

RESERVOIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No. 19

November 28th 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

The realisation of only three more weeks of school (after this week) has set in; there are many organisational aspects of finishing this year to complete as well as planning for 2019. Class lists are being finalised now, staffing arrangements will be in place very soon and allocation of classrooms are decided.

Reports will be available to you shortly on Compass, so if you have difficulties accessing it, now might be the time to seek assistance, so you can download your child's report as soon as they are available.

Our fifty Prep students already know which class they will be in next year, and have completed their Transition program successfully, and in a manner that shows us they are really ready for school. It is such an exciting time for them all. On their last visit, they all enjoyed a performance all about dinosaurs.

Booklists have been distributed, and payments can be made any time from now – thank you for those who have already done so. The school office will be open the day before school starts for most students at the beginning of next year:

- **Monday 28th January** is a public holiday
- **Tuesday 29th January** School office open 8.30 – 4.00
- **Wednesday 30th January** All students Years 1 to 6 commence school
- **Thursday 31st January** Foundation students commence

Year six students are preparing for their special celebrations in completing seven years of primary school education. Their graduation ceremony is followed by a day out together. Of course, we wish them well in the lead up to their graduation, and also for their introduction to secondary schooling.

Helen Miller
Principal

DIARY DATES

November 30	Interschool Sport – Reservoir Vs Thomastown (Home)	December 10	School Council 7:00pm
December 6	Ride 2 School Day Year 1 Barbecue	December 13 th	Foundation Barbecue
December 7	Interschool Sport – Reservoir Vs Reservoir East (Away)	December 18	Year 6 Graduation Concert
		December 19	Year 6 Day Out
		December 21	Last Day of School for 2018 School starts at 8:30am Assembly: 11:15am School finishes at 12:00 Noon

'*Birthday Greetings*' to the following students who are celebrating an upcoming birthday:

Vihari, Cynthia, Arielle, Vini, Matilda, Georgia and Fatma.



STUDENT AWARDS:

Week 7, Term 4

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with ***Student of the Week*** awards at Assembly on the ***23rd of November 2018:***

Noah A., Sacha, Cedric, Khadija, Nijen, Louis, Prapti, Lareine, Bilawal, Jocelyn, Hebatallah, Rory, Zara T., Nick Z. and Malik D.

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with ***Achievement*** awards on the ***9th of November 2018:***

Mohamed B.K., Ritviksinh, Razeen, Max H., Adrianna, Jonah, Arthur, Cristian, Aminata, Lotte, Iesha, Xanthe, Ayoub, Harry H. and Ramon.

The '***You Can Do It***' award is presented to ***Group 2*** for ***demonstrating persistence whilst learning the techniques involved in 'Vertical Jump'***.

SUMMER SPORTS RESULTS – 16/11/18

Bat Tennis B: It was an amazing day to play a game of bat tennis against Kingsbury. The B teams were James and Melissa in singles and Miljan and Yunes playing doubles as well as Ishmeet and Tora. James had a tough game luckily winning 9-6. Yunes and Miljan's game was amazing winning 9-4. Ishmeet and Tora tried their best but lost 0-9. Melissa's singles game was unfortunately incomplete. They only played 7 games and unfortunately Melissa lost 2-5. We all had great games and can't wait to play St Joseph The Worker today. ***Matthew***

Bat Tennis A: The bus stopped and we arrived at Kingsbury Primary School, the A teams were Thomas playing singles and Matt and Louis playing doubles for the boys. For the girls Lily was playing singles and Indy and Safa playing doubles. At first Thomas had a pretty intense game but he won 9 to 5. Lily's game was the same and it kept going and going deuce, advantage, deuce, advantage but she kept trying her best and won the game 9 to 4 for Reservoir. At the other end Matt and Louis had a complete blowout winning the game 9 to 2 against Kingsbury. Also Indy and Safa won an easy game 9 to 0 which makes the overall score for the A teams 36 to 11. We had a really good day and I hope we win the next one against St Joseph the Worker! ***James***

Hardball Cricket: The team was pumped and ready to play against Kingsbury Primary. They won the toss and chose to bat first, but we didn't let that stop us. We came at them with three outs from Adem, James and Jad. It was only a couple more overs then it was our turn to bat. Adem and Tabriz batted first and they made a few runs. Then it was Christopher and I. Before we knew it, the game was over. The final scores were Kingsbury 38 and reservoir 52. We all had a great day and can't wait to play against St. Joseph the Worker. ***Hirday***

Kanga Cricket: It was a hot and steamy day to play kanga cricket against Kingsbury. We worked hard as a team. We lost the toss and they chose to field, Brad was the captain. It was Brad and Adam batting first. They made a total of 6 runs and they did a really good job. Next up was me and Jonah we did a really good job of batting. We got out three times and the total runs me and Jonah made were 4. We kept playing and tried our hardest and then it was our turn to bowl once everyone had batted. They got us out 6 times. First up bowling was Brad and we were trying our best to get at least one out. "OUT!" We all called out and it was a catch by me. The second out was a catch by Brad. We got 5 outs altogether. The other 3 outs were by Abbey, which was a run-out, Jonah caught a beautiful out and there was an amazing catch by Angus. The total runs that we made were 25 runs and Kingsbury got 35 runs. Kingsbury got 6 outs and we got 5 outs which meant they had won the match. Even though we lost the match we had a fun time playing and we are really excited to play St Joseph The Worker.

Rounders A: It was a great day to play against Kingsbury. We won the toss and chose to field. Makelita, Tanysha, Giselle, Bella, Helen and Annelise all got at least one home run. A lot of the girls in our team caught people out. The final scores were

11 to 15. Unfortunately we lost, and we can't wait to play against Saint Joseph the Worker. **Anaelle**

Rounders B: As we walked on to the pitch we thought it would be an easy game, but then we didn't realise how good Kingsbury was. We won the toss so we decided to field. Chantel and Jamielee were amazing fielders. Neisha, Shayde and Soumaya played really well for their first game and we didn't have our coach. We still had a good day. The final scores were Reservoir 7 and Kingsbury 11. **Sajada**

Crazy Hair Day



for Cystic Fibrosis **Thursday 29th November 2018**

We host one of the year's most fun and creative fundraising events- Crazy Hair Day for Cystic Fibrosis.

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a relatively common inherited disease in which from infancy there are recurrent chest infections causing lung damage, intestinal malabsorption leading to severe malnutrition and growth failure, and there is an excess of salt in the sweat. Untreated, the condition is usually fatal in infancy or early childhood. With treatment, the average life expectancy of

people who live to adulthood is about 37 years and this is increasing.

A great way for schools to get lively while raising awareness and money for kids living with Cystic Fibrosis. Crazy Hair Day is the perfect excuse to tease, colour or twist your hair all in the name of a fundraising cause. For a **gold coin donation \$1 or \$2** your children can wear their craziest hair at school.



Remember to still **dress in full school uniform** on the day.

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Special events in November/ December 2018

MYER

FREE Myer's Christmas Windows – Saturday 10th November- January 6th 2019.

Myer Christmas Windows is a free exhibition open every day, 7.30am - 1am.

Celebrate a 63 year old tradition in 2018.

Since 1956, Myer's gift to the City of Melbourne now attracts an estimated 1.4 million visitors each year. The queues are sometimes long but well worth the wait.

In previous years the windows have brought to life Christmas stories including *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *A Christmas Carol* and *How Santa Really Works*, *Fairy Tales* including *Peter Pan*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Snow White* and *the Seven Dwarfs*.

2018 Theme: *Alice in Wonderland*

With *Alice in Wonderland* celebrating its 150th anniversary, Myer's iconic Bourke Street Mall Windows will feature a modern interpretation of the popular children's book written by Lewis Carroll.

The windows take 10 months to create with 15 people working full-time. In total, the six windows have taken 12,000 hours of manpower from start to finish, with 40 artisans working to bring the animation to life.

The display is open from 7.30am daily, finishing with the last show at 1am. The Windows close January 6.

Night Noodle Markets Birrarung Marr, Melbourne until 25th November 2018



Night Noodle Markets is returning to Birrarung Marr this year with a killer line-up of Asian market stalls, covering street food favourites from Japan, Philippines, Taiwan and more. This year, you can expect stalls from Melbourne market favourites including Hoy Pinoy, Puffie's egg waffles, Korean tacos, Wonderbao, Waffleland, Teppanyaki Noodles, Donburi Station, N2 Extreme Gelato, the Original Korean Twistto Potato, Mr Miyagi, Sambal Kampung, Shallot Thai, Bangkok Street Food, the Wagyu, Nem N Nem, Black Star Pastry, and Chinese Dim Sum King. New additions this year include Miso Fresh Food Truck,

Bao Brothers, Red Spice Road, Son In Law, David's, and Oriental Tea House.

Ride2school November 2018 Here is an overall 'Hands up Survey' for all our students on the morning of Tuesday 20th November 2018.

Ride/Skate/Scoot	33 students
Walk	104 students
Car	129 students
Public transport	5 students



The winner of the Active Traveller Award in the F- 2 area with 63% of students walking or riding to school for the month of November was Group 1 and for our Years 3-6 area of the school the winner was Group 14 with 78%.

Congratulations to all students. Keep up the 'active' work.

Did your class make the Top 5?

F-2

1. Group 1 with 63%
2. Group 9 with 58%
3. Group 3 with 57%
4. Group 2 with 53%
5. Group 10 with 47%
6. Group 17 with 40%
7. Group 16 with 26%
8. Group 5 with 21%

3-6

1. Group 14 with 78%
2. Group 11 with 63%
3. Group 8 with 58%
4. Group 7 with 57%
5. Group 12 with 56%
6. Group 6 with 50%
7. Group 13 with 38%

Make sure you are up and ready to go for our next Ride2school morning on Thursday the 6th of December 2018. This will be our last Ride2school morning for the year. Let's make a difference everybody.

Keep fit, Keep active, Ride2school.

Thank you **Our Active Travel rate for the month of November was 51%.**

Young Leaders/Junior School Councillors and Maria Mirasgentis.

Learn to leave the car at home

Parents are keen for children to adopt healthier habits such as walking to school but safety concerns often clash with best intentions. Children, adults and school staff all know that walking or cycling to school is far better for health and for the planet than taking the couch potato option of jumping into a car. The question is: how do we translate this awareness into practice? The key is to make journeys to and from school as safe and easy as possible. Getting more children walking and cycling to school is one of the objectives of the Ride2school programme. Many schools in our community are promoting pupil's physical activity and at the same time it reduces school traffic and helps the environment.

False security

In fact, the example that parents set is one of the most important factors in whether children pick up healthier habits. Parents who try to keep their children safe by driving them to school are depriving them of the opportunity to learn road sense, putting them at greater risk when they do



start travelling to school independently.

"Walking or cycling to school doesn't take as long as people think," many would say. However, there's an awful lot more we have to do to make roads safer. Understandably parents have real concerns about traffic. The most important thing is to influence children before bad patterns of behaviour have become firmly established.

HE WRITE TIME

by Eliza Murray

*After some initial anxiety, **Donna Webeck** draws the line at forcing her son to write before he is ready. His H appeared more like a spirograph than the eighth letter of the alphabet. On we went for another 10 painful minutes until it became clear I was dampening the enthusiasm of my son, who simply wanted to draw.*



The meeting of milestones by our children is something many parents agonise over.

At the start it seems harmless – the first smile, giggle, solid food. Then the big guns come out – crawling, walking, talking. How many teeth do they have? Are they sleeping through the night? Eventually, it morphs into more tedious territory: is my child on a par with others their age? Are they falling behind? Will they be frustrated if they're ahead but being held back?

I coasted along this comparison-strewn highway relatively carefree until I read a third-birthday card my son received. In it, one of his friends had scrawled his own name – and he wasn't even three.

My brain bubbled with worry. Was I a negligent mother for not even entertaining the thought of teaching my son to write? Was it poor form that I'd never shown him how to grasp a pencil properly, other than to colour in? Would this oversight see him slip behind his peers even before his official school years commenced?

Likely, it was an overreaction on my part, but I began to ponder whether or not I was careless in my oversight, or caring in that I had inadvertently let my child just be a child.

As soon as I could, I cajoled my son to his blackboard. Being mindful of not transforming into some sort of Tiger Mother, I began to teach him how to write his name. I started with the first letter, H. "Look how much fun this is!" I enthused, grasping the orange chalk with confidence. "We do it like this: down, across and down again," I went on as I drew, showing him, slowly, how to form his first initial. And so he attempted to follow the simple instructions. Except that his H looked more like a spirograph than the eighth letter of the alphabet. On we went for another 10 painful minutes until it became clear I was dampening the enthusiasm of my son, who simply wanted to draw.

Days later, after dropping my son at Day care, I mentioned to the centre's director that Harrison was yet to learn how to write his name. Her response? "You've got to remember it's a kid's job to be a kid. There is no need to push them unnecessarily at that age if they haven't shown any interest." Her educated opinion soothed my milestone woes.

The upshot? My son is free again to explore the childhood wonder of his world without having me hovering over him, pen and paper in hand, with writing exercises at the ready. Instead, he can foster his love of abstract art for as long as he wants until he shows signs of readiness to learn writing.

Who knows – maybe one day he will love the literary act of putting pen to paper just as much as I do.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS 2018

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	\$4.50
2.	Six inch Sub: Ham Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.70
3.	Six inch Sub: Chicken Pieces Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$6.70
4.	Six inch Sub: Roast Beef Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$6.00
5.	Six inch Sub: BMT (Salami & Ham) Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$6.00
6.	Six inch Sub: CLUB (Ham, Turkey & Roast Beef) Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$6.00
7.	Four Inch Sub: Ham Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.20
8.	Four Inch Sub: Turkey Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.20
9.	Four Inch Sub: Roast Beef Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.30
10.	Four Inch Sub: Chicken Pieces Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.90
11.	90 cents for a Cookie	.90
TOTAL money enclosed		\$

Please Note: Late orders will not be accepted