PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

School Uniform

It is very important that all the students wear complete school uniform. When a student is dressed in neat, clean uniform, it not only looks good, but they feel that they belong and feel positive about being a part of their school. We hope that all students continue to look terrific!

One point that is always important is for those girls with long hair. It can be unhygienic as well as hot and messy if your daughter has long hair and doesn’t tie it back. It is also an invitation to any head lice that are looking for a nice new home. So if you have long hair, Tie It Up!!

Girls have a choice about whether they wear long pants, shorts or skirts or dresses. However the choice is for one or the other: Long pants do not go under dresses. If the weather is cooler and you insist on a dress, then any tights need to be dark green. It is simply much easier to wear long pants on cooler days.

We would prefer girls wearing hijabs to wear dark green or white only.

Family Evening

I look forward to seeing you at our Family Evening tomorrow night. Bring some food to share; something from your own cultural background is a lovely idea. Reservoir Primary is culturally diverse, and this is an opportunity to celebrate this lovely aspect of our school community.

Helen Miller
Principal

FAMILY EVENING
TOMORROW NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
5:30pm – 7:30pm

As you can see on our Diary Dates, our annual family evening is on the 19th February – which is only one week away! We have this event so our school community can enjoy time together; current and new families can meet in a casual and social atmosphere. We have decided 5:30pm til 7:30pm is most suitable and suggest you bring your own food and drinks, but it is not compulsory. In recent years many of our families have brought along food that represents their cultural backgrounds to share. This has been very successful, and we would encourage you to do this again.

However we will also have a barbecue; Supercook Franzone will be on the job again providing free traditional sausages.

This event will be held under the COLA which is an ideal venue on a summer evening.

Weather permitting we will have a Jumping Castle which will be FREE. We hope to see you all at school, so put it in your diary if it isn’t already there!
DIARY DATES

19th February  No School for Prep students  Ride2School Day  Family Evening 5:30 – 7:30pm
21st February  Parent Helpers Meeting 9:10am in the Staffroom  Appointment times will be sent home for Parent/Teacher interviews
24th February  Parent Helpers Meeting 3:00pm in the Staffroom
25th February  Swimming – Groups 5/6/8/9/10/11
26th February  No School for Prep students  Camp Doxa commences
28th February  Camp Doxa students return
4th March  Swimming – Groups 5/6/8/9/10/11
5th March  Parent / Teacher Interviews  2:00pm – 6:30pm
10th March  Labour Day Public Holiday
11th March  Swimming – Groups 5/6/8/9/10/11
17th March  Athletics at Meadowglen for senior students
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

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.

CAMP DOXA
26th FEBRUARY – 28TH FEBRUARY

Thank you to all the campers who have finalised payments. It is fantastic to have everyone paid up well before camp. If you have any queries about camp please contact us. Thank you.

RIDE/WALK/SCOOT/2SCHOOL

TOMORROW!!

An active school is a healthy school

Wednesday 19 March 2014 marks the eighth National Ride2School Day, where over 250,000 Australian students, just like yours, will ride, walk, scoot or skate to school, many for the first time.

National Ride2School Day is about celebrating active travel within the school day and encouraging those who haven't started to give it a go.

We will be doing a Hands Up survey at school to see how many children arrive at school on that day either Riding/Walking/Scooting/Skating!! Even if they walk part of the way to school.

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.

If you are unable to come on Friday (21/2/14) we will also have another Information session on Monday the 24th of February at 3:00pm in the Staffroom.

Thank you,
Connie Williams

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

“Happy Birthday” to

Rafael, Ghadeer, Mason, Erica and Edward

who are all celebrating their birthdays this week
Congratulations to the following children who were presented with Student of the Week / Achievement / Encouragement Awards on Friday at assembly: Hunter, Farouk, Annelise, Yiyang, Vini, Anaelle, Ben L., Hugo, Mia W., Benjamin N., Sofia Th., Lavinia, Bennett, Ashleigh T., Alastair, Jonah, Erin, Kloe C., Yarsha, Lauren, Hebatallah, Kayda, Denholm, Lily, Melissa S.S., Chantel N., Declan, Mohmad R., Chloe C., Khong, Saeed, Mohamed A., Chloe D., Billy, Amber, Ahmed I., Harmony, Charlene and Safa.

The You Can Do It Award was presented to Group 8 For being super organised with their sports equipment.

Today attached to the Newsletter are some blue notes for you to use if your child is absent from school. If your child is absent from school for any reason please complete one of these blue forms and return to the teacher when they return to school. These are always available from the teacher if you need extra.

Welcome to the ‘Science Corner’

Hello everyone and welcome back to an exciting and busy term 1. Last year our school was successful in being selected in a Science Initiative that will run over two years, 2014 and 2015.

Both Elizabeth and I (Chris,) are the Science Specialists for our school and we will be involved in the teaching of Science, developing programs for our school and attending Professional learning during this time.

We plan to keep everyone updated on various aspects of our program through the newsletter and other whole school activities.

Science is not new to Reservoir Primary School and it is our aim to build on the already successful program that has been offered at our school for quite sometime now. We are very excited about the new Science/cooking lab that is currently being refurbished (the canteen) and look forward to the students being able to use it very soon!

The 4 areas of science the curriculum covers are: Biological Sciences, Earth and Space Sciences, Chemical Science and Physical Science.

During this term the Prep classes will be observing and describing characteristics of weather.

Year 1 & 2 classes are looking at Water, an important resource and how it is used in a variety of ways.

The Year 3 & 4 classes are looking at life cycles and how insects such as bees and ants play such a pivotal role in the world’s ecosystems.

Finally, our Year 5 & 6 students are looking closely at
Living things and how they adapt to be able to survive in their environment.

Science is an area that inspires a lot of curiosity and questioning in children’s minds, so when you are at home with your child/children, talk to them about what they have been doing and learning in science.

Stay tuned for the next ‘Science Corner’ coming in a Newsletter soon-

Chris and Elizabeth

WANTED!!!

The Science program needs 1 Litre ice-cream container lids. If you are able to assist please send them along to the office.

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.

**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.*

**FREE BIKE CONFIDENCE COURSES FOR DAREBIN PARENTS**

City of Darebin is offering free bike confidence training sessions in Term 1 for parents of primary school aged children in an effort to encourage families to ride together more. Our first round of training sessions for parents ran in November 2013. All six sessions booked out and feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. Classes commence on:

- Saturday 22nd February 9:30am – 12pm OR 1:00-3:30pm
- Bell Primary, Preston
- Sunday 23rd February 9:30am – 12pm OR 1:00 – 3:30pm
- Preston West Primary
- Sunday 2nd March 9:30am – 12pm OR 1:00 – 3:30pm
- Preston West Primary

For bookings contact stephanie.preston@darebin.vic.gov.au or 8470 8506

Note: You will need to bring your own bike along. All participants receive a quality D-lock.


**PRESTON RESERVOIR ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

**Barista Basics— March 2014, Term 1**

Want to work in the Hospitality Industry? Learn how to prepare espresso coffee using a commercial espresso machine in our Barista Basics course.

Location: Merrilands Community Centre

Time: 9.15am—3.15pm

Days & Dates: 4 sessions - Tues 11th, Wed 12th, Mon 17th, & Wed 19th March 2014

Statement of Fees: $28 plus Service & Amenities fee $10 conc./$25 non-conc. Fee for Service (not eligible for subsidised training): $215 plus S/A

**Retail Industry Placement Program**

The program is suitable for a person wishing to gain retail, customer service and sales skills plus work experience in the retail sector.

Location: Merrilands Community Centre (MCC) & Northland Youth Centre (NYC)

Days: Tuesday (MCC) & Thursday (NYC)

**DAREBIN WOMEN'S SPORTS CLUB**

Soccer is a great way to get fit, make new friends and have fun! Darebin Falcons are holding a free "Come and Try Soccer" Day for girls aged 4-13 years. Come down to our home ground, A.H Capp Reserve Halwyn Crescent, Preston on Sunday, February 23rd from 9.30am-11.00am for a morning of soccer fun. Wear comfortable clothes, shoes for running in and bring a water bottle. Please contact Jasmine Hirst soccer@falcons.org.au or 0422 991 687 for further information.

**SEALPONY SOCCER**

SealPony Soccer is a development & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5–10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic skills.

* Fun games & activities *
* Great giveaways

For more information call Joe (0415-388-028)
E-mail: jyamen@optusnet.com.au

Time: Every Sunday Morning

Starting Date: 9th of March 2014

Registration Date: Saturday 10 am – 11 am

Address: James Street Reserve Heidelberg Heights 3081
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

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