## Principal’s Page

**2015 Grades**

After considering the needs of Rangebank Primary and our expected numbers in 2015, the following grades and teachers are listed below.

- Foundation – Sharon Dowey, Debra Ignace, Mel Magri/Lin Tregenza
- Year 1 – Andrea Bond, Michelle Bold
- Year 2 – Beth Monk, Johanna Harvey
- Year 3 – Karen Cowan, Pam Hallmark/Allistair Ramsay
- Year 4 – Sue Hoog, Maree Buhagiar
- Year 5 – Brenda Oliver, Trent Menassa
- Year 6 – Debbie Rolfe, Lisa Moisi

Specialists are: Chris Carey (The Arts), Allistair Ramsay (Phys-ed and Sport), Linda Greig (Science) and Pooja Verma (Hindi), Julie Comarmond (Student Welfare).

**Special Note:** If there is a special request to be made to the school for 2015 classes, please send as a letter by next Friday (5th December) for consideration. Please note that not all requests are able to be granted as teachers think very hard about the placement of children in grades and there may be many other factors that influence staff decisions. Requests to be passed to the office for collection.

### No EMA in 2015

As all parents would be aware of, the government has passed all money to the schools rather than to parents as in previous years. The amount of money we have received is not equivalent to the amount of money that was provided this year. After careful consideration, the school council has decided to provide families with a valid health care card a discount of $100 on the compulsory portion of the school fees which have been set at $200 for 2015 for years Foundation to Year 5. Year 6’s fees have been set at $210. The extra $10 covers the cooking component of the curriculum.

More details about the Education Maintenance Allowance can be found below and on a later page.

*Colin Avery, Principal of a school that rides together!*

### Education Maintenance Allowance

**Changes to the Education maintenance Allowance**

The final payment for the 2014 EMA was made in August 2014. From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance.

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| Tuesday 16th Dec | Scrapbook Viewing |
| Thursday 18th Dec | Last School Day for Students. Finish 3.15pm |
EMA cont/…

Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school. If you have any questions about this change, please speak to your school principal.

What support is still being provided directly to parents?

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs. For more information, see: SchoolKids Bonus. (See below.)

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can also speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

Why is the EMA changing?

The reason for the change stems from the 2013 School Funding Reform Agreement, signed between Victoria and the Commonwealth. The Victorian Government committed an additional $5.4 billion school funding, which included a change to the way it helps low-income families with education expenses.

In order to secure Commonwealth funding, Victoria was obliged to shift as much education funding as possible into direct payments to schools. If the Victorian Government failed to adhere to this condition, the entire additional funding agreed to by the Commonwealth would have been at risk for Victoria.

By redirecting EMA payments from parents direct to schools, Victoria was able to secure this increase in education funding which will benefit all students and, in particular, those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

How will the school use the money they receive in place of the EMA?

Funding will be used by schools to support students for school based expenses previously covered by the EMA. School principals and councils will be responsible for ensuring that students, who previously attracted the EMA, are supported to participate fully at school.

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child’s schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child’s education up to the age of 16.

School Kids Bonus

The Schoolkids Bonus aims to help eligible families and students with the education related costs of primary and secondary school studies, such as school fees, uniforms, books and sports, music or other lessons.

Each year, eligible families and students will receive up to:
- $422 for each child in primary school (two instalments of $211)
- $842 for each child in secondary school (two instalments of $421)

Half is paid in January and half in July.

Legislation passed to end the Schoolkids Bonus payments. The Schoolkids Bonus will continue until the end of 2016. This will allow families time to adjust to the change. The last instalment will be paid in July 2016.

An income test will also apply to the Schoolkids Bonus starting on 1 January 2015.

Any updates and news will be published here on the DSS website and the Australian Families Facebook page.
Year 4 & 5 Bikes@Casey Day
On another windy day, our 2014 bike riders from Rangebank Primary took to the tarmac and rode around the Casey Fields Criterion Track. Children had some free riding, an endurance ride, a sprint and a very difficult ‘slow ride’. I would like to thank our staff Mrs Buhagiar, Mrs Hoog, Mrs Oliver, Mrs Kumar, Mr Menassa and Mr Ramsay for their support throughout the morning. We are determined to strike a warmer day next year as it began well but gradually became cooler! Our wonderful friends at Amart Sports Dandenong were there to check all bikes and offer information to parents or riders. We thank them very much. The Manager of Amart Sports, Daniel Noy came along together with his mechanic Chris.
Results of all the rides were:-

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Congratulations to all riders who behaved extremely well as we expect all Rangebank students to do and for simply having fun participating. To our parents who arranged to drop off bikes and then pick them up again, a special thank you! Particularly to George Prest for assisting bringing the bikes back to school.
School Transitions

Whether your child is starting prep next year, transitioning to high school, or just moving to the next grade, for some children this is a really overwhelming time. Teachers and parents play a key role in supporting children with this transition. Some children will benefit from seeking appropriate professional support with early intervention.

- Recognise that this is a stressful time. All children experience some form of anxiety or stress around these transitions – these feelings are common with all children. Encourage talk amongst peers, recognising common feelings.

- Identify specific feelings and what this is around for the child i.e. worried I might not make any friends, stress over how to catch the school bus, anxious over new or increased homework etc.

- Talk about it! What things are they looking forward to? What things do they think they will struggle with or do with ease? Talk about what they can do to help get through the challenges – brainstorm together!

- Remind them of what things they are good at, or their personal strengths or characteristics. Draw on prior experiences that they found stressful and discuss what skills or strengths they utilised to get through it.

- Be honest. Acknowledge that it may be a difficult or stressful time, but it should get easier with the helpful tools and strategies. Each child responds and copes differently, and that is ok. We are all different!

- Discuss options for professional help. Some children need professional support to manage this transition - learning new and increased skills and how to cope when distressed or highly anxious.

- Discuss informal supports that the child can utilise i.e. friends in their class or school, teachers they may know, school counsellors, or things they enjoy that are offered at the school e.g. Lego club

- Parents and teachers need to work together. Discuss what support individual children need with appropriate involvement from the child. Problem solve together! Give the child opportunities to ask questions, discuss what things parents and teachers can do, what things the child can do - all working together on a plan for transition!

- Familiarise the child to the new environment and schedule. Arrange meetings and informal catch-ups with teachers, attend the school/classroom at different times. Practice things that are most helpful for the child i.e. catching the school bus.

- Consider use of a transitional object for younger children i.e. mum’s bracelet to be returned at the end of the day.

- Make the child aware of any unanticipated changes as soon as possible. Talk to the child about what they can do if things go differently than expected, and what tools or strategies they can use to cope or assist.

- Important: Be proactive! If you are not sure if it’s an over-reaction or a valid concern, explore it with the child. It is better to check things out, than leave things to be a bigger issue later on e.g. has struggled socially for years and now has no friends in high school.
TERM 4
Monday 6th October –Friday 19th December

Wednesday 26th November
Year 7 Information Night at Cranbourne Secondary College starting at 7pm sharp for parents & students in the school theatre

Thursday 4th December
Foundation Transition Program Week 6 –Teddy Bears Picnic
Foundation students will bring a plate of food to share. Pre school & Foundation students bring a teddy bear

Thursday 27th November—Last Day For Payment
Grade 6 Graduation Bear, Football/Soccer Ball.
Cash payment only

Friday 28th November
Isabella & Marcus Foundation Day— Kid’s Dream Day. Come to school dressed up in a costume of what you wish to be in the future.
Gold Coin Donation

Saturday 29th November
Election Day held at Rangebank 8.00am -6.00pm. Sausage sizzle from 8.00am– 2.00pm. Volunteers needed, if you can spare an hour please leave your details at the office

Tuesday 2nd December
Twilight Xmas Carols on the hard court, 5.30pm start

Friday 5th December
Year Book, due by this date. Cost $25.00

Friday 5th December
Grade 5 Choir Excursion to Melville Grange Hostel,
Students will depart by 10.00am & return by 12 noon
Grade 6 Choir Excursion Regis Sherwood Park Aged Care Centre/
Tregenza’s Farm. Students will depart school at 12noon & depart the Farm at 12.50pm to arrive at Regis at 1.00pm departing for school at 2.00pm

Thursday 11th December
Grade 6 Graduation
Amstel Golf Club Cost $30.00 due by Friday 5th December

Tuesday 16th December
Scrapbook Viewing from 3.15pm –4.00pm

Thursday 18th December
Last School Day for Students

Friday 19th December
Planning Day for Staff

Parenting Support with Michael Grose

Dear Michael,

My daughter is 8 and won’t eat meat because it’s cruel to eat animals. We can ‘force’ meat down her throat but want her to be healthy & not turn every meal into an argument. How do we handle this?

Just Wondering
Michael Grose

Dear Just Wondering,

It’s wonderful that your daughter has a social conscience. Your daughter’s empathy, in this case extended to animals, like her social activism, is something to be nurtured. I share your concerns around making sure she is healthy, which maybe compromised by her diet. So how to approach this issue? For a start, you are doing the right thing by not fighting her about it. She has a genuine concern, which she is expressing in a very personal way.

I’m not a dietary expert but I suspect that she can grow and develop normally without meat being part of her diet. I’d be tempted to accommodate your daughter’s needs and see where it takes you both. Arguments would cease and it would be interesting to see how far your daughter takes her concerns.

My past experience with parents involved in these types of ‘food fights’ with their progeny is that once the reason for fighting is removed then children will often moderate their approaches accordingly. Meals are too important to become mired in fights and arguments unless, of course, there are very good health and/or behavioural reasons for sticking to your parental guns.
Some thoughts for you to chew over - good luck!

Michael Grose

LOST PROPERTY IS OVERFLOWING!!!!

Please make time to come in and look at Lost Property for any garments your child may be missing. Any garments remaining at end of term will be disposed off

Bunnings Christmas Family Night
Thursday 4th December 6-8pm
Bookings Essential
5591 3100

- Visit from Santa
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting & Balloonist
- Pop corn & fairy floss
- Christmas Craft
- Photo Booth
- Little Munchkins Dance Crew
- Sausage Sizzle
Student of the week awards
1A - Vienna MoiMoi Lilee Worley Thomson
1B - Keira Bastin, Adrian Wishart
2B - Mannah Gatluk
2C - Iniya Gorky -
3A - Shevon Ratnayaka-Gamage, Rees Jones
3B - Molly Ignace - Talavou Isaako
3C - Amber-Jade Rawle
4A - Jorga-Tae Pellow
4B - Jordan Williams
5A - Courtney Zimmer
5B - Macey Costello
6A - Brook Madden,
6B - Jaidyn Reyes, Chris Dryden

Art - 2B/2C and 3A
Science

Canteen Roster
Friday 28th November
Janet Adams, Rebecca Haton, Denise Joseph,
Nicole May & Jenelle Proudlock

Friday 5th December
Janet Adams, Loo Lawrence, Cameron Jeffs,
Lisa Smith & Sam Gaskin

Friday 12th December
Janet Adams, Barbara Shoesmith, Shell Clapton,
Linda Goodwin & Natalie Goodman

Stockdale & Leggo Real Estate

Schools are often looking for organisations who are able to assist us. Stockdale and Leggo Real Estate have very generously offered to assist us in marketing our school in the Cranbourne area. In return, we are very happy to encourage our community to use Stockdale and Leggo Cranbourne as a worthy company to contact if you are wishing to buy, sell or lease your home. Please speak to our fabulous office people who will forward your name onto Stockdale and Leggo. This also applies to family, friends or acquaintances.

The school then profits from a recommendation fee and of course the communication to new families ‘that Rangebank Primary is a great school’ is passed on by Stockdale and Leggo.

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For clinic locations, session times and fees, please call Greg on 0413 919 727 or email at supersoccerclinic@gmail.com

With every $25 spent you help the school achieve a $1 Cranbourne Cash Reward that will be put towards our monthly total. Just mention our school name at the time of purchase for our school to redeem this cash reward.

For further information regarding to this program please contact Angela or Marcus at The Good Guys Cranbourne on 5991 6000 or email: promotions016@thegoodguys.com.au

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School Banking Every Tuesday
Enrolment Packs available
For 2015 Sherpa Kids Before & After School Care at Rangebank Primary School
Enrolment Packs available at the office
Phone Rose on 0413 137 571
TERM 4 Lunch Order Form
THIS IS A PRE-ORDER AND MUST BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER
NO LATER THAN 9:30AM.

Date: Friday 5th December

Name: ………………………………. Grade: ………………

Please tick

Lunch Choices

........ Crispy Chicken Salad Wrap (lettuce, cheese, cucumber, tomato, carrot) $4.50
........ Toasted Ham and Cheese Sandwich $2.00
........ Toasted Cheese and Tomato Sandwich $2.00
........ Meatball Sub with grated cheese $4.50

Snack Choices

........ Vanilla Custard $1.00
........ Banana Pikelet $1.00
........ Jam Tart $0.60

Drink Choices

Milk $1.50

Chocolate ........ Strawbery........ Honeycomb........

Juices $1.00

Apple........ Tropical......... Orange Juice........

Please add 20cents if you do not have your own brown bag to send

Total...................

Please place order and money in a paper bag. Limited stock is available over the counter

Please be aware that some items may contain traces of dairy products, eggs and or nuts. If your child has allergies or intolerances please contact the canteen via the office for information on all items available.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

On Tuesday 2nd December 2015 at 5.30pm Rangebank Primary School will be holding Twilight Christmas Carols on the hard court area.

Students from each grade level and the choirs will be singing one carol each. All families and friends are invited to come along and enjoy the evening and join in the singing.

Please bring along a blanket to sit on and a picnic dinner if you wish. If you require a chair to sit on you will need to sit around the edge of the hard court so all can see.

Parents will be responsible for supervising their own children as teachers will not be supervising students for the evening.

Teachers will meet their grade, at the side of stage, when called, 5 minutes before their performance.

Students need to listen carefully as we cannot wait for students arriving late.

Students will go back to be seated with their parents at the completion of their carol.

We request all students attending wear Christmas colours (red, green and white) and/or a Christmas hat.

This is an alcohol-free event.

Any questions please see Chris Carey.