



We hope everyone had a good break over Christmas. We enjoyed meeting you on the Interview day. The Teachers working in Foundation this year are Miss Amber Somerville – Foundation S, Mrs Vicki Tzimos – Foundation T, Mr Sam Anderson – Foundation A, Ms Carol Wilson – Foundation W and Miss Jen Bonte – Foundation B.

We look forward to getting to know you throughout the year.

The children got off to a great start yesterday. We were very pleased at how well prepared the children were for the first day of school- *Well done Mums and Dads!* The sessions ran very smoothly. The children were very excited and eager to participate in all activities. This is the first of many newsletters. It contains information about the organisation and routines in Foundation.



Foundation Times

The Foundation students will now attend school for full days from 9:00am to 3:30pm. For the first 7 Wednesdays the students are not required to attend school. Teachers will be using this time to assess children in Literacy and Numeracy. **Children are at school full time from Monday 23rd March.**

Line-up and Dismissal

From Monday 3rd February the children will line up in grades outside. Foundation W and Foundation A will line up outside near the classroom windows. Foundation S, Foundation T and Foundation B will line up on the other side of the breezeway at the bottom of the steps. The children line up with their bags. Teachers then walk the children in and assist them in placing their bags in their lockers. Please ensure you wave goodbye to your child from the line up spot outside, as this promotes independence.

From Monday 3rd February, teachers will walk the children to their line-up areas outside at dismissal time. Please wait for your child there as this will ease the congestion in the corridor. The children have been told that if they cannot see you they are to stay with the teacher. This is a good time to catch your child's teacher if you have any queries.

Buddies

The children will have Buddies in Grade 5 and 6 this year. They will be allocated a buddy in the next few weeks. The Buddies will participate in organised activities together. The Grade 5 and 6 Buddies will be encouraged to look out for their younger friends during play times.

Fruit Time – Brain Food

This year we will have 'Fruit time' or 'Brain food' time in classrooms. In each Foundation classroom children will be encouraged to eat fresh fruit or vegetables during this time. Times will vary in every classroom depending on the timetable. **Could you please send along an extra piece of whole fruit or cut up fruit/vegetable pieces for your child to eat during this time.** We will of course be encouraging the children to eat their sandwiches and other snacks at lunch time or recess time.



Nude Food

At Rangeview we encourage students to bring Nude Food, which is food that is packaged in an environmentally friendly way. We have found when students bring their food in reusable containers, rather than throw away packaging, it reduces the amount of waste and helps keep our school free from litter. An example of this is taking a muesli bar wrapper off at home prior to placing in the lunch box.

Assembly

Every second Monday afternoon there is a Junior School Assembly, starting at 2:50pm. Children will be dismissed from their line up area at 3:30pm, as usual. You are welcome to come for Assembly. Foundation children will attend assembly for the first time on Monday 3rd February. This will be a Whole School Assembly for the start of the year.

Kind regards,

The Foundation Team