

# **RESERVOIR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER No. 6 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**



Winter is here, and some students really need to think about what to wear on those chilly mornings. There are plenty of jackets to purchase, as all students must still be in full uniform every day.

**HOT NEWS:** We will no longer be able to sell the Bomber Jacket as it is. They are not being made any more.

There is an alternative, but it does look a little different. So if you love the bomber jackets we currently have, it might be an idea to buy now, as once these have been sold that will be it.

Next week teachers are spending the day working on their report writing in preparation for the June reporting process.

**Consequently MONDAY IS A PUPIL FREE DAY!**

A number of our students are becoming involved in the cross country event coming up soon. It's a challenging event, but I have been very impressed by the efforts of so many young students. Our district holds its event at Edwardes Park next Wednesday, then successful students from that day go on to compete at the next level.

Mothers Day this Sunday, so I thought you may like to enjoy this article:

**Celebrate the marvel of motherhood, not parenthood!**

by Michael Grose

*As Mother's Day approaches it's worth remembering that its mothers and fathers, real women and men, who raise kids. Parenting is a managerial, twentieth century construct.*

It's an interesting time for me to write about motherhood. In the last eighteen months both my daughters have become first time mums.

Watching them has refreshed my perspective on motherhood. It's not the techniques and strategies they use that are important rather their desire to connect to their children and fully embrace being a mum that is paramount. All their subsequent parenting springs from the willingness to fully give themselves over to motherhood.

My close encounters with my daughters as mothers has reminded me how emotion-charged being a mum can be. Besottedness, fatigue, joy, fulfilment and doubt are just some of the feelings that I have witnessed in my daughters. No doubt any mothers reading this can easily add a few more.

Over the last few months I've conducted a series of parenting seminars on the topic of raising independent children. The main message of raising children to be self-sufficient rather than to overprotect and spoil them has been in some ways at odds with what is seen as good mothering. That's because the notion of protectiveness aligns more with mothering than fathering.

However you can be a protective mum and raise really self-sufficient independent kids - you just need to know when kids need protecting and when they need to work things out for themselves. Mothers attuned to their kids and who are confident in their own abilities and instincts generally get the balance right. In a way, they know when to be a mum and when to be a parent.

### **Mothering is emotional and instinctive**

Being a mother is not always rational, as parenting is often made out to be. The emotion attached to motherhood drives you to fight hard to protect your children, work assiduously to right any wrongs on their behalf, and exhaust yourself looking after their physical and psychological well-being.

As I've been reminded watching my daughters raise their own children mothering is relational rather than rational. You may grow out parenting by making yourself redundant but mothering is something you never grow out of. You are a mum for life.

### **Kids want their mothers, not their parents**

Kids of all ages say, "That's my mum!" They don't say, "That's my parent!" (They may say that when they are annoyed or embarrassed by you, but that's another story.)

Boys and girls of all ages generally love their mothers unconditionally, whereas they merely put up with their parents, particularly during adolescence. They can live without their parents, or so they think, but deep down they know they can't live without the one person who has a blind spot for them, overlooking all their faults. That person, of course, is their mother.

When kids of all ages get into emotional difficulty or their life becomes too hard, they generally go looking for their mums. They only look for their 'parent' when they want some money, or want someone to get them out of a jam!

As Mother's Day approaches it's worth remembering that it's mothers and fathers, real women and men, who raise kids. Parenting is a managerial, twentieth century construct. That's why we have Mother's Day (and Father's Day) rather than Parent's Day.

I hope you have a good one!

**Helen Miller**  
Principal

*Is this your bike??  
Contact the office.*



## DIARY DATES

12 <sup>th</sup> May	Interschool Sport Reservoir Vs William Ruthven (Home)  Group 3 are performing at Assembly	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Interschool Sport Reservoir Vs Reservoir Views (Home)  Group 16 are performing at Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Report Writing Day - No School For Students</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Interschool Sport Reservoir Vs Our Lady of the Way (Away)  Group 2 are performing at Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Dental van arrives	12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Queens Birthday – Public Holiday</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Cross Country	16 <sup>th</sup> June	Interschool Sport Reservoir Vs Kingsbury (Away)  Group 5 are performing at Assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Interschool Sport Reservoir Vs St. Josephs (Home)  Group 7 are performing at Assembly	21 <sup>st</sup> June	Ride2School Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Education Week	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Group 4 are performing at Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Interschool Sport Reservoir Vs Reservoir East (Away)  Group 10 are performing at Assembly	28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Reporting Day – No School for Students</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council AGM – 7pm	30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Last day of Term 2</b>  <b><u>School finishes at 2:00 pm</u></b>
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Ride2School Day		

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

**Hafssa, Khalid, Lekhan, Yusuf, Adel, Angeldeep D., Aanya, Asil, Mustafa B.K., Ezra, Keerti, Jessica T., Afnan A. and Otis.**



## SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM – 2017

**Attention to all our Prep Parents:**

Please make sure that you have returned your School Nurse forms to the classroom teachers as the School Nurse will be visiting our school very soon.

Thank you.

## **STUDENT AWARDS:**

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with **Student of the Week** awards at Assembly on the **28<sup>th</sup> of April 2017**.

**Christopher D., Manreet, Reyansh, Yichen, Sakhi M., James S.S., Norah, Aleta, Lotte, Hakem, Pranay, Parth and Ishmeet.**

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with **Organisation** awards on the **28<sup>th</sup> of April 2017**.

**Arslan, Khalid A., Abhijot, Suliman, Sahasra, Chloe, Zara T., Leen, Harry, Srijan, Hirday, Tyler C. and Adriana.**

*The **You Can Do It** award was presented to **Group 12** for **displaying good 'Getting Along' skills particularly in Performing Arts during Camp Week.***

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with **Student of the Week** awards at Assembly on the **5<sup>th</sup> of May 2017**.

**Camille, Jamal, Samanvi, Jessie, Omar H., Bedrije, Safiya, Riya S., Arthur, Lora, Somya, Boutros, Jake, Mustafa and Nasser.**

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with **Organisation** awards on the **5<sup>th</sup> of May 2017**.

**Stella, Yasmin, Oscar B., Samuel, Adina, Harrison, Japleen, Iceley, Bontu, Hafssa, Miljan, Aran, Mason D., Hala A. and Alex.**

*The **You Can Do It** award was presented to **Group 17** for **listening to each other and sharing 'Friendship' stories.***

## ***Special events in Melbourne*** May

**FREE National Gallery of Victoria 1<sup>st</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**Fiona Hall: Uneasy Seasons**

**10 am – 5pm Daily until Oct. Ground Level**

Children are asked to populate the space with their creations of real and imagined things by making activities or leaving messages that express their feelings about the current state of the world



**FREE 10<sup>th</sup> May Mother's Day Storytime with KereKere Green**

10:30- 11:30am

3-5years. Bring a blanket, settle in with a free hot beverage and sing songs, read stories and get plenty of hugs to celebrate Mother's Day.

Fitzroy Gardens. East Melbourne. 9658 9500 [thatsmelbourne.com.au](http://thatsmelbourne.com.au)

19<sup>th</sup> May **Walk Safely to School Day**

Primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school with an adult in the annual event promoting roadsafety, public transport, the environment, fitness and wellbeing. An initiative of the Pedestrian Council of Australia.

(02) 9968 4555 [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au)



**FREE 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May Ballarat Heritage Weekend**

Explore the 'Mysteries' of Ballarat at this annual heritage celebration with vintage car displays, live music and horse and carriage rides. 10am- 5pm Ballarat. 5320 5620



**FREE 27<sup>th</sup> May- 3<sup>rd</sup> June National Reconciliation Week**

This annual event commemorates two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the successful 1967 referendum and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the high Court Mabo decision. This year's theme is 'Let's Take the Next Steps'. [reconciliation.org.au](http://reconciliation.org.au)

**If your child would like to participate in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge please contact Mrs Gaye Clark for more information.**

## *What is a Leader?*

**The Young Leaders and Junior School Councillors expressed their thoughts and ideas.**

A leader is someone who other people look up to.

A leader is a role model.

A leader is someone who takes initiative and sticks up for their beliefs while acknowledging others.

I think being a leader means being helpful to other people and being bold when speaking in front of others.

A leader is someone who likes to help.

A leader is a person who encourages and helps others not just bossy.

A leader is someone who is responsible for others and trusts them.

A leader is someone who does the right thing and is also a good role model for others.

A leader is a person who encourages people when they need help. They also look for the bright and positive side to things.

A leader is someone who helps others and makes lots of decisions.

A leader is a role model for the Preps, Year 1 and 2's.

Someone who is a good role model and shows respect towards others.

A leader is like the boss who looks after people.

A leader is someone who likes to be in charge.

A leader in my eyes is someone who cares about their job, helps others and works hard to make our school better.

A leader is someone that helps, encourages and gives ideas to others. They try to make decisions that will benefit all.

A leader is somebody that encourages people to do the right thing and who is someone who keeps everyone in line.

A leader is always nice to other people.

A leader is someone that encourages and helps others. They know what's wrong and understands. Leaders believe in others.

## *Are you a Leader?*

Thank you

Young Leaders, Junior School Councillors and Maria Mirasgentis

## **Ride2School Day April Report 2017**

Reservoir Primary faced washout weather on the morning of our Ride2School day- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2017. There were many coloured umbrellas, raincoats and even gumboots through our school gates. Sadly, not many bikes, scooters or skateboards.

**Who walked to school? How did you travel to school that morning?**

**We had scored very low this month due to the terrible weather. Will this be an indication of what Term 2 weather will be like?**

### **Why walk?**

It's fun and interesting. You get to notice things along the way and meet people in your neighbourhood.

It's sociable. Children love walking with their friends, especially on the journey to school.

It makes them feel good. The exercise makes them feel calmer and happier and it improves their concentration, making it easier to focus in school.

It promotes independence and freedom. Children can make more decisions about their journey than they can in the car. They can choose to stop and look at something along the way and they can start to make decisions about road safety. For older children, walking independently offers some time to themselves.

The winner of the Active Traveller Award in the Foundation to Year 2 area with 50% of students walking or riding to school for the month of April was **Group 5** and the winner in the Year 3-6 area with 48% was **Group 12**.

Congratulations to all students.

Our **Active Travel Rate as a whole school** for the month of April was 35%.

Here is an overall 'Hands up survey' for all our students on the day. Compare our results with the month of March.



## March

Ride/Skate/Scoot	13 students
Walk	157 students
Car	124 students
Public Transport	4 students

### Did your class make the Top 5?

#### Foundation to Year 2

1. Group 5 with 50%
2. Group 3 with 46%
3. Group 2 with 39%
4. Group 6 with 33%
5. Group 4 and Group 9 with 31%
6. Group 7 with 29%
7. Group 8 with 22%
8. Group 1 with 14%
9. Group 10 with 11%

## April

Ride/Skate/Scoot	17 students
Walk	89 students
Car	185 students
Public Transport	9 students

#### Year 3 to Year 6

1. Group 12 with 48%
2. Group 13 with 46%
3. Group 17 with 43%
4. Group 14 and 15 with 37%
5. Group 16 with 33%

Our next Ride2School morning will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2017.

**Keep fit Keep active Ride2School**

Thank you

Young Leaders/Junior School Councillors and Maria Mirasgentis

## **LOST PROPERTY**

There are currently quite a few items in our Lost Property Basket!! If you are missing any clothing please check at the office and we will show you where the Lost Property Basket is kept.

It is always a great idea to make sure your child's name is on all uniform items.

**Thank you.**

**Kerry Placek**

### ***DID YOU DIRECT DEPOSIT INTO THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT OVER THE HOLIDAYS??***

If you deposited money into the Reservoir Primary School bank account at a branch over the past school holidays, please contact me on [southern.melissa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:southern.melissa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) or call 9460 5798.

**REMINDER:** When depositing into the school bank account BOTH online AND through a branch a relevant reference MUST accompany the transaction.

Thanks,

Mel Southern

Business Manager

