



ARTS EXPO

What a terrific experience, and how wonderful were those art works? - created by your children!



The entire school community enjoyed the art; very positive feedback was received from so many of you. Congratulations must go to the two teachers who spent many hours arranging the show for our enjoyment. So well done Sonia Boots and Luisa Macheda!!

TERM FOUR

Isn't it hard to believe that we are already into the last term for the year. All those little Prep students who began school in February are now extremely enthusiastic, happy members of our school community. At the other end of the school, there are forty-four year six students preparing for their final weeks and a graduation program before they head off for their secondary education. For your information, their selections of secondary schools in 2016 are as follows:

Reservoir High	*9 students	William Ruthven	*9 students	Thornbury High	*8 students
Northcote High	*3 students	Lalor Secondary	*4 students	Macleod High	*1 student
Fitzroy High	*2 students	Vermont Secondary	*1 student	Coburg Junior High	*1 student
University High	*1 student				

The remaining students will either attend non-government schools or are returning overseas permanently.

Term four is also that time when we are planning for the new year. Putting classes together and allocating staff are just two of the huge tasks we have at this time, and if we are fully aware of our prospective enrolments the job is so much easier.

So I ask all of you to assist us in the following ways if relevant to your family:

- If you know your children will not be attending Reservoir in 2016, **please** let us know – as soon as possible.
- If you have a child ready to start Prep, ask for an enrolment form and submit this at the office.
- If you are going to be away overseas for a lengthy period of time, but will be returning after the start of school next year, also please let us know your approximate date of return.

And now that we are making these plans, I ask you to come and talk with me if there are any particular concerns or issues that may assist us in placing your child in a suitable class next year.

This doesn't mean you can choose a teacher for your child, but there may be information about student relationships of which we are unaware. We do want all children to be positive about their placements, so any information that will assist is important. There will be a time limit for when you can supply this information, as once we have finalised classes we will not be able to make changes. I am happy to talk to anyone about their children's placements for 2016.

Helen Miller
Principal

PREP ENROLMENTS

Our Prep Transition letters are being sent out this week.

Prep enrolments need to be submitted now, to be included.

Mini - Fair coming soon!!

There will be notes coming home asking for donations.

Please help us make our Mini Fair a huge success.

DIARY DATES

8 th October	Swimming for Preps to Year 2	3 rd November	Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday
9 th October	Bundoora Farm Excursion - Preps	5 th November	Swimming for Preps to Year 2
15 th October	Swimming for Preps to Year 2	12 th November	Swimming for Preps to Year 2
	Year 5's visit Earth Education	19 th November	Swimming for Preps to Year 2
19 th October	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm	26 th November	Swimming for Preps to Year 2
22 nd October	Swimming for Preps to Year 2	8 th December	Orientation Day at Secondary Schools For Year 6 Students
28 th October	Mini Fair 11.30 – 1.30	15 th December	Year 6 Graduation
29 th October	Swimming for Preps to Year 2	18 th December	Last Day of Term 4
	Year 2 Sleepover		
2 nd November	Report Writing Day / Curriculum Day No School for Students		

'Birthday Greetings' to the following students who are celebrating a birthday in the coming weeks or who celebrated a birthday recently:

Evangeline, Mustafa Alt., Riya, Abu Bakr, Muktada, Sophie, Tannaya, Zalia, Aaron, Thomas B., Faris, Maddison P., James H., Dylan K., Charli V.N., Abby F., Areeba, Gina, Oscar, Karan, Hunter, Tora, Lily, Jessica D., Abbey S., Sajada, Raneem, Alice H., Ibrahim W., Nathan S., Ahmed A., Aqeel, Derek and Hebatallah



Ride2school September 2015

Here is an overall 'Hands up Survey' for all our students on the day.

Ride/Skate/Scoot 29 students 11%
Walk 109 students 41%
Car 131 students 49%
Public transport 2 students 1%

*The winner of the Active Traveller Award with 88% of students walking or riding to school for the month of September was **Group 14**. Congratulations everybody!*

Did your class make the Top 5?

1. Group 14 with 88%
2. Group 12 with 65%
3. Group 2 with 63%
4. Group 7 with 61%
5. Group 9 with 53%

They're back and their walking or riding stronger as ever.

An increased number of parents are choosing to drive their kids to school even when it's easily within walkable distance. Children who live within 1-2 kilometres of school are likely to walk but even that number is decreasing. Parents are really nervous about letting their kids walk. While their concerns are understandable, it's also sad because many kids are missing out on the benefits of walking to school. There are many potential benefits of physical activity for our youth including:

Weight and blood pressure control
Bone, muscle and joint health maintenance
Reduction in the risk of diabetes
Improved psychological welfare
Better academic performance

Group 2 has secured 3rd place for the last two months.

Group 11 have dropped out of the top 5 and there is no sign of Group 10 who were our winners last month. Where are you all?

Group 4 was second last month but nowhere to be seen this September morning.

The mornings have been chilly so we hope the weather will fine up again.

Keep fit, Keep active, Ride2school

Thank you

Young Leaders/Junior School Councillors and Maria Phokos

MILO IN2CRICKET

Get in2Fun Get in2Cricket!

MILO in2CRICKET

- ✓ Introduces girls and boys, aged 5-8, to Australia's favourite sport.
- ✓ Develops fundamental movement skills
- ✓ Develops team values
- ✓ Great way for kids to make new friends and have loads of fun in a safe environment
- ✓ 8-12 week program
- ✓ All equipment supplied, including soft ball
- ✓ Sessions last up to 60 minutes
- ✓ Inclusive of all abilities, skill levels and children with a disability
- ✓ Kids receive a BONUS player pack upon registration



Preston Community Cricket Program is run at J.E. Moore Park North

Starting at 9:00am on Saturday 31st of October

The program runs for eight weeks

Contact David Hall on 0413 840 047 or dhall@cricketvictoria.com.au

CULTURAL INFUSION

INDIGENOUS INFUSION- Dreamtime Storytelling and Didgeridoo

A unique teaching experience through the timeless tradition of verbal storytelling and teaching.

This program includes cultural history and storytelling as well as a didgeridoo demonstration. With an emphasis on the



importance of education, the storyteller will focus on relationship building and bridging the gap between cultures, noting the unique Australian Aboriginal teaching methods.

Students will be engaged as Big Al tells autobiographical stories about the stolen generation, gangs and the many Indigenous tribes that have populated Australia for tens of thousands of years.

The key program benefits and outcomes are intercultural knowledge and language awareness. An opportunity for the students to develop an understanding of some of the differences in how people eat and dress, sign gesture and speak. This program also inspires interest in and respect for other cultures.

This event will take place in Term 4 on Wednesday the 21st of October 2015 for all our students Prep to Year 6 and the cost is covered by the fee paid at the beginning of the year towards curriculum activities.

Thank you kindly,
Maria Phokos
Performing Arts

STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with **Student of the Week** awards at Assembly on the 4th of September, 2015:

Elsie T., Iceley, Lamonti, Vini R., Izabella, Rory, Laila, Sattam, Hugo, Teeba, Evan, Lavinia, Kayda, Mustafa Alt., Rohan, Tien, Abby F., Raneem and Abu Bakr.

Encouragement Awards:

Muhammad B., Julia, Christine, Andy N., Amna, Ruby, Brooke, Hala Alq., Adem, Arvin, Rutvi, Rafael, Kayla and Prabhleen.

The **"You Can Do It"** award was presented to **Group 11 for outstanding confidence with researching and presenting information in class.**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with **Student of the Week** awards at Assembly on the 11th of September, 2015:

Malek, James S.S., Lorena, Maddison T., Kerim, Chantel N., Abbey S., Otis, Charli H., Gina, Eliza, Evangeline and Kloe C.

Encouragement Awards:

Disha, Evgenij, Armaan, Matilda, Vinnie Y., Anirudha, Mason W., Adrian, Serajadden, Jayden, Ashleigh and Jack.

The **"You Can Do It"** award was presented to **Group 3 for doing a fantastic job with writing their own stories this week. Well done!**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with **"Pancake Parlour"** awards at Assembly on the 18th of September, 2015:

Samantha, Anhad, Matthew L., Coco, Mustafa B.K., Jaewon, Gemma, Jake, Sarah, Boutros, Aran, Chloe C., Maria H., Mohamed A., Albert, James Z., Sarah, Brandon, Hugo, Dan, Mohamed A. and Ghadeer.

Encouragement Awards:

Ayden, Izabella, Erin, Rital and Omega.

On Being Happy – Quotes

"No one is in control of your happiness but you; therefore, you have the power to change anything about yourself or your life that you want to change." **-Barbara DeAngelis**

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." **-Albert Schweitzer**



“Happiness is the meaning and the purpose of life, the whole aim and end of human existence. -**Aristotle**
 “We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same.” - **Anne Frank**
 “Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.” -**Mother Teresa**
 “Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony.” - **Mahatma Gandhi**
 “Every gift from a friend is a wish for your happiness.” - **Richard Bach**
 “Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.” - **Dr Seuss**



STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS:

COLES

1. We walked in groups from school to Coles.
2. When we were at Coles we listened to the teacher and then we went in the Entry.
3. Pick up a basket and then get some fruit like apples, bananas and oranges.
4. Pay for the food or fruit and then you go to the exit.
5. Then you walked back to school.
6. When you are back at school then you get to do work and we made fruit kebabs.
7. Eat Them!



Jayden B.

I wish I could be Word Girl because she has vocabulary power. She can fly super fast. She also knows when to transform. I love her.

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2015 Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention

**Would young people be more engaged in politics if they were able to vote in State and Federal elections?
 Should the voting age be lowered/ raised in Australia?**

Should young people get a say on specific issues that will affect them as stakeholders now and in the future (e.g. environment, community services, education)? How could this be achieved?

**Does the government represent you- the youth of Australia? Why/ Why not?
 What are the ways in which young people can voice their opinions and beliefs?
 Consider formal and informal structures.**

These were some of the topics and key questions that were addressed at the Convention. Delegates from 15-20 schools addressed the Convention followed by questions or points of clarification from other delegates.

The purpose of the opening statements was to provide an opportunity for relevant information and the views of young people to be presented.

Both Sadman and Evangeline, two of our Senior Junior School Councillors in the weeks leading up to the Convention worked hard in preparing a speech to present to the others in the Legislative Assembly. Sadman delivered the speech in front of many schools and the Executive Officer of Social Education, Victoria Mr James Fiford who acted as ‘The Speaker’ in the Legislative Assembly on the day.

There were many other key speakers such as the Hon James Merlino MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Yvonne Goudie who is the Democracy Consultant and Graham Briggs who welcomed us to this country and sacred ground.

We had a tour guide on the history of Parliament and details about the building and chamber. There was some interesting information, guidelines and procedures that are strictly adhered to by all members of Parliament.

It was time to vote. The purpose of the vote was to determine delegates’ positions on the various groups’ resolutions for action for their respective topics. Delegates were asked to vote individually with an ‘aye’ or ‘nay’ (or by a show of hands if the vote is close). The vote was judged by the Speaker. Finally, the Speaker asked for a vote from the entire delegation on the proposition “Young people’s voices are not heard in Australian politics”.



What is your view or opinion on this topic?

Please read the speech that our students presented at the 2015 Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention. It was one that won the votes of many listeners especially 'The Speaker' and other Parliament Staff.

*"You're the voice, try and understand it
Make a noise and make it clear
We're not gonna sit in silence
We're not gonna live with fear."*

Special events in October 2015

FREE DAILY [State Library of Victoria](#)

Play Pod: the Play Pod is packed with interactive activities for children to read, create and play. Travel around Australia in a Play Pod inspired by Alison Lester's classic book 'Are we there yet?' 10am-4pm. The Courtyard.

FREE Melbourne Festival: [Tanderrum](#) Thursday 8th October

The opening ceremony is a celebration of the ground Federation Square stands on and of the people whose ancestors walked it and where members of the five Kulin nations come together. 7pm

Federation Square, Melbourne. [melbournefestival.com.au](#)

FREE 11th October - A reading of the book, [The Rabbits](#). 1pm. MPavillion
1300 182 183 [artscentremelbourne.com.au](#)



FREE 18th October [Practically Green Festival](#)

Celebrating sustainable living and all things green with great activities for families. 10am-4:30pm. Edendale Community Environment Farm. Eltham.

9433 3711 [edendale.vic.gov.au](#)

FREE 25th October [Children's Week Picnic at Werribee Park](#)

A day of interactive activities for children such as a trackless train, inflatable jungle maze, TrySportz Zone, games, cooking classes and craft. 10am-4pm. Werribee Park 9742 0824

[education.vic.gov.au/childrensweek](#)



Daily HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY (Kids are free)*

[Spring Babies](#)

Meet some of the bush babies this spring including wombat joeys and kangaroo babies and hear the tales of survival in the Baby Burrow, 9am-5pm \$13.60- 30.80, Children (U16years) free during school holidays, weekends and public holidays.

Healesville 1300 966 784 [zoo.org.au](#)

Daily passport to Africa- Werribee Open Range Zoo (Kids are free)*

Come face to face with lions, rhinos, giraffes and hippos on a journey through the African plains with a map and a zoo passport to mark off the animals seen. 9am-5pm. \$13.60- \$30.80 , Children under 16 years free during school holidays, weekends and public holidays. Werribee South 1300 966 784 [zoo.org.au](#) s featuring an immersive

* Free admission for children under 16 on weekends, Victorian Government school holidays and public holidays.

FREE 10-31 October [The Secret Garden](#)

A surreal and ultra- sensory exhibition by Swedish artists, opening up a world of strange delights and encounters featuring an immersive landscape, sculpture, light, sound and film. Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday: Noon-5pm. Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Southbank

9697 9999 [accaonline.org.au](#)



PIANO FOR BEGINNERS

Group Classes for 5 – 7 Year olds and 8 – 10 year olds

2015 Term 4 – New Pilot Programs Enrolling Now in Reservoir

Piano lessons are a great way for children to discover music, challenge cognitive skills and to develop communication skills through listening and performing.



Piano for Beginners classes are designed for families who don't have an instrument at home. A strong focus of the classes will be on singing and exploring music through games and group activities. Young learners will discover key musical concepts and meet new friends in a small group situation. It is a fun way to introduce music in preparation for learning any instrument in the future. Two performances have been organised for students in term 4, 2015.



For more details you can contact

Piano Studio

Katrina Wilson O'Brien

www.katrinawilsonobrien.com or katwilsonobrien@gmail.com or 0415 107 190

PRESTON DAREBIN BLUE LIGHT DISCO this Friday Night



DOXA SUMMER CAMPS – LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE YEAR 5 AND 6 CHILDREN ONLY

Doxa Camps are running a summer camp in January for 200 children at Malmsbury Camp and the Doxa City Camp. Places are limited.

For further information you can call at the office for an enrolment form.

Further information can be found on the website: www.doxa.org.au or email camps@doxa.org.au

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity you can contact Jo on 5473 4310 or Tenille on 9328 8100.

Nominations close on 30th October 2015 and will be considered in order of receipt.