need to know class numbers. We ask that party invitations not be distributed in class unless the whole grade is being invited, as children's feelings are sometimes hurt. (This would also apply to the giving out of cards at special times.)

Please note that Departmental policy does not allow us to distribute confectionary in class. Also, please check with your child's teacher regarding food allergies in the classroom.



Swimming: This year swimming will take place in Term 2 at Aquanation, Ringwood. Further details next term.

Tissues: As children of this age tend to use a lot of tissues throughout the year, it would be appreciated if each child could bring a large box of tissues to be stored in the classroom.

Lining-up: Children in Levels 1 and 2 are expected to line up outside each morning to wait for their teachers. They are not to come inside without their teacher prior to the iPad bell at 8.45, even to bring their readers or schoolbags in. At the end of the day, parents are asked to please wait for children outside and not in the corridor, in order to avoid congestion.

Children are expected to be at school unpacked and ready to start their day at 9am start. If you are late for any reason, please visit the school office to receive a Late Slip before coming to the classroom.

Absences: When your child is absent, could you please enter this absence on Sentral. Please inform the class teacher if your child will be away for an extended period. If children are to be collected before the end of the school day at 3:30 pm, please go to the office first to collect an early leaver's pass to hand to the class teacher.

Reminders: All children are expected to wear school hats. Please check to make sure that your child's name is clearly visible on the hat, and on all other items of clothing and belongings.

Any medication that your child needs to take must be given to the office staff with written instructions. Your child's teacher is not able to administer medication of any kind, even with parental permission.

We're all expecting 2019 to be a great year in Level 1 and 2 at Rangeview.

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