

Level 3 & 4 Term 1, 2020 Newsletter

Start Up

It has been a wonderful beginning to the year and all classes are settling into their routines. For the first few weeks we focus on a Start Up program, which fosters friendship, emphasises the school values, reviews eSmart and introduces classroom routines. Expectations are set for the year and both the classroom teachers and students get to know each other during this period.

The Communication Book

The Communication Book is where you regularly find your child's homework or messages from the class. Each Monday, homework will usually be set, including the date it's expected to be completed. Besides the practice of spelling and making time for daily reading, there may also be instructions for other student tasks, some of which might involve watching educational clips on-line at home and responding to prompts. Students usually have the choice to complete homework with their iPad, in an exercise book or even on poster paper if they wish. This will develop their ability to make decisions and take ownership of their own learning.

Administration

All notes and money need to be returned to the class teacher in a sealed, named envelope. Please encourage your child to be responsible for this task. Please notify your child's teacher of any planned absence from school and add this information to Sentral. Any unplanned absence should be added to Sentral before 9am. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled. Each child is responsible for his/her own belongings and needs to be encouraged to look after them. It would be appreciated if each student could bring a box of tissues for their classroom.

iPads and the Student User Agreement

iPad app lists and student agreements have been sent home. Please ensure the student agreements have been returned to school signed by yourself and your child. iPads cannot be used until these notices are returned. Please take a look at the level and whole school app lists and ensure all apps are downloaded onto your child's iPad.

We are using iPads in many areas of the curriculum. It would be great to have all students with their own set of headphones stored at school. Please ensure iPads are fully charged and at school every day. All students are to bring their iPads to school in a strong cover and all iPads are safely stored in the classroom from 8.45am, when the first bell sounds.

21st Century Skills

There has been much research into how 21st Century Skills influence students' learning and the future of education. Throughout the Victorian Curriculum, these skills are referred to as General Capabilities that are transferrable across all learning areas. Over the course of the year learning tasks are designed to foster both progress within the core curriculum and development of these 21st Century Skills in your child. Digital technology is used for students to learn how apps can enhance their learning and facilitate the development of communication skills. Learning tasks will encourage the student's to think critically about their learning and their abilities, to set goals and to reflect. Students will be encouraged to work in collaborative groups as well as collaborate and communicate using digital technology.



Cybersafety and Being eSmart @ Rangeview

Whilst there are set rules and expectations at school, it is important to have informed rules in place at home. It is helpful for families to have an "Acceptable Use" Agreement in place at home, too. Some common areas of concern are around supervision and healthy time limits. eSmart practice at home involves keeping the iPad/computer in a shared family area.

Level 3 Flora & Fauna

The Level 3 Flora and Fauna program will run each Tuesday from 11:30am-1:00pm. Students will engage in a number of activities including cooking, gardening, science rotations and conservation and environment lessons. Parent help is required for the program to run smoothly. If you are able to help on any week, please let your child's teacher know.

Mobile Phones

Kindly note, if students bring mobile phones to school they must be handed into the school office during the school day.

Inquiry / Integrated Studies Topic

In Levels 3 and 4, the curriculum continues to develop students' mental map of the world and their understanding of place through examining the major characteristics of Australia. This term we are looking at **Australia-Our Land**. We live in a world that is constantly changing. This unit will provide opportunities for students to explore how natural processes and human activity shape our Australian environment. Their understanding of Australian landscape and how it has changed over time will be developed through hands-on activities and planned investigations. Students will apply their knowledge and understanding of these learning experiences to research an Australian town, examining how natural processes such as floods, bushfires, erosion and human activity has affected their chosen town over time and present their findings.

Level 3 Swimming

Level 3 students will be participating in an intensive swimming program during Term 4. This is a very valuable experience for them as they build on their skills in the water. More information will be coming home later.

Level 4 Digital Technology

For the first time in 2020, students in Level 4 are being given the opportunity to take part in a new specialist subject - Digital Technology. In this weekly class, students will be exploring different apps, programs and web-based software to engage in coding and robotics using a range of different devices. Coding and technology are likely to form a large component of our lives in the future, so it's great that our students are getting some fantastic hands on experience in this

Camps

In Term 3, both Level 3 and 4 Students will be participating in our fun-filled, educational and safe camp programs this year. Level 3s will attend Camp ADANAC whereas Level 4s will be going to Camp Weekaway. More information will be provided closer to date.

Dates for your Calendar:

Tuesday 11th, 13th Feb-Interviews-Getting to Know

Wednesday 12th Feb-Pupil Free Day

Monday 17th Feb – Nunawading District Swimming

Thursday 27th Feb – School Photos

Friday 28th 6th 13th 20th March - SEDA Cricket Clinic

Monday 9th March – Labour Day Holiday

Thursday 19th March- House Cross Country

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