2014

Sunsmart Term– hats must be worn

Term 1: 29th January-4th April
Term 2: 22nd April-27th June
Term 3: 14th July-19th September
Term 4: 6th October-19th Dec

Foundation Attendance Times
Foundation students attend school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for the first 5 weeks of Term 1 with No attendance on a Wednesday. They attend full time from Monday 3rd March.

Breakfast Club Starts Monday 3rd February at 8.00am-8.45am in the Multi Purpose Room

Sherpa Kids
Before School Care/ After School Care
Term 1 commencing Wednesday 29th January, 2014.
Before School Care Session
7.00am—8.45am
After School Care Session
3.15pm—6.00pm
For bookings and more information, please call (03) 9909 7204 or pick up an application form from the school office.
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www.sherpa-kids.com.au

Student Banking
Once again we will be encouraging our students to take part in School Banking with the Commonwealth Bank “Youthsaver Account”.
Our school banking day is Tuesday.

Welcome to all our returning and new families for 2014. I have just visited the new Foundation children arriving today and there were many smiling faces. Thank you also to the parents who stayed and had a chat after taking their children to their new classroom.

Cars and young children in the summer months
Melbourne and greater Victoria will experience extremely high temperatures for the back to school period.
Parents and/or guardians are reminded that on hot days it is important never to leave children alone in a car.
Temperatures inside a parked car during summer can be around 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the outside temperature.
Leaving children in hot cars, even for a moment, can result in serious injury or death.
Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.
If a parent or guardian is travelling with a child, never leave them alone in a parked car, not even for one moment.

School Speed Zones
With the 2014 school year formally commencing on 28th January 2014, it is an opportune time for school communities to be reminded of the importance of road safety around schools.
School Speed Zones will be enforced from the commencement of the school year and schools are requested to alert parents/carers to this along with messages about appropriate local conditions.
Rangebank Primary is in a permanent speed zone of 40 kph which operates all day, everyday.

School Fees
Thank you to all our parents who have either paid or made arrangements to pay the school fees and booklist costs. This makes a huge difference to our schools funding and to the equipment we can supply to the children.
School Council Elections 2014

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected DEECD employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.

Consider standing for election to council this year.

Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

Wishing everyone a great beginning to 2014.

Colin Avery—Principal

BOOK SELL DAY

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Administration staff, Anne, Brooke, Lynne and Pauline we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their support on our Book Sell Day.

The weather was quite warm but everything ran very smoothly.

Once again thank you for your support.

Anne, Brooke, Lynne and Pauline
Children and starting a new year in school
The single most important step you can take to help your child learn is to be an active participant in your child’s education.
Active participation includes: talking to your child about their day, hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep.
The second step is to become involved in your child’s school. This is harder than ever due to work and other commitments, but you can still be positively engaged in the life of your child’s school even when you work. Here’s how:

1. **Find out** what your child’s school is trying to **achieve** and show your support for it’s aims. What is your school focusing on over the following three years? What are it’s specific values? Answer these two questions and you’ll be streets ahead of most parents I know.

2. **Support** a broad, **balanced curriculum** that offers a variety of experiences rather than a program that narrowly focuses on the 3 Rs.

3. **Direct** conversations through the **correct channels** such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Thoughtless gossip and car park committees merely tarnish a school’s reputation.

4. **Get** the school diary and place open days, interview days and other important days in your own diary so you can plan ahead.

5. **Meet** with your child’s teacher at the start of the year and ask for practical ways you can help at home. Every teacher has their own style and way of doing things so understand the expectations they have of you and your child. Make sure your child’s home work routine fits that of your child’s teacher.

6. **Encourage** your child to take **pride** in their school, and don’t ‘bag’ it yourself. Your positive advocacy of your child’s school will send a powerful message about school and learning.

7. **Model** learning and reading. Your kids need to see you **learning new things and reading** so they become normalised. In particular, boys are more likely to latch on to reading when their dads read to them and also read at home themselves.

There are lots of ways you can support your child’s learning. However you can’t go too far wrong if you start with these basics; take a real interest in what kids do at school and be an active, risk-taking learner yourself.

Taken from Michael Grose
UNDER NEW MANAGEMNET
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*Qualified educators providing learning programs that are play based and focus on the interests of the children

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RANGEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)
COMMENCING JANUARY 29TH, 2014 - AT THE SCHOOL PREMISES

Our school is pleased to announce the appointment of SHERPA KIDS VICTORIA, to run the Before and After School Hours Care commencing First day of Term 1, 2014.
SHERPA KIDS is an Approved Out of School Hours Care Service that started in New Zealand in 1996 as SKids (safe kids in daily supervision), and has branched out into Australia and Globally.

Sherpa Kids offers structured fun filled programs and excellent care, that meet all the standards of the National Quality Framework. Our Philosophy encompasses the Values of Commitment- Integrity-Excellence and Consistency. In keeping with our motto "Reach-Engage-Challenge", our Promise is to deliver a SAFE & HAPPY environment for your children to come to and learn and grow and be nurtured. Our Staff are qualified and receive regular professional development and training.

Parents please note, this service is for your benefit. Work commitments, emergency situations where you are unable to pick up your child at School closing hours, leaves you with few options. OSHC service provides the solution. In addition, because this is an approved service, you are eligible for government rebates and benefits. For some it may cost as little as a $1 daily. For those on maximum benefits as little as $5 daily. For further information please call Sherpa Kids on 0413 137 571 (Rose) or 0466 366 998 (Sarah) or email enquiries to vic@sherpa-kids.com.au.

Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Information Packs and enrolment forms are available at the front office or you may request by email.

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER:
Wednesday 18th December, Sherpa Kids will be available between 3pm to 4.30 pm at the front office to take bookings and enrolments.

We thank you and look forward to serving you, The Children - The Parents - The School.

From THE SHERPA KIDS TEAM VICTORIA

SHERPA KIDS OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
SERVICES AVAILABLE & HOURS OF OPERATION

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We may also open on School Closure days.

We are closed on public holidays and the week between Christmas & New Year.

*Note: times may vary depending on school hours.

Bookings:
Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part time and Casual bookings are available.
Contact: Rose 0413 137 571 or Sarah 0466 366 998 or email vic@sherpa-kids.com.au

FEE STRUCTURE:
Permanent Bookings: Before School Care Daily Rate $16.40
Before School Care Fulltime Rate $15.00
After School Care Daily Rate $18.40
After School Care Fulltime Rate $17.00

The above rates are exclusive of childcare benefit(CCB) or childcare rebate(CCR). After CCB and CCR eligibility, fees charged to families, start as little as $4.75 per session based on current fee structure as at 25/11/2013.
WE ARE NOW AT
RANGEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Who we are?
A Family Owned Private Tuition Company. We have been servicing the suburbs of Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane for more than 15 years.

What we do?
Teach English and Mathematics for Prep to Year 10 students who require that extra help, or just wishing to learn in advance.

Where are we?
RANGEBANK Primary School on Saturdays during the School Term.

Class Times?
9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm

ENQUIRE NOW!

Web: www.nqt.com.au Phone: 1300 791 878

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.

Supper Soccer Kids
S.S.K is a soccer clinic for boys & girls between the ages of 5-12 to come & learn the skills of the game in a fun & enjoyable environment. Every session runs for 45 minutes with activities that will develop their skills in dribbling, passing, controlling the ball and working in a team. Every session will also end with a game. S.S.K is run during every school term and all sessions are indoors, so no matter what the weather is like it will always be on.

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

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