

# **RESERVOIR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER No. 1 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**



### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Welcome back to all the Reservoir families; I trust you had a wonderfully relaxing and happy time over the Christmas and New Year period. Children generally seem very settled already; feeling happy and comfortable in their new environment. Our school is a very positive, happy place for all our students; the welcoming of new students by others is a particularly pleasing aspect of the community.

As this is the first newsletter for the year: It includes loads of information, so we have decided to distribute a paper copy to every child – just this time!

Normally newsletters will be distributed via emails once a fortnight, so I urge you all to make sure we have an accurate email address. At the bottom of the last page of this newsletter, there is place for you to update this and return it to school.

However, an even better idea is to save the school's website as a favourite or bookmark it as the newsletters are uploaded onto the website as soon as they are completed each fortnight.

[www.reservoirps.vic.edu.au](http://www.reservoirps.vic.edu.au)

In the first few weeks, teachers will be talking with your children about ongoing policies and practices, so I thought it wise to keep you informed and remind you also; that way you will understand exactly what your children are telling you.

We are a **"water only"** school! School Council agreed a few years ago that other drinks are unsuitable to bring to school: milk or yoghurt based drinks are unsafe to keep out of a fridge for a period of time and fruit based drinks and cordials are full of sugar (either natural or added). Both cause problems after those little spills too!. Therefore water is the best, and Melbourne water is probably the best you can get anywhere.

**Water bottles** are compulsory, and our school bottles are provided to all students; new students also receive one on arrival. You can take them home to clean, rinse out or even freeze overnight; but they can only contain water and they must be at school every day. If your child needs a new bottle, they are available at the office for \$4.00. New lids are available on request free of charge. Students playing sport must have their water bottle with them. **The bottles we provide are safe for regular use (BPA free).**

**Healthy food** is very important for all children. When we have our break at 11.00am a small snack is eaten and then at 1.30pm the children eat their lunch. When you organise lunches for your children, please consider the health value as well as the appropriateness of what they bring to school. Meats and yoghurts are always risky and are not recommended, particularly in warmer weather. Consider also those processed snacks you might include such as packets of chips; I know it's easy to pop them in, but they have absolutely no health value at all and will not sustain your child throughout the day; definitely not brain food! Fruit is always a great option as are those vegetables that are easy to eat such as carrot, celery, tomatoes and cucumbers.

Our **Free Fruit Friday** program begins this week; your child will receive free fruit on Friday mornings at their break. This means only fruit can be eaten at recess on Fridays. We will inform the children on Thursdays, which fruits will be available. That way, if they choose not to eat the ones we offer, they may bring their own fruit from home.

Just a final reminder that **bubble gum and soft drinks are banned** from the school at all times. Lollies are also discouraged; kids come to school to learn and concentration is required. We know that children cannot concentrate after a handful of "red lollies". The colouring and sugar in lollies is certainly not helpful in providing the necessary attentiveness.

Students **should not have mobile phones or iPhones** at school. If there is a specific reason why you feel your child needs to bring a phone, you need to speak to Connie Williams, Elizabeth Bogdanovski or myself.

We will send home with children a small pack of "pay-in" envelopes; these should be used for any amount of money brought to school at any time. For amounts over \$20.00 we do have an EFTPOS facility at the office. We will also send home some blank absence notes (blue in colour) for you to complete if your child is absent and you have failed to notify us of this absence.

It is a regulation to inform us if your child is absent from school, and "unauthorised" absences are not ideal from anyone's point of view. If you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or someone at the office

**Swimming:** this was to begin next week – on Monday; due to some damage they have had there, our swimming program will now commence one week later, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

**Somers:** this morning Mr Stuart Taylor and nine of our students left for Somers school camp. Somers is a terrific camp for students in years 5 and 6. Our students have the opportunity to attend every second year. Emma, Sophie, Tahlara, Abby, Rutvi, Akshpreet, Angelica, Hugo and Dylan will have a great time. They will be away for nine days. I look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

**Subway Lunches:** these start this week. For new families to the school: Order forms are available in your children's classroom. The order needs to be completed clearly and placed in one of our envelopes with the CORRECT money. This order then needs to be brought to school on **Thursday**. But the actual lunch is for **FRIDAY**.

**Notes to sign:** Today your child will bring home two notes; to be read, signed and returned to school as soon as possible.

- The first is a multi-permission note which includes permission for local walking excursions, having photographs taken and published at school and medical information .**
- The second note is our e-Smart Student/Parent agreement and contract which outlines expectations for the safe and acceptable use of digital devices.**

Here is a complete list of staff and classes, for your information:

Group 1	Prep	Mrs Angela Gregorc	<b>Principal:</b> Helen Miller	
Group 2	Prep	Ms Jenna Montile		
Group 3	Prep	Ms Hannah Cullen		
Group 4	1 / 2	Ms Sian Petricevich		
Group 5	1 / 2	Ms Lisa Bernardo		<b>Assistant Principals:</b>
Group 6	1 / 2	Ms Miriam Elsheikhi		Elizabeth Bogdanovski
Group 7	1 / 2	Ms Bec Skehan		Connie Williams
Group 8	1 / 2	Ms Emily Gosden		<b>Office Manager:</b>
Group 9	3 / 4	Mrs Desi D'Angelo		Kerry Placek
Group 10	3 / 4	Ms Rebecca Franzone		<b>Bursar:</b>
Group 11	3 / 4	Mrs Sue Taliana		Margaret Healy
Group 12	4 / 5	Ms Zeynep Kavas		<b>Other Education Support Staff:</b>
Group 13	5 / 6	Mrs Tammy Angelevski		Gaye Clark
Group 14	5 / 6	Mr Robbie DiMarco		Andrea Hiull
<b>Phys. Ed. &amp; Sport</b> Mr Stuart Taylor, Mr John Briggs			Amanda Harrison	
<b>Art</b> Luisa Macheda, Sonia Boots & Mrs Jennifer De Silva			<b>Instrumental Music Teacher:</b>	
<b>Science</b> Chris Franzone, Mr Stuart Taylor & Mrs Jennifer De Silva			Bill Cawte	
<b>Performing Arts:</b> Mrs Maria Phokos				

Term One is busy and very short; events are listed on our Diary Dates. It might be a good idea to put these in your own diaries if they apply to your children.

*Helen Miller*  
Principal

**When bringing your children to and from school, we ask that you use the main building ONLY if you need to see someone at the office.**



## DIARY DATES

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Somers Camp

5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Assembly at 9:05am  
Parents most welcome to attend

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. Earth Ed. excursion for years 3 & 4

10<sup>th</sup> Feb. Somers campers return

15<sup>th</sup> Feb. Swimming program begins

15<sup>th</sup> Feb. School Council meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> March Parent Teacher interviews

4<sup>th</sup> March Pupil Free day

8<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 and 6 visit Reservoir High

11<sup>th</sup> March Athletics Carnival

14<sup>th</sup> March Labour Day Holiday – no school

16<sup>th</sup> March Family Get Together - evening

24<sup>th</sup> March Last Day of Term 1



**'Birthday Greetings' to the following students who are celebrating a birthday in the next two weeks:**

*Navrose, Leo, Serge, Erin, Deeya, Essien, Isabella Y., Danah A., Reece H. and Angelica.*



**'Happy Birthday' also to the following children who celebrated birthdays in January:**

*Ghazal, Sattam, Maddy T., Jana, Lotte, Joanna, Lamar, Iceley, Lorena, Tristan, Hugo, Weihan, Anaelle, Matthew Y., Zaine, Shaun, Ysabella R., Sakhi, Chloe Y., Kerim, Lucas, Elyas, Eve, Parth, Jayden, Evan, Miljan, Zeynep, Shayde and Mohammed D.*



**PARENT EMAILS**

To update your email address please complete the following information and return to your child's class teacher. This address will be used to send the newsletter and in case your child's class teacher wishes to contact you.

**Child/rens Name/s:** ..... **Child/rens Group/s:** .....

**Parent's Name/s:** .....

**Preferred email addresses:**

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