

RESERVOIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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www.reservoirps.vic.edu.au

School Council

I have been a parent at the school for many years. For the past four, I have been School Council President. We meet twice a term for up to two hours on Monday evenings at 7pm.

One of the roles of school council is to discuss finances and decide how money can best be spent to benefit our children. The curriculum is another area we discuss; getting an overview of what is happening in all areas of the school.

We are currently taking nominations for parent members (2 year terms); if you are interested you can speak to Helen Miller or any other member. School Council is a great way to be involved in the school, you get to know other parents; it gives you an insight to how the school runs. I look forward to your nominations.

Jane Ingle

As a parent your role is enhanced by the school community and all that it offers, however you want to be involved, through new friends, cultures, ideas and processes. I have been a member of council for five years.

Joining the school council is another way to discover more about the school and its community whilst gaining an insight into what goes into creating such a wonderful learning environment that we all benefit from.

The school council involves ten members, made up of staff and parents who commit to two meetings per term to discuss matters concerning and enhancing what we all know as the school and its community.

Nominations are now being sought for new parent members with enthusiasm and commitment to continue the smooth running of the school. Through this role you will discover and learn, just like our kids, whilst sharing your own personal experiences to make a difference.

Sue Boucher

Last night was the first meeting for the school year, and the last with the current membership. Two of our current members have written above inviting new parents to consider seriously joining the School Council. Please ask us if you're not sure about the role and responsibilities involved.

Each year, three positions for our parent members and one staff position is declared open. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school Council for their work, time and energy in working on the management and governance of our school.

*Jane Ingle President
Beth Dolan Vice President

*Sue Boucher

*Laura Troost

Kellie Krahe

Ahmet Yilmaz

Elizabeth Bogdanovski

*Connie Williams Treasurer

Helen Miller Executive Officer

Those marked * have now completed two years in their positions, and these positions are now declared vacant.

Nominations are now open for new members of our School Council.

Nominations forms are available at the office.

Nominations close on Wednesday 2nd March 2016

Lunch Eating

As many of you may be aware, we are trialling a different approach to children eating whilst at school. For a number of reasons, it was agreed to try the new scheme. The bottom line is that we would like to eliminate food being thrown, left, or hidden around the school grounds. Apart from the fact that it attracts vermin, it looks unsightly and creates an unhealthy environment for your children. Teachers are providing time before the break times for children to eat snacks in their classrooms. At lunch time, younger children are given up to 15 minutes extra to eat their lunch. Other classes are also providing extra time.

It may take a little while and organisation to get this right, so I ask that you bear with us as we trial it.

We do not want children going hungry, and teachers are supervising this. However it is really important that student's lunches are healthy and filling: processed snacks like popcorn, sweet biscuits, chips and snack bars are not as nutritious or substantial as a sandwich with interesting fillings; fruit and a core snack for morning break is also important. The "occasional" snack is fine, but that should be secondary to a filling healthy packed lunch. We would welcome feedback from you, so please come and talk to any teacher; particularly if you have specific concerns; if we can get it right, the benefits will be well worth it.

Parking and Driving

If you regularly drive your children to school, you would be well aware of the hectic traffic conditions at those "school times". The three streets around the school are fairly narrow; when cars are parked on both sides of the streets the hazards for young children are heightened. It is stressful to see parents sending their kids across the road or calling them to hurry across to the car; often requiring them to dart between parked cars, creating limited visibility for them.

- We do not want any student hurt! So think before you drop your kids off. You may need to escort them across the road yourselves.
- In Barton Street, the crossing is there for everyone (parents as well as students) so set the example for children and be seen doing the right thing.
- Driving around the school is limited at 40kph, however sometimes that is even too fast when children are arriving or leaving at the end of the school day.

Parent Teacher interviews

I hope all the notes have been returned by now. We really try to give you a suitable time as we want to meet with every parent. At this time of the year it is vital to exchange information about our students/your children. We want them to settle down to solid learning, and sometimes information sharing assists in establishing strong and positive relationships in which students learn best.

Swimming

In case you have not caught up with the news; swimming for years 3 to 6 will not take place this year. Unfortunately, the Epping Leisure Centre had a fire and sustained flood damage as well during January. The centre will not be ready for use until after Easter, so we had no alternative but to cancel.

Money paid for Swimming will be either refunded or re-committed to another event such as camp or OSHC if that is your choice. If you wish to use the money for anything else, please let us know; otherwise Margaret Healy will contact you regarding this; but please be patient. If you are to receive a refund, it may be more convenient for us to transfer the money directly into your account. If so, please come to the office to provide these details.

*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.

Never Leave Kids in Cars!

No exceptions, no excuses.

The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes!

DIARY DATES

25 th February	Ride2School Day	11 th March	Athletics Carnival
2 nd March	National Young Leaders Day Out	14 th March	Labour Day Holiday – no school
	Parent Teacher interviews 2:00pm – 7:00pm	16 th March	Family Get Together - evening
4 th March	Pupil Free day	24 th March	Last Day of Term 1
8 th March	Year 5 and 6 visit Reservoir High	11 th April	Term 2 commences

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

Riya, Aleena, Audrey, Jomana, Mason F., Erica, Edward, Aaliyah, Zara B., Parios, Kholod, Litia, Marcus C. and Alice V.



STUDENT AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with **Student of the Week** awards at Assembly on the 5th of February, 2016:

Sahan, Leah, Erin, Ayoub, Jasmin, Zaira, Naufal, Christoher, Khong, James Z., Freya and Melissa.

Encouragement Awards:

Marley, Zara M.S.N., Riya S., Mason W., Adeena, Tora, Deeya, Jordan, Erica, Nasser.

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with **Student of the Week** awards at Assembly on the 12th of February, 2016:

Elio, Isabella Y., Henry T.W., Lotte, Lucky, Fatma, Bushra, Miljan, Abbey S., Lily, Annelise, Alita and Lauren.

Encouragement Awards:

Lora, Kyrowe, Max M., Lamar, Bhaveena, Maha A., Maddison T., Hebatallah, Neisha, Noah H., Mason F., Yusuf, Oliver and Tahlara.

The **'You Can Do It'** award was presented to **Group 9, 10 and 11** for **great organisation and confidence on their Earth Ed excursion.**

RIDE2SCHOOL PROGRAM

Bicycle Network's Ride2School Program supports thousands of schools across Australia to develop a healthy active travel culture.



Ride2School is more than just a day.

Ride2School is a nationwide initiative by Bicycle Network, supported through the Victorian State Government, New South Wales Government and Tasmanian Government. We're a support team who work to address physical inactivity in young Australians by empowering and enabling schools to ride and walk to school. Reservoir Primary School is happy and proud to be part of this program.

Over the past 40 years the number of children who are physically active everyday has significantly dropped.

Today, levels of physical activity are at an all-time low. In the 1970s, eight out of ten students rode or walked to school. Today, that number has dropped to just two out of ten. Sadly, Australian kids are now spending more time in front of a screen.

The Ride2School team are working to reverse this trend. To achieve this the team works with schools, students, parents and local government to cultivate active and healthy school communities.

By riding and walking to school, students contribute to their minimum physical activity level of 60 minutes per day. Research shows that students who ride and walk as part of their journey to school are more focused and ready to learn when compared with those who are driven.

Our first Ride2School day will be on **Thursday 25th February 2016.**

Every student from Prep to Year 6 is encouraged to take part in this worthwhile program. They may ride, scoot, skate or walk to school but must ensure they wear suitable protective gear from head to toe. Don't forget to place your bikes/scooters along the bike racks along the Multi-purpose room once you arrive at school.

A big welcome to all our new families who have only just joined us. Please feel free to take part with your children and make the journey to school as active and safe as possible.

Keep active and stay healthy everyone!

Maria Phokos and The Leadership team.

Keon Park Tennis Club

Free Tennis Open Day – Sunday 21st February

Time: 10:00am to 12:30pm

Location: Keon Park Tennis Club, J.C. Donath Reserve, Wagga Road, Reservoir.

Free Entry Includes:

- ❖ Free coaching clinics for all ages and abilities, including Hot Shots and Cardio Tennis
- ❖ Free equipment to use
- ❖ Membership and coaching specials
- ❖ Free showbag for everyone who attends
- ❖ Free sausage sizzle

Enquiries: Morgana 0439 353 009 / Barbara 9470 3552 / Ashlea 0423 917 978

www.tennis.com.au/keonparktc



L & S Dance Studio

Come and learn.....

Jazz, Tap, Contemporary, Ballet Technique, Hip Hop, Singing and Musical Theatre

Location: L & S Dance Studio, 3 Harbard Street, Thomastown.



We encourage all students to maintain a balanced life style and what better way to balance work and play than with a weekly dose of dance! Our classes ensure that each student is provided with a healthy and positive self-image to aid with the development of the individual within us all.

For more information call Luisa Russo on 0415 501 376 or email LnSdancestudio@hotmail.com

K-Tigers Taekwondo Centre Preston

Location: 661 High Street, Preston

Monday to Thursday 4:00pm – 8:00pm or Fridays 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Strong Body makes Strong Spirit

- Improving attention and concentration
- Increase in flexibility
- Encouraging self-confidence
- Building relationships with other children / teens / adults
- Developing etiquette which carries onto all aspects of life

Brochures are available at the office and a FREE UNIFORM is provided if you take along one of these brochures.

For further information contact In Dong Kim on 0447 557 510 or email ktigers333@hotmail.com



Special events in Melbourne

FREE Sounds at the Plaza Park

Saturday 27th February 2016 6:00-pm- 9:00 pm

Venue: MC Square

687 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster Vic.

Cruise into the Summer night with rocky, jazzy, swingy sounds and circus arts. Join Melbourne musical legends All Day Fritz for a harmonious musical free-for-all.

Learn a harmony, shake a maraca, dance or sit back and simply enjoy. All Day Fritz will be joined by Australia's mass dance queen, Anna Go Go Event.

Interactive circus arts with Circus Oz, glow in the dark arts play, Pop Up Park games and delish food trucks will also feature. Summer Sounds are free events. No bookings required.

For more information please contact Manningham Cultural Services on 9840 9246 or email events@manningham.vic.gov.au

Art Exhibition: Silver K Gallery

1092 High St Armadale 3143 9509-5577 (Until Sunday 6th March 2016)

Silver K Gallery is delighted to present **"The Art of Star Wars and Superheroes"** the largest exhibition of Star Wars art ever presented in Australia.

The collection has taken over 2 years to bring together and with over 150 pieces on display the show literally takes visitors on a journey through the life and times of the whole Star Wars saga. Lucas Films, now owned by Disney, have commissioned some of the finest artist and illustrators to recapture many of those classic scenes and moments that have made Star Wars such an internationally acclaimed success – these artists are literally at the top of the tree in the Star Wars art world.

All the art on display is first created as a one off original and then reproduced as a limited edition Giclee print on canvas or paper. All the famed and favourite Star Wars characters are on display including Yoda, Luke Skywalker, Stormtroopers, Princess Leia, Darth Vader, R2-D2, C-3PO and many more. A special highlight is a collection of images based on the new Star Wars film – "Episode V11 – The Force Awakens" – one of the most anticipated films in cinematic history.

The exhibition also features a beautiful collection of Superheroes artwork, with work from internationally acclaimed artists Alex Ross and Jim Lee being a centre point of the display. Batman, Superman, Wonder woman, Green Lantern, The Joker, Harley-Quinn and many more – they are all part of this extraordinary collection.

FREE Cerita Anak (A Child's Story)

Saturday 16th April 1pm- 3pm

Birrarung Marr, Batman Avenue, Melbourne Vic 9664 7900

Cerita Anak takes the true story of a child adrift on the ocean and weaves together mythology and real stories to make a drama on the high seas for very young audiences.

Be part of the creative process as Polyglot and Papermoon Puppet Theatre develop this work, delving into the world of children's play to reimagine storytelling around themes of migration, journey and the power of the youngest.

In this drop-in workshop, explore how children interact with stories and become part of the adventure, and experience the imaginative ways stories can be told through images, puppetry and sound.

This project is part of ArtPlay's New Ideas Lab program, where artists are supported to create new work with children and families. For more information contact artplay@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9664 7900 No bookings required.

2016 PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL

Premier's Active April is a Victorian Government initiative that encourages Victorians to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

It's free and fun for everyone.

First up, please register yourself. You can then create a team to register family members and track each other's progress!

Visit activeapril.vic.gov.au for further information and details.



CITY OF DAREBIN – SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS 2016

Playgroups operate during school terms. They are free and facilitated by qualified Early Childhood Educators and are funded by the Department of Education and Training.

Who can join? You can join if you are a parent or carer of a child aged from birth to 4 years and live in Darebin City Council area. For more information, eligibility criteria or to register for a Supported Playgroup please call Children, Families and Community on 8470 8920 or email at early.years@darebin.vic.gov.au

Brochures are available at the office.