

What's Happening in Foundation Term 3 Newsletter 2021



Dear Foundation Parents and Guardians,

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3 and are looking forward to the many exciting events happening this term.

Thank you

Thank you very much to all the parents who continue to help with literacy support, take-home readers, and other much needed classroom roles. Thank you also to our Class Ambassadors for the excellent 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 excited to be using their own iPads. Please do not forget to send ***named headphones*** to go with your child's iPad. If your child will not be bringing their own iPad, they will still need to bring their own headset for health reasons. We thank you for your understanding with this.

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 and line up as usual. 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. These can also be found on our school website under 'The Rangeview Difference' tab.

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Celebrating 100 Days at School

This term we are excited to be celebrating 100 days at school. The children will be asked to bring 100 of a particular item to school at the start of the week commencing Tuesday 27th July (please no confectionary). These items will be kept at school to be used for maths activities and Show and Tell during the week of **27th - 30th July**.

Inquiry Topic – Toys and Technology

This term we will be investigating toys. Our Inquiry unit will focus on Science, Design, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Technology. During this unit, children will learn about different materials and develop their skills to follow a design process to create a toy.

To begin our unit, we will have a visit from 'Don't Move Puppet Theatre' in Week 2. Children will have the opportunity to watch a live puppet performance and learn about aspects of putting on a puppet show. Children will also participate in a puppet making session where they will create their own puppet to take home. We will require parent helpers to assist during this incursion, so please indicate if you are available on the form provided. Unfortunately, young children cannot be in attendance, due to safety reasons.

Following this, in Week 4, the students will create their own toy made of wood when 'Learning by Doing' visit. The students will develop skills in using tools effectively and safely and practise part of the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) process, including following a design, producing, and evaluating their product.



Reading Eggs, PM eCollection, Maths Seeds 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. Another valuable website is 'Starfall' which is free and can be found through a simple google search.

Premiers' Reading Challenge



It has been pleasing to see many students actively working towards achieving the Premier's Reading Challenge at home. Please remember that the Challenge finishes on **Friday 17th September** so any books your child has read - either independently or with an adult - need to be uploaded onto the website before this date. If you are looking for approved Reading Challenge books to add to your list, please be reminded that students can borrow these books from our school library. They can be identified by the red Reading Challenge sticker.

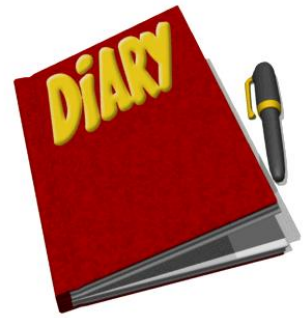
Healthy Lunches, Brain Food, Nude Food and Tissues

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. Please remember to bring 'nude' food with minimal packaging to support us in keeping our school clean. If you have not 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 on the school website and in the newsletter about events this term.



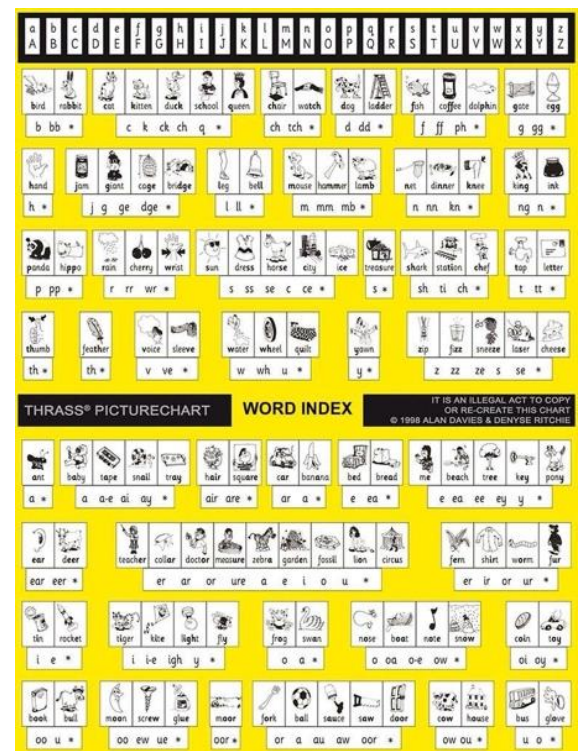
Term 3 Important Dates:

- Week 2 **Monday 19th July** - 'Don't Move Puppet Theatre' show
Wednesday 21st July - 'Don't Move Puppet Theatre' puppet making workshop
- Week 3 **Monday 26th July** - Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 28th July - Foundation 100 Days at School Celebration
- Week 4 **Monday 2nd August** - JSC Free Dress Day
Wednesday 4th August - Wooden Toy Making incursion
- Weeks
4, 5 & 6 **Wednesday 4th to Tuesday 17th August** - Book Fair in Library
- Week 6 **Wednesday 18th August** – Whole School Stomp Dance incursion
- Week 7 **Tuesday 24th August** – Book Week Parade Day, dress up as a book character
- Week 8 **Friday 3rd September** – Parents & Friends Father's Day Activity
- Week 9 **Monday 6th to Friday 10th September** – eSmart Week
Thursday 9th September – Foundation Planning Day
- Week 10 **Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th September** – Level 5/6 Production
Friday 17th September - Billy Cart/Footy Day
Last day of Term 3
2:00pm Assembly
2.30pm dismissal

Sounds and Letters – Term 3



WEEK	<i>Sound / Spelling focus</i>
Week 1 - 12/7	th as in thumb th as in feather
Week 2 - 19/7	sh as in shark ch as in chair
Week 3 - 26/7	wh as in wheel ph as in dolphin
Week 4 - 2/8	Magic e (eg: tape)
Week 5 - 9/8	Tricky y
Week 6 - 16/8	ar, er, ir, or, ur
Week 7 - 23/8	ow as in cow ou as in house
Week 8 - 30/8	ng as in king n as in ink
Week 9 - 6/9	ed
Week 10 - 13/9	Revision



As you can see, we are looking forward to a very exciting Term 3 full of great learning experiences for your child. Many more details will be communicated throughout the term.

Thank you for your ongoing support and co-operation.

Kind Regards,

The Foundation Team
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