Yes, I have returned.

It is great to be back after spending time in some amazing places; Canada, Alaska, Montana, Washington and Idaho. The animal kingdom and the stunning landscapes are unforgettable.

I thought you might like to see a few of the wonders I encountered on my travels.

Couldn’t resist the yellow school bus!
Enough of the holiday snaps, back to reality.

I recently read the following article, and thought it worthy of passing on:

**How to raise a child to be a giver**

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year old knows only too well the world revolves around them. “I want…” “Give me…” “It’s mine!” and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means it’s something they grow out of…or they’re supposed to.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1. **Expect kids to help**

   With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2. **Think ‘gang’**

   It’s a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling’s special concert rather than some children missing it because ‘it’s boring!’ ‘We put ourselves out for each other’ is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

3. **Don’t let them get away with meanness**

   Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don’t always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

4. **Develop a sense of other**

   Children and teenagers don’t live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. “What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?” is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

5. **Encourage giving**

   During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.

**Food for thought!** And now we look forward to a two week break. Although the weather forecast does not sound very pleasant, it will be a time for everyone to relax and enjoy time at home as a family.
Staffing Update:

There were some celebrations and best wishes for a few of our staff members today.

Rebecca Franzone is taking leave for the remainder of the school year. She will be travelling overseas, and we all wish her the very best for her adventures. Michelle Simons will be taking Group 10 until the end of the year.

Margaret Healy has decided to take leave for the remainder of the year. After many, many years in the front office she has decided to take a rest. I know you all share our gratitude for all her work and wish her well. Her replacement is Melissa Southern.

We also wished Miriam Elsheikhi all the very best for her wedding which will take place during the holidays.

Susie Kotanidis has retired, and once again after twenty-nine years at Reservoir, I'm sure half of the Reservoir children have been touched by her love of teaching young children: always ready for a laugh!

Please remember that school finishes this Friday at 2.00pm.

Then, until July 11th have a safe and happy break.
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Birthday Greetings to the following students who are celebrating a birthday in the upcoming weeks: Gemma, Chantelle T., Randa, Aleta T., Sammy, Chaltu, Brandon, Noah P., Alastair, Navreet, Saja A. and Dominic.

STUDENT AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with Student of the Week awards at Assembly on the 10th of June, 2016:
Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with Student of the Week awards at Assembly on the 17th of June, 2016: 

Encouragement Awards: 

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Please note that in the last Newsletter we had the incorrect amount for the money raised for the Jump Rope For Heart. The correct amount of money raised was:
$693 (Offline)
$2,448.00 (Online) =
$3,141.00 being the total amount of money raised in 2016.

YOU CAN DO IT LAUNCH

On Friday the 15th of July we will be having the ‘You Can Do It’ launch. On this day we will also be having a special lunch! We will be having a Sausage Sizzle (Halal and Veggie Sausages also available). No orders are necessary. A sausage in bread will cost $1.00 each. There will be more information about this event sent home on Monday the 11th of July. There will be NO SUBWAY orders on this day.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS

Reports for the Our Lady of the Way and game:

Teeball: Wow what a weird way to start off the day. We didn’t know who the captain was until the start of the game. The captain was ‘yours truly’, Abby. We didn’t know when the other team would arrive or if we would win or not, but we had the luck of the ‘black tee’. We all figured out a pattern! When we use the black tee we win but we weren’t sure this time because the other team were really good. We lost at ‘rock paper scissors’ and had to bat.
Bam! Rutvi made the first home run of the game. There were so many more amazing things that happened throughout the whole game and the season like:

- Zeynep’s great catch
- Chanty’s great fielding
- Watching Rutvi and Aksh learning and understanding the game
- But most of all the cooperation and teamwork we put in and now we are all brought closer together and we love it.
- But unfortunately we won 30 to 16 and we have to thank Mrs Angelevski for all of the training and of course her love, support and desire of winning
- So from the Teeball team we love you Mrs A.
Dear Parents,

School Dental will be providing dental treatment from the **12/07/2016**. The appointments will take place at Reservoir Primary School during school hours.

**Phase 1** - Check up and clean
**Phase 2** - Prevent, rehabilitate and protect.

This treatment *may be covered by the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS)*. To be eligible for up to $1000 of treatment you need to receive Family Tax Benefit A and provide Medicare details.

If you are *not eligible* the cost for a check up and clean will be $65 and any further treatment will incur charges.

Further information about this program can be found online at: [www.humanservices.gov.au/childdental](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/childdental)

Please return consent forms to the school by the **24/6/2016** if you wish for your child to be seen by School Dental.

*Connie Williams*

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**Ride 2 School**  **JUNE REPORT**

"*Fitness is not about being better than someone else...it's about being better than you used to be*."

The month of June proved to be cold and wet especially the morning of our Ride 2 school. Our active travel rate for the month of June was 46%. There was a slight decline in percentage compared to May which was 50%.

Here is an overall ‘Hands up survey’ for all our students on the day.

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**SCREEN TIME**

Sadly, Australian children now spending up to 8 hours of their day in front of a screen. Children who watch TV for more than 2 hours every day are more likely to have an unhealthy diet and less likely to be physically active.

**AWAKE AND ALERT**

Students who actively travel arrive awake and alert, improving their concentration in class and ability to understand the curriculum.

The winner of the Active Traveler Award with 81% of students walking or riding to school for the month of June was **Group 14**. Congratulations all students from Group 14!

Look out everyone, this class dropped their percentage rate by 10% compared to last month, so there is still hope everyone!

**Did your class make the Top 5?**

1. Group 14  81%
2. Group 7 71%
3. Group 11 65%
4. Group 6 57%
5. Group 8 46%

See you all again in Term 3 during our Ride2school morning on Thursday 21st of July 2016. 

Remember to keep fit, keep active over the school holidays!

Thank you
Young Leaders/Junior School Councillors and Maria Phokos

HEALTHY GAMING

How can you establish a healthy relationship with gaming when long hours of intense gaming can strain your child’s vision, mind and body?

Brian Foo at Smart Vision Optometry says:

1. **Moderation is key**
   Balance time indoors with time outdoors in natural light.

2. **Have a routine**
   Treat gaming just like any extra-curricular activity and set some time aside for it.

3. **Take regular breaks to look away from the screen and give eyes a rest.**
   A 15 minute break every two hours of continuous screen use and looking away from the screen for 20 seconds every 20 minutes is ideal.

4. **Know what your child is playing.**
   Make sure your child is consuming media that’s appropriate for their level of maturity.

5. **Maintain good posture**
   This will reduce the chances of repetitive strain injury. The gaming set up should be comfortable and conducive to keeping your child’s back straight.

**Special events in June/July**

**FREE Daily Royal Park Nature Play Playground**
The playground includes water and sand play areas, climbing forest, rocky wall with slides, swings, large rope climbing structures and big slides for older children. Parkville. [playaustralia.org.au](http://playaustralia.org.au)

**Inside the brick**
Meat Market, 5 Blackwood Street, North Melbourne 25th and 26th June 2016
Lego fans, don’t miss out on this huge exhibition of LEGO constructions and a Build Zone. There will also be special sensory friendly sessions for families impacted by autism.
[@insidethebrick](https://twitter.com/insidethebrick)

**Winter in Federation Square** 1st June- 17th July
The Fed Square winter event program is back, along with ice skating on the Yarra, a solstice celebration, campfire activities and a lighting projection by Reko Rennie.
[@federationsquare](https://twitter.com/federationsquare)

**FREE ArtPlay**
**Shimmer:** 29th June and 1st July. 4-8 yrs.
Drop in workshop to create garlands of handmade flowers that will form a hanging forest for the Shimmer exhibition in the ArtPlay gallery. 2-4pm Birrarung Marr, Melbourne. [melbourne.vic.gov.au](http://melbourne.vic.gov.au)

**Little Big Shots** 1st – 10th July
Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Federation Square, city.
An international film festival just for the kids with short films, animations and more. Look out for 11 year old Pyper’s film about a young girl travelling alone for the first time.
Docklands Fireworks July-August
Enjoy the spectacular fireworks at Docklands every Friday night with entertainment from 6:30pm-8:30pm Perfect for all age groups!
@thatsmelbourne

BASTILLE DAY - FRENCH FESTIVAL 16th and 17th July 10am – 5pm
State Library Victoria, Swanston Street, City
Enjoy a taste of France with the very best food, drinks, entertainment and culture. @bastilledaymelbourne

Around the Bay- Ride for a child in need Sunday 9th October 2016
There are plenty of ways to have fun as a family but bike riding certainly has to be one of the best. It’s the perfect way for families to spend quality time together as they pedal around of our family-friendly courses 20km, 50km or 100km.
We also understand the pressure on family budgets, so to help out this year, all kids under 12 ride for FREE. We’ve even added a concession price to help boost the savings. It’s cheaper than a family trip to the movies!
And for the first time ever, our 20km ride will take place on closed roads so everyone in the family can enjoy the ride without worrying about the traffic.
It’s time to take a break, have fun, get active and share in the achievement of riding Around the bay.
Enter today and save with early bird prices. Early bird ends on July 6th.
Lakeside Netball Club is looking for both girls and boys to join our junior netball teams. We are a well-established club having had a presence in the northern suburbs for well over 25 years. Our coaches are passionate about the game and come with a wealth of netball knowledge ready to share with your child. We train Friday afternoons (4.00-5.30pm) and play Saturday mornings at Darebin Community Sports Stadium, 857 Plenty Road, Reservoir. We are looking for players of all abilities between 9 and 17 years of age. New season starts Term 3 – Saturday, 16 July 2016. Interested? Want to know more? Contact us at: wplakesidenetballclub@gmail.com or call Sharyn on 0430 460 898.

Holiday fun and entertainment for primary school aged children!

Monday 27 June – Friday 8 July
Leapkids holiday programs are full of fun and interactive hands-on activities, excursions and exciting excursions that will provide children with wonderful entertainment and memorable experiences. Click on the links below to see what’s on!

Wales Street Primary School Holiday Program
Preston South Primary School Holiday Program

Book online at www.leapkids.com.au or contact us on 1300 366 235

DAREBIN GIANTS JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED FOR ALL AGE GROUPS
BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME

If you would like your child to play in a team sport at a family friendly club then we are the club for you. New season is starting in July after the school holidays. Games are played on Saturdays.

If you would like more information or have any enquiries please contact:
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Tina : tepees1@gmail.com