PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Athletics Carnival
Last Friday was a rather warm but exciting day for many of our senior students. Approximately 100 of our students took part in at least one event at Meadowglen Stadium. The pleasing aspect of the day was the cooperation and participation by our students – your children. Even for the younger ones, to be in one event was a special experience for them.
So thank you must go to Stuart Taylor and John Briggs in all the preparation for the day. Drawing up the participant lists and team sheets is quite tricky, as is the actual organising of the day.
From a points perspective, Reservoir came third – only one point behind St Joseph the Worker and another thirty behind Thomastown (the winners). However winning is not the most important aspect of the event; a fun filled day and high participation rate are outstanding positives for all those involved

New Class
For those who don’t know already, we have restructured our Prep area of the school.
Instead of twenty-four in each class, we now have one more class and they will each have eighteen students; much more conducive to great learning and social interaction. At this early stage of schooling, lower numbers enable teachers to work with each child in an improved way and allow students to learn and enjoy their time at school with the support from their peers and teacher. Social development and interaction is essential; learning to share, getting along with others, following instructions, being a cooperative member of the group and coping with those little responsibilities that daily life at school requires. All of this is better mastered when the teacher can spread their time between a smaller number of students.
I would like to welcome Grace Peake who shall be teaching this new class of Prep students. Grace has had experience with young children in Melbourne as well as overseas in an International School setting.
I know you will welcome her to the Reservoir community.

The additional Prep class will be housed in the BER building – or what we can actually call the Prep Building. The new class will become Group 4; which means the current Group 4 shall change their name and address!! They will become Group 15 and will be housed in what has been up till now the Science Room. So all the years 1 and 2 in the old Group 4 shall have to remember to label everything as Group 15 … the highest number in the school!

Only one and a half short weeks of school remain in this term; where has it gone?

Assembly
We would love you to join us on Friday morning when members of the Wurundjeri Tribe shall present a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.

Next Week
Final assembly takes place on Thursday morning.
We shall draw the Easter Raffle as well as present end of term awards
School finishes at 2.00pm on that day.

Term Two
We look forward to the following:
Camp
Inter-school Sport
Cross Country
NAPLAN
G TAC excursions …….
and I’m sure there will be much more!

Helen Miller
Principal
### DIARY DATES

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| 24th March (Thursday) | Last Day of Term 1         
|         | Assembly: 9:05am – Easter Raffle Students finish school at 2:00pm   |
| 11th April | Term 2 commences                                                   |
| 15th April | GTAC visit Groups 12/13/14                                          |
| 18th April | Group 13 Perform at Assembly                                      |
| 19th April | Camp Doxa                                                          |
| 20th April | Students return from Camp Doxa                                     |
| 22nd April | Group 3 Perform at Assembly                                       |
| 25th April | Anzac Day – Public Holiday                                         |
| 24th June | Last Day of Term 2                                                  |

### LOST PROPERTY

Any items of clothing in our Lost Property basket will be put on display on Wednesday afternoon in the undercover area near the Multi-purpose room. If your child has lost any uniform articles please check. It is very important to always put a name or label on their hats, jumpers, windcheaters or bomber jackets as they regularly take them off when playing in the yard.

### SCHOOL NURSE FORMS

Just a reminder to all Prep parents that the School Nurse will be attending Reservoir Primary School early in Term 2. If you have not already completed and returned the questionnaire could you please return to school immediately.

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**‘Birthday Greetings’** to the following students who are celebrating a birthday in the upcoming weeks:


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**Easter Raffle 2016**

**YOUR EGG HUNT STARTS HERE..............**

**RESERVOIR PRIMARY SCHOOL EGGSTRAVAGANZA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

A giant Easter Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th of March 2016 at Assembly at 9:05am. We are asking all families to please make a donation of chocolate Easter eggs or other novelties purchased from stores for the raffle. Some of these eggs have already been kindly donated and we thank you all for your kind generosity. Keep them rolling in and please remember to hand these over to your child’s classroom teacher. The class that donates the most eggs will receive a reward. Tickets are selling fast so please don’t forget to ask for extra booklets if needed. Remember 50c each or 3 for $1.00. It is important that a name and contact number be printed on each ticket. You have to be in it to WIN it. Baskets and eggs galore. Hop to it!
**STUDENT AWARDS:**

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with *Student of the Week* awards at Assembly on the 11th of March, 2016:

*Sunny, Serge, Ahmed S., Omega, Alisha, Evgenij, Olivia, Aadhvik, Bradley, Hirday, Chantel N. and Krrish.*

Encouragement Awards:


**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**

`Thank You` to all the families who have so generously donated to this very worthy cause. The Good Friday Appeal is held each year on Good Friday to raise funds for the Royal Children’s Hospital. If you wish to make a donation please return the envelope and money to school to the classroom teacher. This year, funds donated by school communities will be used to fund The Royal Children's Hospital Telehealth Project. This project enables children who reside in rural and regional areas, access to video consultation reducing patient travel time, time away from school and disruption to family life.

**The National Young Leaders Day**

Halogen Foundation hosts The National Young Leaders Day to inspire students to begin a life-long journey of leading themselves and others according to good leadership values. This national event was created because like all teachers at Reservoir Primary they believe in the potential of all students and want to challenge them to achieve their goals and make a positive contribution to their communities and the world.

There was an exciting line up of speakers on the day including a panel who inspired students to MASTER THE LITTLE.

**DYLAN PARKER** - Paper Pilot

Dylan competed at the 2009 World paper Plane Championships in Austria and he never imagined his achievements would end up on national television, featuring in his very own Australian Story episode. He is credited with inspiring the Australian feature film, paper Planes.

**KATE AUSTIN** - Founder/Executive Director, ‘Pinchapoo’

‘Pinchapoo’ was born from a simple, cheeky concept - ‘pinch’ the shampoos and toiletries provided in your hotel room and donate them to those who need them most. Passing on soap for a shower is a simple gesture but it means so much more. Donations allow homeless people to shower, shave, deodorise for the first time in weeks.

**NATHAN ‘DUBSY’ WANT** is a dynamic speaker, story teller and motivator who inspires people to rise to new levels in life. He currently represents the Halogen Foundation as their ‘Foundational Leadership Speaker’. Nathan’s seminars are marked with high energy, storytelling, personal experience, practical steps and relational connections with his audience.

**HARRY BAKER** - Writer/ World Slam Poetry Champion

Harry Baker is a poet, occasional rap battler and author of his debut anthology ‘The Sunshine Kid’ who believes it’s important to consider other people in the things you do. Leadership means to put yourself first but immediately it’s who do you care for? This is what Harry said upon reflecting on our National Young Leaders Day “Just realised how many people 4,000 is even if they are all half the size of me…”

If you would like to hear or see Harry Baker perform tune into You Tube for: Bumblebees, Brachyosaurus and prime numbers.

On Wednesday the 2nd of March 2016 the Young Leaders from Years 5 and 6 went to ‘The National Young Leaders Day’. There were four speakers. They were Nathan ‘Dubsy’ Want, Dylan Parker, Harry Baker and Kate Austin who was the founder of ‘Pinchapoo’. Nathan is a communicator and mentor to young people. Dylan Parker inspired the movie Paper Planes. Harry Baker was a poet and Kate Austin collects free toiletries from motels and distributes them to poor people who can’t afford these little every day luxuries. Each presenter shared their life long journey and guided us in becoming a good leader. My favourite speaker was Dylan Parker.

Amy
On Wednesday the 2nd of March the Year 5 and 6 Young Leaders went to ‘The National Young Leaders Day’. We listened to four speakers. The first speaker was a trainer, the second one was a Paper Pilot and the third speaker was a poet. The last presenter was the founder of a company. I enjoyed listening to all of them as they were inspirational and have motivated me to become a better leader. We were handed a booklet to write down any notes or information that we found useful.

Charli

MASTER THE LITTLE
I had the best day ever at ‘The National Young Leaders Day’ where just over 4,000 young leaders were gathered to discuss ways of becoming a good leader.

The first speaker was Nathan ‘Want’ Dubsy. He told us to become people of focus and when achieving our goals we may have to overcome obstacles as it will not always be easy but it will be worth it. I thought he was a great presenter and he did very well in front of all those students and teachers.

The next speaker was Dylan Parker. He is a Paper Pilot and was the inspiration for the movie ‘Paper Planes’. He told us to try new things even if they seem small because even small things can lead to greatness. We must remember to always be proud of ourselves.

There were a few more speakers such as Winter Vincent who helped disadvantaged people drink fresh water all around the world and he was only 11 years of age. Harry Baker was a poet who shared some of his amazing poetry with us. He also told us to believe in ourselves. Kate Austin helped the poor by providing them with every day essential items such as deodorant, toothbrushes and soap. Kate told us to always ask yourself why? Make simple choices and never stop believing in your dreams. She was very inspirational.

I really enjoyed my day and it taught me a lot. I know that I won’t doubt myself ever again. It taught me that if I have a passion, I have a purpose in life and anything is possible even if people say ‘NO’.

Bridgette

“Wow”, it was a great experience visiting the Melbourne Convention Centre for National Young Leaders Day. I have been elected as a Young Leader for the first time at Reservoir Primary and so far this was my first excursion. It was the best excursion I have ever been to and by far my favourite. It was a great experience as I learned lots of things.

Listening to other speakers has made a difference in the way my mind thinks now.

Here are some reasons why I thoroughly enjoyed this visit that made it so special for me:

Paper Planes is one of my favourite movies and the lead character ‘Dylan Parker’ shared his experience of what makes a good leader. Dylan is a really courageous person. He explained how he and his friend James competed in different paper plane competitions and now are professional Paper Pilots.

“Sometimes the small things lead you to big things” said Dylan. Harry Baker was also another favourite of mine. My question to Harry would be “What things did he do to help him reach his goal?” All the presenters were inspirational and I only hope their lifetime experience tips will help me in becoming a great leader. I’m looking forward to a bright and successful future.

Adeena

The Year 5 and 6 Young Leaders had the opportunity to participate in ‘The National Young Leaders Day’. Young Leaders from many schools also participated in this special event.

It was a great day, filled with excitement that I will never forget. I am so pleased I had the opportunity to go.

All the presenters were interesting but by far my favourite was Harry Baker. He was a ‘cool’ poet. He has a unique style when creating poems. They call it ‘Slam Poetry’.

Kate Austin had a very inspiring and heart felt story to tell.

Thank you so much to my peers, Mrs Miller and Mrs Phokos for allowing me to participate in this wonderful and most memorable event!

Lauren
I can’t believe I made a kite for the Kite Festival. I was making the best patterns. How lucky were year 3 and 4 students? I designed my kite with flags, I was so lucky making a kite, it was so much fun! There were two teachers; one was called Georgie and the other was Linda. Reece’s kite was very nice and I was impressed with my drawing and colouring. We share our kites with the class.

Ibrahim W.

On Tuesday we made kites in the art room. There were two teachers and their names were Georgie and Linda. First they showed us some examples of kites that looked amazing. We made our kites. My kite was a very colourful kite. We used banner fabric to make the kites. I was the first one to finish my kite; pink was the best colour because it was bright. When we finished we shared our work with our class. We were so lucky to make kites.

Yunes

Wow! Guess what we did today? We made kites! Groups 11, 10 and 9 were the only classes that got to make them. The teacher’s names were Georgie and Linda. They do public art. It is where they do art in public places. The art room was decorated with different designs of kites, there was 3 different ways you could make your kite. You could illustrate it, you could stick material on it or you could do both. At the end we shared our kites. It was fun!

Alastair

Wow! Making a kite was so much fun! I loved it. We had permanent markers, fabric and a glue stick. There were pictures of kites, they were beautiful. We got to share our kites, but I did not get to because I was still working.

Despoina

How lucky were we today as only the year 3’s and 4’s got to make kites in the art room. I loved making my kite. I was sitting next to my best friend and we helped each other. Viktoriia used a stripe pattern and on the bottom she did a cute donut. I did a rainbow pattern on top and on the bottom. I did different types of patterns. I had a lot of fun making a kite.

Somya

Today I designed a kite and I made it. It was so much fun and it was a great day. I made my kite using highlights, streamers and more materials. I really was happy with my design and I worked hard on my design. I used triangles, semi circles and rectangles. Students made lots of different designs. The teacher’s names were Georgie and Linda. It was an amazing day.

Lily

Wow! Making a kite was so much fun. Georgie and Linda came to our school for the kite festival. We were using fabric techniques. Linda demonstrated the colouring technique and Georgie demonstrated the fabric technique. Georgie and Linda were public artists. Public artists are people who draw on walls, playgrounds, models and public areas. Georgie and Linda are from the Darebin Council. The kite festival is going to be held at Edwardes Lake. I was sitting with Matthew and Alastair. When we finished we shared our kites. Making kites was so much fun!

Khong
How lucky where we!! We got to make kites. Bad news is we don’t get to take them home today! But we will take them home though after the kite festival. With my kite I used permanent markers. Other people used fabric only and some used both. Everyone’s kite looked good when they were finished.

Matthew

Wow, making a kite was so much fun. I’ll tell you how much fun it was. We walked in and sat on the rainbow carpet/mat. Georgie and Linda guided us on how to design the kites. We started to make the kite. I decorated my kite using kinder squares and textas. I made my kite a tail and drew smiley faces on it.
P.S. All the kites were cool.

Ayden

Wow! Making a kite was so much fun. First we got a piece of banner paper that was cut out like a kite shape. Secondly we could have a piece of tent fabric, textas or both to use. Yunes and I both chose to do it all using textas. Thirdly we started to decorate our kite. Fourth we had to choose a tail for our kite. We could choose from string or tent fabric. Finally we shared our kites with the class. It was an amazing day.

Mason

I was excited to be making kites for the Kite Festival. I made nearly the best kite but Faris’s kite was better and cooler. I was so interested about making the kites. I can see my kite at Edwardes Lake for the Kite Festival.

Azzam

On March 10th of 2016 Group 11 made kites. We were decorating our own kites. We had a lot of fun. All of the students were doing their own kite. We all had to draw on a piece of banner paper and we decorated our kites. Some people were making kites using rainbow, pink, green, blue, and more colours. We had to decorate kites with textas and colourful fabric. We had a lot of fun doing this activity. We’re so lucky!

Viktoriiia

How lucky!! The year 3 and 4 students got to make kites. We used permanent markers, coloured paper and we got to stick string to our kites as a tail. My kite I think is good; it took me a long time to decorate my kite. My hands got quite dirty because I used a lot of permanent markers. The paintings by the artists were SO GOOD! But, we can’t take our kites home yet because they are going to be on display at the Kite Festival. We will be given our kites after the Kite Festival!

Angus

How lucky were Year 3 and 4 students today? We got to make kites. My kite was made out of fabric and bows and I used textas to draw and colour. I was sitting with Anaelle and Chantel. There were two different teachers and their names were Geogie and Linda. Our kites are going to be hanging at the Kite Festival at Edwardes Lake. Georgie and Linda said, “You will be able to find your kite hanging on display”. Georgie and Linda were public artists. I had a lot of fun.

Deeya

Wow! I had so much fun making a kite and I was really excited to go to the Art room. We got to design patterns on our kites and we also glued some see-through paper on them. We put string on the bottom of the kite and I got to put ribbons on mine. I can’t wait for everyone to look at my kite at the Kite Festival at Edwardes Lake.

Anaelle
How lucky were the grade 3/4’s today? We made kites in the Art room. Georgie and Linda helped us with our kite designs. First they showed us some designs. We could use textas, fabric and paper. I made lines on my kite then I put fabric on my kite with glue. I added some shapes and more squiggly lines. We shared our kites with the class. We had a great day in the Art room.

Alaa

I can’t believe I made a kite for the festival today. My kite was the best. I enjoyed making kites in the Art room. It was the best activity of my life. I felt like I was lucky. Georgie, Linda and Mrs Boots were there to help us if we had trouble. Our kites will be at Edwardes Lake for the kite festival.

Reece

Wow! Today all the 3/4’s got to make a kite for the Kite Festival at Edwardes Lake. Everyone made a great kite, even me!! I had so much fun making a kite. I hope I can make another soon.

Ellen

What a surprise I had today! Georgie and Linda came to our school. Group 11 all made kites to fly at Edwardes Lake. We used different materials and textas. Georgie and Linda gave all of us a plastic kite to decorate. We shared our kite with the class. It was an awesome day!!

Chantel

DIARY WRITING FROM GROUP 7

On the weekend I went to Edwardes Lake. I saw Shahad and Nora. I went on the big train that is black and it was fun! I had a BBQ and I went with my sisters. It was brilliant.

Bontu

On the weekend I went to Moomba. I went on a ride. It was exciting and close. There was dancing and we had twisted potato cakes. There were lots of people.

Olivia

On the weekend I had my brother’s naming day and birthday. I was wearing a white dress and a white handbag. When I was reading the note for my brother my brother was playing with my bag. After I read my brother’s note my brother pulled the candle down and the cloth. After I went to the restaurant but when I was at the naming day my cousins were there. I ate pasta Bolognese and for dessert I had ice-cream. You can have any topping. After I played with my cousin and it was fun!

Charli

I went to the skate park and it was brilliant but what did I do? Oh, I forgot I skated with my dad and my sister. I loved it.

Miller

On Sunday it was my birthday! I had a strawberry cake. On Sunday I got a brand new book! It was a Monster book. When I went to Chinese school my mum and dad bought the books. I asked my mum “What can I do?” On Monday I looked at the Monster book.

Matthew

On the weekend I went to watch Batman, Spiderman, Superman and I was playing on the trampoline. I played bike with my dad and my sister. It was fun because I ate the chips and ice-cream.

Ayoub
**Kite Festival**

Darebin is holding the Kite Festival at Edwardes Lake on the 20 March, 2016

- **Time:** 11am - 6pm
- **Location:** Edwardes Lake Park, Reservoir
- **Cost:** Free

The Darebin Community and Kite Festival is a perennial favourite. Held throughout the picturesque Edwardes Lake Park in Reservoir, the festival is an outdoor cultural and community celebration. It is a fun, free and immersive festival that offers a broad range of performances, workshops, community stalls, a pet expo, food and beverages, and of course, kite flying.

For more information and program details for the 2016 event visit the Darebin Community and Kite Festival’s website at [darebin.vic.gov.au](http://darebin.vic.gov.au).

As a lead up to this local event, an artist is coming to school to work with students in Groups 9, 10 and 11; they will have the opportunity to make their own kite and hopefully be able to join the festival.

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**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](mailto: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!


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**PRACE – Preston Reservoir Adult Community Education**

Merrilands Community Centre, 35 Sturdee Street, Reservoir

**English Language Classes Levels 1-4 (Day and Evening Classes)**

Come learn English at PRACE. Enrolments taken year round

Please contact PRACE for more information on 9462 6077 or visit our website: [www.prace.vic.edu.au](http://www.prace.vic.edu.au)

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**FREE Studio Cats: Andy Warhol/ Ai Weiwei for Kids**

One of the favourite subjects of artists Andy Warhol and Ai Weiwei are celebrated in this exhibition for children and their families. Come along and enjoy the fun, interactive cat-themed activities.


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**FREE EVENT MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL and TWILIGHT MARKET**

Bell St Mall Corner Bell St and Oriel Rd, Heidelberg West

Embracing diversity through song, dance and entertainment in the heart of the Bell St Mall.

Everyone is welcome.

FREE 20\textsuperscript{th} March \textbf{Victoria's Multicultural Festival}
A day of music, dance, food and art. Noon-6pm. Federation Square, Corner Flinders and Swanston Streets, Melbourne. multicultural.vic.gov.au

FREE 18\textsuperscript{th} March \textbf{Teddy Bears' Picnic Story Time}
Stories and a teddy bears’ picnic in the gardens. 10-30-11:15am Williamstown Botanic Gardens, Williamstown. 9932 1000 hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

FREE 20\textsuperscript{th} March \textbf{Kids ArtyFarty Fest}
A kid’s art festival filled with activities, performances and grand parade. Grand parade: 10-11am Kids Arty Party Festival 11am- 4pm. Sills bend, Warringal parklands, Heidelberg 9490 4222 banyule.vic.gov.au

FREE 20\textsuperscript{th} March \textbf{Party in the Park- Allnutt Park and Pet Expo}
Live shows including Hoot and Hootabelle and Spot the Dog, Roving acts, storytelling, face painting, arts and craft, demonstrations and exhibitions. Animal displays/information and pet related products for sale. 10am- 4pm. Allnutt Park, McKinnon 9524 3333 gleneira.vic.gov.au

\section*{TIME FOR FUN}
Free, unstructured play is an important learning experience for children

In a busy world and with parents wanting to offer their children every opportunity they can, it’s easy for a child’s day to become packed with kinder or school and organised after-hours activities.
But playtime is an important part of the equation too, especially unplanned free play that lets a child use their imagination and allows them to explore their ideas and the world around them at their own pace. “Children don’t need to be engaged in structured, organised activity all of the time. It's important to factor in some downtime in their routine”. Raising Children network executive director Dr Julie Green says.

“Everyone needs some time to relax but for young children that downtime opens up opportunities. Free Play- play that just happens and that’s spontaneous- is healthy for children and it’s fundamental to how they learn and how they make sense of their world”.

Whether it’s building a cubby house out of cardboard boxes or blankets, playing an imaginary World Cup soccer tournament at the park or having an imaginary tea party with friends- play for play’s sake helps a child’s physical, social and emotional development.

‘Play creates opportunities for children to use their imagination and thought processes and it helps them develop their language skills and confidence”. Dr Green says.

“When playing with other children they develop communication and negotiation skills and social skills. They learn how to think about others and how to observe and interact with their environment”. Through free play youngsters learn how to express themselves, they learn to listen to what other children want and they learn how to negotiate- who goes first on the slide and how to resolve their differences.

Children also develop physical skills and confidence by climbing, balancing, running, dancing and crawling as they play. While children explore free time and play alone or with siblings and friends, they enjoy playing with parents too. “Time spent playing with your child is valuable, so be active in playing with your children” advises Dr. Green.

“It sends your child a message that they are important to you”.

\section*{Playtime Ideas}
Drawing
Dressing up
Playing with a Frisbee or skipping rope
Using pots and pans to make music
Home- made obstacle courses
Building models using old boxes and containers
Spending time in the playground or park
Exploring the beach or countryside

www.raisingchildren.net.au
Harmony Day

Harmony Day, 21st March 2016, celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.
It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.