



PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Early Reading

I recently read the results of research undertaken in Victoria and thought it worthwhile sharing with you. We always stress the importance of reading on a daily basis, and I think this provides us with further evidence of its importance.

Reading to Young Children: A Head-Start in Life

The research set out to explore the connections between parents reading to their young children and their child's later reading and cognitive skills.

Key Findings



The frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment.

- ✓ Reading to children at age 4 – 5 every day has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills (i.e. language and literacy, numeracy and cognition) later in life.
- ✓ Reading to children 3 – five days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child's reading ability at age 4 – 5 as being six months older.
- ✓ Reading to them 6 – 7 days per week has the same effect as being almost twelve months older.



Children read to more frequently at age 4 – 5 achieve higher scores on the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) tests for both Reading and Numeracy in Year 3 (age 8 – 9)



These differences in reading and cognitive skills are not related to the child's background or home environment but are the direct result of how frequently they have been read to prior to starting school.

The research is the result of the partnership arrangement between the Department and Early Childhood Development and the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.

This is a strong message!

Maybe you can spread the word to friends who have pre-school age children.

School Tours

It has been pleasing to see a number of parents with pre-school children coming to find out more about Reservoir. If you know of anyone with a child ready for school next year, we do have tours every Tuesday morning at 9.30.

If your own child is ready, please complete an enrolment form as soon as you can. We always want to get on with our early planning by the end of this term.

Emergency Management

As part of our safety procedures, we need to have a well-planned evacuation procedure in place in case of an emergency in the school.

Today we held a "practice" of that procedure. Our exiting of buildings and our assembly at Greenzone is an important part of this. If this was your child's first experience of such a practice, they may have been a little alarmed.

Teachers have explained why we need to hold a practice, but I wanted to inform you in case your child talks to you about it and still has some questions.

Cross Country

Training before school this week and next will take place for all students who fancy themselves as a long distance runner. Some children really enjoy the challenge and aren't aware of their potential till they work at it. A teacher will be out there with them each morning at 8.30am. It's a great activity for these crisp mornings!

Helen Miller

DIARY DATES

25 th April	ANZAC DAY – public holiday
26 th April	Sport V Kingsbury (away)
29 th April	School Council – 7:00pm Staffroom
30 th April	Footy Clinic

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

"Happy Birthday" to



**Ellen, Jake, Bonnie,
Keith, Amy M., Rainy and Twila**

who are all celebrating their birthdays this week.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with Student of the Week, Achievement & Encouragement Awards last Friday at assembly.

Student of the Week Awards:

Abood, Reece, Nawaf, Isabella T., Nicholas, Fardus, Andrew T., Jake, Lavinia, Ying, Dylan, Aaron Ou Y., Keith.

Achievement Awards:

Jo, Litia, Simon, Serafeim, Zalia, Alisa, Yasamin, Ahmed I., Reece, Jye.

Encouragement Awards: Hesam, Praijini, Lauren, Aran R.



CAMP MALDON

There are still places available!!!!

If your child is in Years 3 – 6 and they would like to go to Camp Maldon in May then please call at the office and get more information as there are still places available.

The camp is held from Tuesday 28/5 to Friday 31/5 and is \$250.00.

RESERVOIR COLTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Junior AFL Football Players: Reservoir Colts JFC (Crispe Park: Melways 18 – E7) is seeking 9-12 year old Girls and Boys for its teams. No previous playing experience required. Lots of match day playing time, come along and have some fun. Sunday morning matches. Training on Thursdays at 5:00pm. For further information contact Les Miller on 0421 141 886.

PASCOE VALE GIRLS COLLEGE YEAR 7 – 2014 INFORMATION SESSIONS

Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and their parents to attend one of our information sessions at our College. You will have the opportunity to meet College leaders and hear about our curriculum and programs offered to our students. This will be followed by a tour of the College. The information sessions will occur on the following days at 11:00am:

- **Tuesday 30th April**
- **Thursday 2nd May**

An evening session is also available commencing at 7:00pm on:

- **Wednesday 1st May**

Bookings are essential. Please phone the College on 9306 2544 to reserve a place.

MACLEOD COLLEGE YEAR 7, 2014 HIGH ACHIEVERS TEST WEDNESDAY MAY 29TH 2013 2PM – 4PM

Application forms available on the Macleod College website www.macleod.vic.edu.au

Or

Contact the General Office 94590222 to have one mailed to you.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN COMPETITION

Woolworths "earn and learn" is back again. Last year we were able to order some wonderful resources through this program.

It is easy. When shopping at Woolworths collect the stickers, attach the sticker to the sheets (available from the store) and place the completed sheet in the box outside the office.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS 2013

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**

CHILD'S NAME GROUP

1.	Six inch Vegetarian Delight Sub: Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.20
2.	Six inch Sub: Ham Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.40
3	Six inch Sub: Chicken Pieces Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$6.00
4.	Six inch Sub: Roast Beef Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$5.40
5.	Six inch Sub: BMT (Salami & Ham) Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$5.50
6.	Six inch Sub: CLUB (Ham, Turkey & Roast Beef) Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$5.50
7.	Four Inch Sub: Ham Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$3.90
8.	Four Inch Sub: Turkey Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$3.90
9.	Four Inch Sub: Roast Beef Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$3.90
10.	Four Inch Sub: Chicken Pieces Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.40
11.	80 cents for a Cookie	.80
	TOTAL money enclosed	\$

Please Note: Late orders will not be accepted