

Newsletter

News from Reservoir Primary School

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Primary School



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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

It is a pleasure to welcome back our old families and say hello to our new ones. If you were at our assembly on Friday you would have seen just how many new students (and families) we have at Reservoir.

Most classes have returned with quite reasonable numbers, and after a couple of unavoidable hold-ups, all of our teachers will be on deck by this Friday.

It is a pleasure to welcome Robbie Di Marco who will teach Group 5 and Desi D'Angelo in Group 11. Hannah Cullen will begin in a newly created class and of course Sonia Boots returns after taking family leave.

Word must be spreading about us; our Prep intake this year is the biggest ever (in the twenty-five years that I have been at the school). We have fifty-four little Preps!!

Consequently, our plan to have two Prep classes has been foiled; with that number, it's just not acceptable to have twenty-seven in a class. I do know that some schools do so, but it will never happen at Reservoir whilst I'm in this position. We want to maintain excellent teaching programs as well as ordered and happy classroom environments. It is impossible to achieve this to our usual high standard with twenty-seven Prep students in a class with one teacher.

The school structure is listed opposite for you all; Our new Prep class, Group 7 will begin next Monday.

There are some other changes this year as you may also realise. Chris Franzone has decided to work on a part time basis – four days a week. For a number of technical and practical reasons, she is no longer able to be our Assistant Principal.

Last year, we advertised two Assistant Principal positions; the two successful applicants were Connie Williams and Elizabeth Bogdanovski.

So when you come looking for Chris to talk about student welfare, swimming programs, camps, excursions, student books or any of the many responsibilities she held, you will have to find either Connie or Elizabeth.

The Assistant Principal's office is in the same place.

Group	Teacher	Levels	Numbers
1	Rebecca Franzone	Prep	18
2	Jenna Montile	Prep	18
7	Hannah Cullen	Prep	18
3	Angela Gregorc	1 / 2	24
4	Emily Russo	1 / 2	24
12	Susie Kotanidis	1 / 2	23
5	Robbie Di Marco	3 / 4	25
6	Courtney Baker	3 / 4	25
8	Sue Taliana	3 / 4	26
9	Miriam Elsheikhi	5 / 6	25
10	Tammy Angelevski	5 / 6	25
11	Desi D'Angelo	5 / 6	24

Then there are four specialist areas:

Science: Chris Franzone & Elizabeth Bogdanovski

Art: Luisa Macheda & Sonia Boots

Phys. Ed: John Briggs & Chris Franzone

Performing Arts: Maria Phokos

Reading Intervention will begin very soon and will be taken by Connie Williams.

Bill will still be teaching Instrumental Music,



How could you resist a photo like this on their first day of school?

REMINDER

The beginning of the school year is an excellent time to remind you all about some of our important policies and practices. We cannot allow food to be brought to school to share with other students. In recent years, some parents liked to bring a cake to their child's class to share when it was a birthday. Due to many allergies, other intolerances and restrictions we are unable to hold celebrations here at school. I'm afraid birthdays and name days etc. need to be kept at home. Of course we recognise the children's

birthdays by listing them in the newsletter each week, and I know junior classes usually make a bit of a fuss. So your child's birthday will not go unnoticed.

Please ensure that your child has a school water bottle. The convenience and health benefits of regular drinking are enormous – particularly in this weather.

Assemblies will once again be held on Friday afternoons, it's always lovely if you can join us
** approximately 3.00pm **

Three notes

Today your child should bring home three notes; all to be read, signed and returned to school as soon as possible.

1. The first is a local walking excursion permission form: From time to time teachers take their students out of school to visit local places of interest in line with their teaching programs. Examples of this include Edwardes Lake or Park, Reservoir Library or local shops and businesses. It is far easier to have a blanket permission form for the whole year than to have one for each local walking trip. Sometimes teachers may just want their students to walk around “the block” as part of a fitness program.
2. The second notice is seeking your permission to have photographs published. This could include in our newsletter, around the school and sometimes in a local paper. You need to be aware that our newsletter is placed on the school's website. We cannot use these photos (and some of them are so wonderful) without your permission
3. The final note is for students who need to understand and agree to our computer usage policy. Without this agreement students will not be able to access computer technology.
(Preps do not receive this form)

Helen Miller
Principal

DIARY DATES

- 7th February Assembly will be held at approx.. 3.00pm
Depending on the weather, under the COLA or in the multi-purpose room.
- 11th February Swimming – Groups 5/6/8/9/10/11
 Camp Meeting in the Library 6:00pm
- 14th February Camp Money must be paid in full
- 14th February Scholastic Book Club Orders and Money Due

- 18th February Swimming – Groups 5/6/8/9/10/11
- 19th February Ride2School Day (More information next week)
 Family Night (More details next week)
- 21st February Parent Helpers Meeting 9:10am in the Staffroom
- 25th February Swimming – Groups 5/6/8/9/10/11
- 26th February Camp Doxa commences
- 28th February Camp Doxa students return
- 4th March Swimming – Groups 5/6/8/9/10/11
- 10th March Labour Day Public Holiday
- 11th March Swimming – Groups 5/6/8/9/10/11
- 18th March Swimming – Groups 5/6/8/9/10/11
- 19th March Ride2School Day
- 25th March Swimming – Groups 5/6/8/9/10/11
- 4th April Last day of Term 1

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

“Happy Birthday” to



Navrose, Ruby, Erin, Kael and Isobel B.

who are all celebrating their birthdays this week.

Also we would like to wish the following children a “Happy Birthday” as they have all celebrated their birthdays in January:

Maddy, Hayden, Sameer, Hugo, Negar, Khen, Anelle, Matthew Y., Sofia, Ysabella R., Kerim, Trang, Fardus, Eve, Parth, Jayden B., Evan, Miljan, Zeynep, Maria H., Jasmine S. and Shayde.

CAMP DOXA

11th February Camp Meeting in the Library at 6:00pm

14th February Payment must be finalised for camp

A note will be sent home tomorrow to all students on our list for Camp Doxa. Also a medical note will be sent home for you to complete and return. It is important that this is returned immediately so we can advise the camp if your child has specific dietary requirements. Also we will advise you of any monies that need to be paid.

Thank you.

PARENT HELPERS MEETING

The teachers would like to invite parent helpers into their rooms for classroom assistance. **There will be an Information session on Friday the 21st of February at 9:10am in the Staffroom.** Parents must attend this meeting before classroom assistance can commence. If you wish to help but cannot attend this meeting please contact me at the office.

**Thank you,
Connie Williams**

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

If you have not already lodged a claim for the Education Maintenance Allowance please bring your Healthcare card or Pension card to the office. Most families would have already applied when you were given your children's books. **Applications close on the 28th of February 2014.**


IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The school yard is supervised from 8:45am before school and until 3:45pm after school. It is important that children do not arrive at school before 8:30am.
- If you are using our Before or After School Care program please remember to book your child/children in or inform us of cancellations. Fees will apply if care is cancelled after 3:00pm on a booked day. Bookings are essential as there is a limit for this facility.
- 3:30pm can be a very busy time in the yard. Please wait outside the buildings and away from the steps and stairs so the children can exit the buildings safely.
- If a child is required to go home during school hours (doctor, dentist, etc.) please come to the office and we

will then call your child to the office and complete the details in our early departures journal.

- Each morning the gates are locked at 9:05am and are opened again at 3:15pm. All entry between these times must be through the main office in Duffy Street.
- Teachers and students are already starting to establish working routines within their classrooms, please ensure your child/children are at school by 9:00am ready to start the day. If children arrive at school late they must report to the office and complete details in the Late Arrivals book.
- Hot Day Policy – On very hot days all children will be kept inside.
- As part of our Sunsmart Policy all students are required to wear either a Legionnaires hat or a Slouch hat when outside during Term One and Term Four.

FREE FRUIT FRIDAYS

Just a reminder that **Fruit Friday** starts this Friday (7/2/2014). Children will be given a **free** piece of  fruit each Friday for their **morning snack**. Children can bring an extra piece of fruit if they wish to eat it as well, but no other food can be eaten at this time! We will announce what fruit we are having on Thursday afternoons. Parents are always welcome to come and help prepare and distribute the fruit.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club pamphlets were recently sent home with your children. If you wish to purchase any of the items in the pamphlets please complete the order form and return to school with the money to their class teacher. All orders and money must be returned to school by Friday the 14th of February 2014.

Scholastic pamphlets are given out twice a term. Once the orders arrive at school they will be distributed to the students.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS

Subway lunch orders are available every Friday. Please complete the attached order form and return to your child's classroom with the money in an envelope. Orders must be at school by Thursday morning. If you have any queries please contact the office.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS 2014

Subway lunches are on **FRIDAYS ONLY** - orders are collected on **THURSDAY at 9.00am**

Place money and order in an envelope or bag marked clearly with child's name and Group and give to the classroom teacher. **Separate orders are required for each child. Correct money is required, no change will be given.**

Please note that Subway do not put butter on their rolls.

**** PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CIRCLE WHICH NUMBER YOU WISH TO ORDER – YOU ALSO NEED TO CIRCLE WHAT SALAD ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE**

CHILD'S NAME GROUP

1.	Six inch Vegetarian Delight Sub: Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.40
2.	Six inch Sub: Ham Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.70
3	Six inch Sub: Chicken Pieces Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$6.30
4.	Six inch Sub: Roast Beef Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$5.70
5.	Six inch Sub: BMT (Salami & Ham) Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$5.80
6.	Six inch Sub: CLUB (Ham, Turkey & Roast Beef) Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$5.80
7.	Four Inch Sub: Ham Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.10
8.	Four Inch Sub: Turkey Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.10
9.	Four Inch Sub: Roast Beef Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.10
10.	Four Inch Sub: Chicken Pieces Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.60
11.	80 cents for a Cookie	.80
	TOTAL money enclosed	\$

Please Note: Late orders will not be accepted