A great day was enjoyed by eight students, Sonia Boots, Maria Phokos and of course Moorella. As always, the students acquitted themselves with distinction; behaviour, involvement, enthusiasm and loads of enjoyment. It's great to see these representatives showcasing our school as such positive models of Reservoir Primary School. Viewing the cows from other schools was really exciting, and while we didn’t “win”, we were, and are proud of our achievements. The twenty-three students involved in the project are to be congratulated for their time and efforts in producing such a magnificent beast.


The transportation to the venue was exciting, as you can see. You can read more reports from the students in this newsletter:

Parent Opinion Survey
Thank you to all the parents who returned their parent opinion survey; responses will now be sent to DET for collation. Results will be returned to us later in the year.

What’s happening outside our Prep Rooms???
Expectant parents have nothing on our students; they are anxiously awaiting the hatching of our little chickens…..more to come!

Get connected for quick reminders!!
Two of our enthusiastic parents have shown great initiative in setting up a Facebook page for parents at Reservoir Primary. The purpose is to remind you of all those little day to day things that may be happening at school.

Have a look, then “like” and you too will be kept in the loop and know what’s happening.

Go Girls: Kerrie and Kelly!
The following article sums up a very real issue for parents; for so many reasons in the changing world we can sometimes do too much for our kids, always with the best of intentions; interesting to read Michaels Grose’s point of view

**The gatekeepers to Independence**

In response to the question “What would be the impact if you did less, not more for your children?” a parent wrote; “I’m amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose/pleasure in contributing, each new skill achieved brings. The smiles are awesome too.” Lovely answer!
The joy that this parent took from watching her children develop independence was no accident. Her parenting style played a large role in her children’s independence. All power to her and her parenting style!

Adults are the gatekeepers for children’s independence.

We open the gate to independence when we give children opportunities to develop self-help skills (carry their own schoolbags, get themselves up in the morning, tidy their own rooms); provide them with real responsibility (feeding pets, setting the meal table and preparing meals) and give them autonomy to make some of their own decisions (choosing clothes within limits, following own interests, making choices about pocket-money spending).

We close the independence gate when we do too much for children (tidy their toys away, pack their schoolbags, make simple snacks); rescue them from learning opportunities (take forgotten lunches to school, sort out their friendship problems, pay their library fines) and neglect to build scaffolds to independence (such as help them make their bed, walk half way to school, teach them to ride public transport).

It’s a quirk of parenting that many children think they are older than they are, and parents think their children are younger than they are. We underestimate children’s abilities to the detriment of their development.

**Are you an opener or closer of the gate to children’s independence?**

Think of independence as a continuum with opening the gate and closing the gate at either end. If your parenting is more at the closing end then look for ways to move down the continuum towards independence building. My advice is to make small adaptations to your parenting. For instance, start with a child making their own snacks before moving to helping you to prepare a meal. But first you need to develop a mindset for independence building. That means, be on the lookout for opportunities for children to do things for themselves.

As many readers will know I firmly believe that the job of parents is to make ourselves redundant from the earliest possible age of a child’s life. That means, that our interactions with kids have an end game in mind – we want our kids to be able to stand on their own two feet physically (Don’t we get a kick out of them walking for the first time!), emotionally (with support, of course) and to navigate their world without being reliant on others.

There is no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they’ve mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. It’s those times that make parenting so worthwhile. Those awesome smiles won’t happen by accident. They require a parenting style that gives kids a chance to be independent; that encourages them to be brave and offers them the safety net of emotional support when life throws them curve balls. Why not try it? Give your kids a chance to amaze you.

Parenting is not always easy; it’s a balancing challenge for us all.

**Helen Miller**
Principal

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**PREP ENROLMENTS**

It’s that time; Prep enrolments need to be submitted now!

Remember we also need a copy of birth certificate (or passport) and an immunisation certificate; these can be obtained through the Darebin Council.
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### Jeans for Genes Day

Only a few days left until the big day.<br>We are raising money and helping researchers at Children’s Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures.<br>You need to get organised, prepared and get excited!<br>We are asking for a **gold coin donation**.<br><br>We want you to go all out and wear a crazy denim outfit. So pull out your jeans, denim skirt or jacket.<br>Get ready for Jeans for Genes Day.<br><br>See you all this **Friday the 7th of August**.
STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Student of the Week awards at Assembly on the 24th July, 2015:
Joshika, Jocelyn, Matthew L., Ayden, Billy, Tyler D., Rital, Mason W., Brandon, Tahlara, Saja, Sweeney, Denholm, Mohamed A., Yunes, Keith, Abby F. and Alyssa.

Encouragement Awards:
Randa, Ali R., Jomana, Mason F., Areeba, Ayoub, James McC., Sattam, Tyler C., Lily, Thomas, Sofia Th., Isobel and Chantelle T.

The ‘You Can Do It’ award was presented to Group 5 for working hard to get along and include each other all the time.

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Student of the Week awards at Assembly on the 31st July, 2015:

Encouragement Awards:

The ‘You Can Do It’ award was presented to Group 7 for demonstrating excellent getting along skills and supporting each other in Pit Gym.

‘Birthday Greetings’ to the following students who are celebrating a birthday in the coming weeks or since the term commenced:
Safa, Leo, Somya, Kloe C., Amouka, Soumaya, Aran, Saeed, Jasmeet and Zach D.

First Aid Course – St John Ambulance

St John Ambulance visited our school on the 30th of July to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters led students from Prep to Year 6 through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Our junior students learnt about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students learnt about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Students have been given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage you to “do your homework” and go online with St John to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY?

More information about the St John First Aid in Schools program can be found at: www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools
August 2015

**Picasso Cows 2015**

Our cow has students over the moon!

*She may be made of fibre-glass, but Moorella Duffy, has certainly made a name for herself at Reservoir Primary School since she was primed, painted and primped as part of Dairy Australia’s Picasso Cows program!*

Over the past 2 months a group of talented students, teachers and parents have worked hard to design and paint Moorella using the Fuel for life theme. Our design depicts 3 growing calves surrounded by sun rays. On the reverse is a collage of all the beautiful students and teachers at our school.

We documented our experience from start to finish in a learning journal which we showcased alongside Moorella Duffy at the Picasso Cows presentation day on Wednesday July 29th in Kew together with other participating schools in the region.

While we didn’t win the title, our students thoroughly enjoyed showing off their new creation and all of their hard work. We are exceptionally proud of their efforts and they are certainly considered winners at Reservoir Primary School.

Moorella Duffy is now a permanent member of our school community. If you haven’t seen Moorella in the flesh, you’ll find her moo-ving around the school grounds, so be sure to keep an eye out!

Thank you again to everyone who was involved in this wonderful school project and I look forward to handing her over for all to enjoy!

**Review of Moorella’s Big Day!**

Students talking in excitement, teachers instructing their students to be quiet for once, people from Dairy Australia getting ready to present themselves, everyone was there. While Moorella was talking to her ‘friends’ we took a seat and had a look at the other cows. We had a fantastic day full of games and a quiz that Sadman had to complete while having to do an impression of a donkey instead for a buzz button (sorry Sadman). After all those fantastic games the winner was St. Judes. Even though we didn’t win Moorella still looks BEAUTIFUL!!!

*Sofia*
Moo! Moo! Moo! The room was full of moos! We were all having a great time at the presentation of Moorella! It was great to see all of the different cow creations made from different schools. Everyone was buzzing with excitement. The project managers that are part of the Picasso Cow program from Dairy Australia were there judging all of the amazing cows, including Moorella! We examined each other’s cows and played lots of games about Dairy Australia. I learnt a lot of new information. We ate our lunch and had a little snack which was yoghurt or milk. St Judes won the competition with an amazing, detailed cow. It was super creative! I loved everyone’s ideas and thoughts. I think it was an experience I will never ever forget.

Bridgette

Where are we, I’ve got no idea. We are at the Kew Golf Course, but where are the cows? As we enter the room, we are welcomed by the sight of awards and trophies. There were cows in sight but not ours. We see Mrs Miller as we enter another room. We look around and spot our shiny, vibrant cow. Phew! This was my favourite part. They announce, “Can we please have one confident student from each school for the Picasso Cow Quiz”. I look around and everyone was staring at me. The answer was obvious. I had to go. So, I got up and stood 3rd last at the line. We introduced ourselves and selected an animal noise as the ‘buzzer’. The quiz began. I didn’t answer the first few questions. Then, I strike back. I was qualified to the quiz finals. It was game on for RPS and St. Judes. Sadman Vs Jack. I answer the first question wrong - big time! In the end, St Judes won and RPS came second. As a prize I got a tiny ‘Showbag’ and a tiny Legendary Footy.

Sadman

Presentation Awards Day:
- We took Moorella to a presentation judging day.
- It was by Dairy Australia.
- The school that won was St Judes.
- There were many other schools and cows.
- There was fun activities to with dairy and cows; including milking a fake cow competition.
- There were free snacks of dairy food.
- There was a ball with questions written on that got thrown around the room and whoever had it last when the music stopped had to answer the questions! It was really funny because it hit many people on the head!
- There were quizzes including one for teachers!
- There was a competition for designing a Milk Shake!

Kosma

Off we go to Kew for Moorella’s presentation. We were joined by 10 schools from all over Melbourne. We were joined by Mrs Phokos and Mrs Boots and travelled in their car. My favourite part was the teacher and student quiz because the buzz sounds were hilarious!!! They all have to make farm/zoo animal noises and our one was a donkey. My other highlight is when we went to Fairfield’s boatshed. We went to the playground and went crazy. The winner was St. Judes with their super realistic cow design. It was disappointing that we didn’t win the competition. I would like to thank Mrs Boots and Mrs Phokos for letting us have this amazing opportunity.

Victoria

COLOURING IN

How many of you colour in with the kids, then realise you are in the zone yourself?
Sarah Wilder (thefifthelementlife.com) is an Australian illustrator who creates colouring-in books for adults. The many benefits of colouring in explains why the trend has exploded worldwide:

GREAT WAY TO DE-STRESS Colouring at any time of day or night will place you in a balanced mindset and help you transition to work or sleep.
SPARKS CREATIVITY As adults, we are often shy to express our creativity the way we might have as children. You can get creative by experimenting with colours, techniques and styles.
CONNECT WITH YOUR INNER CHILD Technology is taking so much of our precious time and focus, so reconnecting with the simple things we enjoyed as children is a way to be more present and mindful.
Ride2School Day  July Report 2015

Encouraging children to walk and ride

Walking and cycling to school can increase children's physical activity and ability to move through their neighbourhood with adult supervision also known as independent mobility. Research has shown that physical activity such as walking and cycling has a positive life-long impact on children, including greater cognitive, intellectual and social skills. More specifically, studies have found physical activity increases students’ ability to pay attention, be alert and concentrate in class which in turn enhances academic performance.

So come on everybody lets’ get physical!

The winner of the Active Traveller Award with 96% of students walking or riding to school for the month of July was once again our very own Year 5/6’s Group 14. They have continued to keep a consistent rate of active travellers for the last four months. Congratulations everybody!

Did your class make the Top 5?
1. Group 14 with 96%
2. Group 13 with 81%
3. Group 12 with 79%
4. Group 7 with 78%
5. Group 10 with 73%

We have some new groups that have entered the chart this month and some who have just missed out on 2nd place.
Group 13 is quickly moving from 4th position last month to second place this month.
Group 10 was up by 5% this month but still steadily holding 5th place. Way to go Year 3 and 4 Miss Franzone!
What happened to Group 5, 8, 9 and 4 who made the chart last month? Where are you all? Are we there yet?

Keep active and stay healthy everyone!

Our next Ride2school morning will be Thursday 20th August 2015.
Thank you
Young Leaders/Junior School Councillors and Maria Phokos

Special events in Melbourne

FREE Weekly Fireworks under the stars
Start your weekend with a bang and enjoy entertainment along the New Quay Promenade while fireworks paint the sky at Docklands.
Friday: 7:30pm. New Quay Promenade. Docklands. 9658 9658 destinationdocklands.com.au

Daily Melbourne Museum
3-8 yrs. Enjoy the exhibition 1, 2,3, Grow which tells the story of growth through the themes of size, colour and shape. See skeletons of amazing animals from the past or the new exhibition, Nilet Yapeneyepuk, featuring art and photography depicting the strength of a Koorie community.
10am-5pm $12, C (U16years) free. Carlton Gardens, Carlton South 13 11 02 museumvictoria.com.au

Daily Scienceworks
Tyrannosaurs- Meet the Family: An interactive exhibition featuring augmented reality, multimedia experiences, fossils and casts of tyrannosaurs specimens with more than 10 life-sized dinosaur skeletons.
10am- 4:30pm $8-22.

Alice’s Wonderland: 3-8years. Children can explore the way they perceive and make sense of the world around them with exhibits that introduce optics and illusions, word play, physics and maths.
10am- 4:30pm. $12, C(U16years) free. Scienceworks, Spotswood 13 11 02 museumvictoria.com.au
FREE Daily CERES
Wander the grounds, stop by the nursery and market or take a guided tour at this not-for-profit, educational sustainability organisation located on four hectares of rehabilitated landfill. Brunswick East. 9389 0100 ceres.org.au
**FREE Weekly Open House: Tromarama For Kids**

Contemporary art collective Tromarama have built a house inside the gallery inspired by the interior of a typical Indonesian home. It features panoramic screenings of the artists’ films and visitors can experiment with stop-motion animation through a multimedia app, creating short films that can be shared. Wed-Mon: 10am-5pm.

**National Gallery Victoria International, Melbourne. 8620 2222 ngv.vic.gov.au**

**FREE 8th August National Bookshop Day**

Tony Wilson will be reading from his quirky new book, The Cow Tripped Over the Moon, about nursery rhyme emergencies. You can come dressed as your favourite nursery rhyme character-parade prizes will be given and morning tea provided. 10:30am Readings St Kilda 9525 3852 readings.com.au

**15th-23rd August National Science Week**

**FREE 16th Aug Living Science at the Queen Victoria Market** A day of food, facts and fun for the whole family. 10am-3pm.

Queen Victoria Market, Melbourne.

**FREE 16th Aug Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science Open House**

Participate in science activities, learn about courses, chat with researchers, meet students and check out the facilities. 10am-3pm Monash University Parkville Campus, Parkville.

**FREE 18th August National Reading Hour**

An initiative that reminds parents and caregivers that reading together with a child for 10 minutes a day gives that child the best chance of becoming a good reader. Check local libraries for events. love2read.org.au

**PREPS – GROUP 1/2/3**

This term as part of our humanities unit of work: Down on the Farm, the prep students have adopted ten fluffy chicks. There was much excitement as they hatched this morning. We are looking forward to watching them grow.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

COMING SOON........
COMMENCES TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST AT 3:30PM

It’s nearly time again for our annual Scholastic Book Fair!!!!
Parents and children are all welcome to attend.

Every item that is bought at the Book Fair benefits our school!! So join us in making our Book Fair a huge success. Last year we received $1164 worth of books for our Library from the sales made at the Book Fair, which was our best result ever.
There will be lots of books available, discounted books, posters, gift packs and novelty items so come along and have a look.

So start saving now and we hope to see you at the Book Fair which opens at 3:30pm on the 4th of August and closes on Friday the 7th of August at 4:00pm!

This year we will be having a colouring competition as part of the Book Fair and prizes for the best entries will be awarded at Assembly on Friday 14th of August.

OPEN TIMES FOR THE BOOK FAIR:

Tuesday 4th August 3:30pm – 4:00pm
Wednesday 5th August 8:30am – 9:00am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm
Thursday 6th August 8:30am – 9:00am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm
Friday 7th August 8:30am – 9:00am & 3:30pm – 4:00pm

GROUP 11

The students in Group 11 have submitted a variety of work for you all to read and enjoy........

The following is a Report about the Lyrebird from Evan

The Lyrebird is native to Australia. The Lyrebird looks like an emu but has long green black feathers and a long neck. It doesn’t fly so it walks on the ground. The Lyrebird is from Australia and can be found in damp rainforests, bushes, grasslands and near creeks.
Two Interesting Facts:
1. Lyrebirds have a call that tricks prey into thinking it's something else.
2. The Lyrebird eats spiders and other insects.

The following is a Report about Lions from Jolin

What is it? Lions are an animal. It is a mammal and is part of the cat family.
Description: Lions have a big busy mane which shows itself when hunting. Lions have a dark yellow or brown fur. They have very powerful sharp teeth and paws.
Place: Lions are not worldwide they are only found in Africa and India.
Interesting information: Because lions have a big mane that slows it down, the lioness hunts. A group of lions are called a pride. Lion's scientific name is a Panther Leo. The life span of a lion is approximately 10-14 years. The heaviest lion on record weighed 375kg.
Esther has written some interesting facts for us in Literacy

Did You Know?

1. A scorpion has a sting at the back of its tail to protect itself.
2. Did you know a chameleon has to walk on two legs when they come to hot desert sand?
3. Did you know a camel has long eyelashes to protect their eyes so sand cannot get in their eyes?
4. Did you know in some countries they have sand competitions?
5. Did you know sand is useful to make concrete and many other things?
6. Did you know black sand comes from black volcanoes?
7. Did you know sand is also useful for floods because the sand sucks the water?
8. Did you know in the desert there are some beaches? Some animals and plants call the beach their home but some leave rubbish and don't care.

The following is a Report from Amelia about India

Classification: India is a continent on earth.
Description: India can be very hot in summer. There are lots of different languages in India.
Location: India is near the Arabian Sea and China.
Information: People can live in India and visit for holidays.

Alice H. has written a Syllable Poem

Dog
Fat dog
Hungry dog
Angry face dog
Dogs want to eat bones

Planet Research about Venus by Annelise

Venus is a planet in the Solar System.
Venus is really, really hot and it's red. It has volcanoes and lava and a soft surface.
Venus is the second planet in the Solar System.
Interesting facts: Venus is named after a Roman God.
Venus is the 6th largest planet.
Venus is 4,503 billion years old.
Venus orbits around the sun in 225 days.

Kloe has written a Sense Poem for us

Watermelons look like a red and green smile.
Watermelons feel a little hard and a little bit soft.
Watermelons sound crunchy.
It smells fresh
It tastes juicy

Seraj has written an Acrostic Poem

Sleepover
Little bit of sleep
Excited
Enjoyed it
Played a lot
Charli has written a Syllable Poem

Bird
Big Bird
Flying Bird
Small colourful bird
Very small cute birds

Parth has been doing some Space Research about ‘Pluto’
1. Pluto is a Dwarf Planet.
2. A small spacecraft took photos of Pluto on 15/7/2015.
3. The spacecraft that just passed Pluto took 7,750 miles to reach Pluto.
4. Scientists have a clue that Pluto has water.
5. Pluto has five moons. One of their names is Charon.
6. Charon is nearly half the size of Pluto.
7. Charon was discovered in 1978.
8. The diameter of Pluto is 2,368km.
9. The distance from Earth to Pluto is 4.67 billion miles.
10. Pluto is -233 to -223 Celsius.

Jad has been doing some Space Research about “Neptune”
1. The name of the planet is Neptune.
2. Neptune is the eighth planet from the Sun.
3. Neptune is 4.4 billion kms away from Earth.
4. Neptune takes 164.79 years to orbit the sun.
5. Neptune’s moon is called Triton.
6. Neptune has the strongest winds.

Thomas has written a Pattern Poem
Sand paper
Rough Sand Paper
Scratchy rough sand paper
Thin scratchy rough sand paper
Stiff thin scratchy rough sandpaper

Bull Shark Report from Brad
A bull shark is a big mammal.
A bull shark has fins, tail, sharp big teeth and spooky scary eyes. A bull shark has dark grey skin.
Bull sharks weigh about 130kg. A female bull shark’s average size is 2.4 metres long.

India Report from Akshpreet
India is a country and India’s capital is New Delhi.
In India there are lots of people, there are lots of children who live on the streets and some pick up the rubbish to sell. In India if it’s summer it’s very hot and if it’s winter it rains a lot. Throughout India there are 14 different languages but most people speak Hindi or English.
India is near Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. India is part of Asia.
In India there is the Taj Mahal, Shah Johan built for his wife. In India there are many gods; Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Ganesha is the elephant god Indians ask to help them.

The Lotus Report written by Rutvi
Classification: The Lotus is India’s national flower.
Description: The Lotus is a pink colour and is so pretty. It is found in lakes. Some beautiful lotus flowers are white too. Lotus flowers can be many colours like blue, red and white. A new lotus is the Egyptian lotus.
Location: Lotus flowers are found mostly in India.
Information: India’s lotus flower is used for making lotus rings and necklaces.