

# Foundation End of Term 1 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 Mathematics.

Some of the highlights this term have been Foundation students 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 Term 1 and to prepare for Term 2.

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>Letter/Sound focus</b>
19/4	Ii Nn
26/4	Gg Yy
3/5	Ff Ll
10/5	Ee Uu
17/5	Pp Kk
24/5	Bb Oo
31/5	Jj Rr
7/6	Qq/Uu Vv
14/6	Vv Zz
21/6	Xx

## **Last Day**

At the end of each term, school finishes 1 hour earlier. This means that the children will **finish school at 2:30pm this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.** We always finish the term with an Assembly, 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, 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, Mathletics and PM eCollection Reading. 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 the holiday.

## **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 this time, 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 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.

### **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 begin 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.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you very much to all the parents who have helped with reading. We hope to get more parents in to help in the early stages of Term 2. Thank you also to our Class Ambassadors 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** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April
- **ANZAC Day** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April (No Holiday)
- **Excursion to Myuna Farm** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – rain, hail or shine!
- **Peter Puppy Pyjama Day** Foundation children wear their pyjamas to school on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Queens's Birthday Public Holiday** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- **Last day term** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Have an enjoyable holiday break.

Miss Kirilee Bell, Miss Jen Bonte, Miss Amber Somerville and Ms Carol Wilson.