

Newsletter

News from Reservoir Primary School

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Welcome back everyone; after talking with your children, it seems the holidays were a wonderful "family time" when exciting activities took place. There was so much to talk about yesterday.

And now it's back to our final term for 2013. All school terms are busy, but I think term four really takes the cake; so much planning and preparation for the following year just has to happen. The following information is a look at how we can help our kids become successful and valued members of the community in the longer term.

Raising kids to be lifelong learners

The world has changed dramatically since we went to school. The pace of change is now so fast that what may have been in vogue just a few years ago is totally outmoded today.

Technology is one area that constantly changes and renews. It was only a few years ago that CDs replaced cassettes. Now I drive a car with an iPod adapter but no CD player. CDs are so 2009! Let's not even talk about vinyl records... Advances in technology mean that we constantly need to change our skills and knowledge, both at home and at work, to avoid being left behind. The new social divide is not so much between rich and poor, but between those who can adapt to change and those who can't. Adapting to change requires you to be constantly learning. Modern education is no longer about preparing kids to get a job. As the world now expects and rewards continuous learners, today's schools try their best to help kids see themselves as lifelong learners who are able to easily adapt to change.

Kids are natural copycats

As you well know, kids learn what they live. If you want your kids to value learning then you need to go first. Kids need to see that their parents value learning, not just by giving it lip-service, but by embracing change and being active learners themselves.

There are plenty of ways you can show kids that you are a constant learner. Challenging yourself in the kitchen, using new social media, and researching holidays online are simple ways to show kids that you embrace change and that you are willing to learn new skills and knowledge.

Kids learn in different ways

It also helps to talk with kids about different ways of

learning and different ways of being smart. The modern education scene is familiar with the concept of multiple intelligences and different ways of learning. It really helps if you know your preferred style and where you are smart, so you can help your kids to do the same. For instance, I'm a practical learner who learns best by doing rather than being shown. I can be given instructions to work out something technical, but I won't learn it until I try it a few times. I also know that I do my best problem solving when I have a pen in my hand or I'm in front of a keyboard.

On the other hand, another member of my family is a very different learner. She is very visual and loves to learn by using charts and other prompts. She's also at her problem-solving best in a physical environment such as a kitchen or in the great outdoors. She does her most creative thinking when she's on the move rather than in front of a keyboard. This sort of self-knowledge about learning preferences aids more effective learning.

Mistakes are part of learning

It also helps if you can reinforce to kids that mistakes are part of learning. In fact, most kids fail their way to success. That's how they learned to walk, talk and play with each other. Your attitude to errors will affect your children's view of themselves as learners. If you overreact when kids don't get things right then kids will, in all likelihood, cease taking risks for fear of making mistakes. However, if you see mistakes as learning opportunities or simply the first step to getting things right, then kids are more likely to develop a healthy attitude to learning, and realise that really effective learning takes time, effort and energy.

As parents we need to nurture questioning, curiosity and problem-solving in our kids so they hook into the concept of being continuous learners. The world we are preparing them for demands nothing less

Helen Miller
Principal

HATS FOR SALE

Slouch hats (\$12) and Legionnaire hats (\$8) are available for sale at the office.

All students must have a hat to wear outside during Term 4.

DIARY DATES

10 th October	Swimming – Groups 1/2/3/4/5 & Group 12 Year 2's
14 th October	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
17 th October	Swimming – Groups 1/2/3/4/5 & Group 12 Year 2's
24 th October	Swimming – Groups 1/2/3/4/5 & Group 12 Year 2's
30 th October	Mini Fair
4th November	Curriculum / Report Writing day NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
5th November	Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
7 th November	Sleepover – Year 2/3's
11 th November	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
12 th November	Prep Orientation 2:00pm – 3:15pm
19 th November	Prep Orientation 2:00pm – 3:15pm
26 th November	Prep Orientation 2:00pm – 3:15pm
2 nd December	School Council Meeting
3 rd December	Prep Orientation 2:00pm – 3:15pm
10 th December	Year 6 Transition
13 th December	End of Year Concert
17 th December	Year 6 Graduation
20 th December	Last Day of Term 4

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

“Happy Birthday” to



**Abby F., Julian, Izabella D., Oscar,
Lily and Tora**

who are all celebrating their birthdays this week.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with Encouragement, Achievement and Pancake Parlour Awards on Friday 20/9/13 at assembly:

Achievement Awards: **Audrey, Rainy, Gemma, Mason, Jacob P., Nawaf, Adam M., Evan, Chloe C., Sweeney, William K., Abir, Jake P., Ataria, Ysabella R., Lavinia, Angelica, Alice V., Mayar Al-A., Abdullah A. R., Drew and Zafirah.**

Encouragement Awards: **Aryaf, Abbey S., Saja, Melissa, Paradise, Stephanie Pi., Alessio, Ahmed I., Dewmi and Parth.**

Pancake Parlour Awards: **Shayde, Litia, Jordan M., Nanxing, Mirna, Michelle L., Asia, Zahra Z., Amy M., Hayden, Joshua I., Prakhar, William H., Emily D. and Lia.**



FREE FRUIT FRIDAY PROGRAM

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



DAREBIN LIBRARIES

The Music Man



Paul Jamieson - The Music Man's songs are fun for kids and laced with contagious rhythms. Reggae, rap, calypso, pop – bring the kids along for a groove and the chance at some hands-on fun with musical instruments.

You might recognise Paul from his guest appearances on Foxtel's Funhouse and Channel Seven's The Bookplace. Recommended age 3+.

[Book online](#) or call 1300655355.

Tuesday 22 October • 4pm • Preston Library

Second-hand Book Sale



This is the last book sale of the year with Northcote Scouts. Don't miss out on a bargain – nothing over \$2. [Register for a reminder](#) or call 1300655355.

Saturday 26 October • 10am – 3pm • Northcote Scout Hall

Grandparents' Day at Storytime



Bring the grandparents along to our Storytime sessions between Monday 14 - Friday 18 October as part of the Darebin Seniors Festival. Regular stories and craft activities will be chosen to involve kids between 2-5 years and their grandparents.

Sessions start at 10.30am:
Fairfield Library - Monday 14 Oct,
Northcote Library - Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 Oct,
Preston Library - Wednesday 16 Oct,
Reservoir Library - Friday 18 Oct.

Register for a reminder [online](#) or call 1300655355.

Naughtiest Reindeer Launch



Join us for the launch of this gorgeous, funny Christmas picture book *The Naughtiest Reindeer* by acclaimed award-winning creator Nicki Greenberg.

It's the night before Christmas and Rudolf is sneezing his little red nose off, so Santa needs another

reindeer to help pull the sleigh. Will Rudolf's troublesome sister Ruby be able to help or will there be chaos?

Bring the kids for some festive fun!

[Book online](#) or call 1300655355.

Saturday 26 October • 11am • Northcote Library

RIDE / WALK / SKATE2SCHOOL

This Thursday (10th October) we will be having a Ride2School / Walk2School

A survey will be conducted to gather details on who walked/rode/skated to school!!!

We hope everyone can participate!



Please check next week's Newsletter for details of our Mini Fair!

Don't forget there will be no Trash 'N Treasure stall this year.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS 2013

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	\$4.20
2.	Six inch Sub: Ham Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.40
3	Six inch Sub: Chicken Pieces Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$6.00
4.	Six inch Sub: Roast Beef Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$5.40
5.	Six inch Sub: BMT (Salami & Ham) Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$5.50
6.	Six inch Sub: CLUB (Ham, Turkey & Roast Beef) Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$5.50
7.	Four Inch Sub: Ham Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$3.90
8.	Four Inch Sub: Turkey Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$3.90
9.	Four Inch Sub: Roast Beef Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$3.90
10.	Four Inch Sub: Chicken Pieces Cheese Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot Salt / Pepper Mayonnaise	\$4.40
11.	80 cents for a Cookie	.80
TOTAL money enclosed		\$

Please Note: Late orders will not be accepted