Book Week
Great things are happening this week during Book Week. Yesterday we had our library open at lunch time with some great displays along the “Read across the Universe” theme. Thank you to our parents who spent time preparing the displays for us all to enjoy. The Library will be open every day this week to focus on the theme and importance of books in our lives.

Tomorrow morning we have our Book Character Parade. It will start at 9.15 in the BER building. I hope to see you there.

Activity Day today is always great fun. Multi-age groups move around the school enjoying four different activities with a book as the main theme. I know your child will be able to tell you about it this afternoon. The results of the activities will be on display in the library for the rest of the week.

Trial and Error Kids
I recently re-read this article; so much of it reminded me of some of the children here at school. I thought it might be a valuable read for you:

- Does your child act before he thinks?
- Does your child pat a dog, even though you warn him not to?
- Would your child ignore a ‘wet paint, don’t touch’ sign and check it out for themselves?

If you’re busy nodding your head then chances are your child is a heuristic learner. He likes to learn through trial and error. “You can tell me all you want, but I’m going to find out for myself” is their motto. Experience is their teacher. The lessons learned at the school of hard knocks can be bitter, which makes parenting these kids pretty tough.

Inside school these kids are hands-on and tactile. They love to experiment and tinker. They learn about flight by making paper aeroplanes and flying them through their classrooms. They’ll adjust the nose, tail and wings to make it fly further.

They learn about human behaviour by watching the reactions of classmates as the aeroplanes fly. They’ll notice that some people will react differently. Mates will love it and most likely laugh. Others will cringe and roll their eyes.

They learn about limits when the teacher keeps them after class for flying paper aeroplanes in the wrong place at the wrong time. They’ll adjust their behaviour to avoid being kept in. But if the pay-off is big enough in terms of getting a reaction from peers, they may choose to continue flying paper aeroplanes in class instead.

The pay-off is worth the risk of being caught!!

These trial and error kids learn many of their life lessons through experience. They’ll test the boundaries parents set, ignoring their well-meaning advice.

You can pass on your wisdom, but they need to find out for themselves. Trial and error learners are more likely to be boys, and are worrying in the teenage years, which are highly experimental anyway.

The risks for trial and error learners when young involve scraped knees, hurt egos and different forms of disappointment.

They are minor compared to the risks that ten-foot-and bullet-proof teens take. This can be scary, but it doesn’t mean parents should shelter their kids.

Here are some tips for parenting trial and error kids so they stay safe, while absorbing life’s lessons along the way:

1. Make their problem, their problem. Sometimes we as adults can take on their concerns and make them our own. If something doesn’t bother a child, and there is no risk involved or no infringement on other people’s rights then let them be. Hint: A jumper is something a parent puts on his/her child when they’re cold.

2. Let them experience natural consequences. Natural consequences are fabulous teachers so step back and allow kids to experience the outcome of their decision, whether pleasant or unpleasant. For instance, if a child spends all his pocket money on the first day of the week he may learn the value of planning if his pocket-money is not topped up. NB: The use of natural consequence doesn’t apply when a child’s safety or well-being is at-risk!

3. Link behaviour with outcomes. Annoying the family pooch to the point where she snaps provides a clear learning. Sometimes the lessons need some explaining. So
be prepared to reinforce a lesson if they don’t get it. “The reason your friends don’t go to the footy with you is that you keep annoying them…”

4. Keep explaining. Sometimes the lessons take a while to sink in so you need to be patient and also keep explaining. It may seem like nagging but there is often no other way. Allowing kids to absorb life’s lessons is a tough gig for parents. But for some kids and some situations, it’s the only way! The key is to try your best to keep kids safe along the way, and be ready to pick them up and support them when the choices they have made have unpleasant consequences.

Helen Miller
Principal

DIARY DATES

28th August  Book Character Parade – 9:15am
29th August  Favourite Book Sharing
30th August  Scholastic Book Club orders due
2nd Sept.    Pit Gymnastics – Prep to Year
3rd Sept.    Year 5’s to visit Reservoir High School for a production
            Groups 1/2/3/4/5 visit the Arts Centre for a performance
4th September  Author Visit to school – Kym Lardner
6th September  Kanga Cricket at Donath Reserve
9th September  Pit Gymnastics – Prep to Year 2
            School Council Meeting 7:00pm
20th Sept.    Last day of Term 3
            Assembly at 1:30pm
            Students dismissed at 2:00pm

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

“Happy Birthday” to

Saeed, Jayden, Zac C.,
Kayda and Jye

who are all celebrating their birthdays this week.

Author Visit

Kym Lardner is a full time professional storyteller who has been delighting audiences of school children all over Australia. Reservoir Primary is happy to announce that Kym will be visiting our school on Wednesday the 4th of September 2013 and will inspire all our students from Prep to Year 6 with his original stories, songs and drawings.

Book Character Parade Tomorrow
Wednesday 28th August

Starting at 9:15am in the BER Building

Book Week is all about celebrating books and to add to the excitement we include a dress up day. Students and teachers come dressed as their favourite book character. Costumes for our ‘Book Character Parade’ could be made from just simple pieces of clothing or items you may have at home e.g. belts, scarves, hats, headbands, boxes, leggings to name a few. We prefer that parents don’t use hired costumes. It's much more fun when we make them with love and with your child in mind.

The entire community comes together to honour authors and illustrators and the stories they create in hope of instilling the importance of reading.
**HOUSE AVAILABLE FOR RENT**

House available for rent in Barton Street, close to school. Friends of one of our school families need to break their lease. House available by Saturday 14th September.

Lovely big, light house with large garden, double living area, floorboards, shower over bath, dishwasher, 3 bedrooms plus a bungalow and garage. $371 pw plus bond. Email fjmarlowe@gmail.com to find out more or arrange to see the house.

**FREE FRUIT FRIDAYS**

If you are free on Friday mornings we are in need of some helpers to assist with this program. Even if you are able to help for an hour it would be greatly appreciated. Fruit has to be washed / cut and distributed to classrooms. It’s not difficult so the more helpers we have the quicker it will be.

Call at the office if you are able to help. Thank you!

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

All Scholastic Book Club orders and money are due on Friday the 30th of August. Thank you.

Susie Kotanidis

**CAMERON CRICKET CLUB**

CNR. HENTY & SPRATLING STREET, RESERVOIR J.E. MOORE PARK SOUTH (TOP GROUND)

Seeking Junior Cricketers!!!!! New players of all age groups welcome to play at no cost – all equipment and insurance provided. Call Scott on 0409 330 480 nmca.cameron@gmail.com tweet us @cameroncannons

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

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


The You Can Do It Award was presented to Group 8 and Group 9 For demonstrating fantastic ‘Getting Along’ skills on their excursion to Imax. Well done!

**PRESTON RESERVOIR ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

MERRILANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE 35 STURDEE STREET, RESERVOIR.

Certificate II in Cleaning Operations CPP20611

Gain basic cleaning skills for working in a commercial cleaning environment. Nationally recognised qualification. This course will also incorporate a work preparation program—“Workforce Directions” (WFD)

Location: Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir

Days: Tuesday (Cleaning) and Friday (WFD)

Time: 9.30am—3.00pm

Dates: 27 August —29 November 2013 including Workforce Directions (no class on Nov. 5th)

Duration: 12 sessions (Cleaning) and 5 sessions (WFD)

Statement of Fees: Concession: $80, Full: $400, FFS: $1075 + Service & Amenities Fee: $10 Conc., $25 Full

For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au

**PRACE 20 Year Anniversary Celebration & Community Festival**

Join us in celebrating PRACE’s 20 year anniversary

When: Saturday, August 31st 1pm-4pm

Where: Merrilands Community Centre 35 Sturdee St, Reservoir

There will be food, exhibits, activities for children and entertainment.

The theme is PRACE: Past, Present and Future. If you are a past/present student or teacher we would love to see you there.

Entry is free. All welcome.

**KEON PARK KINDERGARTEN**

2 DOLE AVENUE, RESERVOIR

Open Day – Saturday 31st August 10:00am – 12:00pm

Join us for information sessions on our current kindergarten groups, meet our teachers, campus tour and sausage sizzle.

Now taking enrolments for 3 and 4 year old kindergarten groups for 2014.

For more information contact Sue Rolfe – Director for enrolment details – on 94601271 or 9460 5872.
Making Pizza

Goal: To make a pizza to eat.

Ingredients: Muffins, tomato paste, mozzarella cheese, pineapple, red capsicum and pizza herbs.

Utensils: Baking paper, napkins, knife/fork, chopping board, bowls and oven.

Steps:
1. Wash your hands.
2. Cut the muffin in half.
3. Spread approximately 1 teaspoon of tomato paste on your muffin.
4. Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top.
5. Put 6 pieces of mozzarella cheese on top.
6. Put 4 pieces of pineapple on top.
7. Put in the oven at 200 degrees for 5 minutes.
8. Take out pizza and cool for a few minutes before eating.
9. Clean up!!!
**Treasury Building Excursion**
The Treasury Building was designed by J.J. Clark. In the Treasury Building there was an Executive room for special people. An ingot is small gold pieces melted together. Gold wasn’t discovered until 1858 and finished in 1862. Captain James Cook’s cottage was very small. They used a chamber pot instead of a toilet. The whole house was very different than to current houses. Captain Cook only bathed one or two days a year. I enjoyed the whole day because it was fun and you learnt heaps of information. I love excursions.

**Jayden**

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**Excursion to the City**
I went with my teacher Mrs Taliana and my friends by bus to the city. I went with my friend Calie. Together we went to the city and we visited James Cook’s Cottage. After 11 o’clock we had play lunch and we went to see the Treasury Building. It was very good and very big. I saw so many good displays and we watched the big TV. At 1:30pm we ate lunch and we played games. We went by bus back to school and we went to the classroom. We got a computer and played cool Maths games.

**Nanxing**

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**Treasury Building**
The Treasury Building once had lots of gold in it. J.J. Clark designed the building. John J. Clark drew amazing pictures. The Welcome Stranger Nugget weighs 70 kilograms.

**Captain Cook’s Cottage**
Captain Cook was killed in Hawaii by the natives. Captain Cook had lots of treasures in his treasure box. The cottage had a beautiful English garden. Children were slaves but rich children went to school.

**What I liked**
I liked the big tree in the Fitzroy Gardens because I made a little shelter to keep dry.
I also liked the Village because it’s so cute and tiny!
My favourite part was a nap on the bus!!!

**Chloe C.**

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**Treasury Building**
John James Clark was an amazing drawer.
The Executive Room was an important room where people decided things.
Captain James Cook was an explorer.
Captain Cook was killed when he was 51 years old.

**Gold**
Some people (who were mining for gold) were not educated and were easy to trick.
Ingots are tiny pieces of gold.
Bullions are big nuggets of gold.
People did their business in chamber pots.

**Captain Cook Facts**
Captain Cook’s Cottage is very small.
Almost everything is made out of metal or wood.
People used big combs (sharp!) and wheels to get the sheep’s wool all clean.
Every morning the youngest one in the family has to get the chamber pot and clean it out!!

**What I enjoyed**
I enjoyed the pictures of me as one of Captain Cook’s relatives!
I enjoyed going to one of the rooms in the Treasury Building because the room smelled like mango!
I enjoyed sitting under the big tree near the Fairies Tree because it kept us dry from the rain.

**Jasmeet**
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

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