



PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

2014 Prep students

Today was our final of the four planned transition sessions for our "soon to be school kids". Overall we have had over forty, four and five year olds come and enjoy activities, meet the teachers and become familiar with the school environment. Looking at them today, it was wonderful to see them enjoying each other's company and sharing their picnic together. I think we'll have a great start to the new year with these new students.

Year Six

And at the other end of the school, twenty-eight students are preparing to leave us after seven years of primary school. Approximately half of them began in Prep at Reservoir. The others joined us at various stages either from other Victorian schools or from countries many miles away. I know you join me in wishing them the very best for their preparation in the coming weeks and in future years. It is always a pleasure to meet up with our ex-students; after following their primary years very closely we often lose touch. Only yesterday I ran into an ex student who is now in Year 11 - studying Maths and Science subjects, having completed one Year 12 subject already. But the really wonderful news ... the best part (but I may be biased) is he is now studying Grade 8 violin and still loving it: after starting in our small ensemble with Bill eight years ago.

Help your children be responsible

As it is close to the end of the year, it's time for your children to return any home readers and library books they may still have at home. Sometimes I know they are misplaced, so we thank you for providing a little assistance in finding any of these items hiding in your home.

And now, with the holidays looming, I thought this article I read in a newspaper would provide some appropriate reminders and ideas for you:

Balancing Game Play minus the Brain Drain

Too much time in front of the screen playing the wrong kind of computer games can delay a child's development or lead to serious damage in adults according to new research on the impact of media and technology on the brain. A lecturer at The Institute of Early Childhood at

Macquarie University said the right apps, games or shows could help a child's development or keep them engaged in activities for longer.

But her research found 85% of the apps purchased for children were just "drill and practice" games that asked children to repeat an action or remember simple facts. Such apps lead to lower level neural development and often include excessive rewarding that can create unrealistic expectations in children.

She recommends apps such as ARTmaker, My Story, Explain Everything and Creatorverse which require input from children. The finding of the research has been presented to Australian Council on Children and the Media.

In summary, the following is good advice for parents:

- Doesn't be an enabler; be consistent with rules and don't buy computers or other devices if you don't want your child to play with them.
- A small amount of computer games each day is not damaging. But problems arise when games start to displace other necessary activities such as sleeping and socialising.
- Think about what you are offering as an alternative to interactive games or screen based entertainment.
- Select apps for small children that are about creating something from scratch rather than just rewarding practice.
- Teach your child to self-regulate screen time. Talk about how much is reasonable and what other activities they need to do each day.
- Treat screen time like junk food in a sensible diet; it's about getting the balance right.
- The Health Department recommends zero screen time for children under two years, including television, and one hour daily for kids aged two to five. Too much screen time can effect language development, attention spans, creativity and social skills.



Helen Miller

DIARY DATES

10 th December	Year 6 Transition
13 th December	End of Year Concert 1.00pm @ Reservoir High School
16 th December	2014 class time
17 th December	Year 6 Graduation 
20 th December	Last Day of Term 4, 2013 School starts at 8:30am Assembly 11:15am School finishes at 12:00 Noon



2014

23 rd January	Office Open 9:00am – 4:00pm
24 th January	Office Open 9:00am – 4:00pm
28 th January	Office Open 9:00am – 4:00pm
29 th January	School starts for Years 1 – Years 6
30 th January	Preps Start School

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

“Happy Birthday” to



Hadi, Ying, Mohammed A. and Casey

who are celebrating her birthday this week.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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

Oscar, Seechu, Yashfee, Ognjen, Adem, Jianing, Annabelle C., Yasamin G., Ali A. N., Ying, Kenji, Vinnie, Rainy, Jaycob W., Miljan, Benjamin, Matthew Y., Durar, Aran, Prince, Sweeney, Selena, Sharon, Sheree, Zainab, Adib, Ahmed I., Rafael, Nathan, Dylan K. and David.



The **You Can Do It Award** was presented to **Group 12** For awesome listening skills during our excursion to the Melbourne Museum

LATROBE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROGRAM

Confident Body / Confident Child

Do you want to promote positive body image and healthy eating patterns in your child?

We are evaluating two resources for parents, Confident Body Confident Child and Happy Healthy Kids for Life.

You can be involved if you:

- Are a parent of a child aged 2 to 6 years
- Live in Victoria
- Are over the age of 18 years
- Have a good understanding of written and spoken English

All participants will go into the draw to win shopping vouchers.

For more information please visit

www.latrobe.edu.au/psy/research/projects/confident-body-study, or contact Chelsea or Fiona at cb.cc@latrobe.edu.au or on 9479 1906

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Interschool sport is now finished for 2013.

Last week's results:

Hardball Cricket: As we strolled out onto the field with high hopes to win we got into our batting positions. Our opening batting pair were William K and Lynton. Sadly William went out in the process of making a run. Lynton stayed on to make one run. The next fabulous batting pair was Sadman and Prakhar who made a combined run total of 8 runs. Although a vast majority of our players had been caught out Aden, Noah, Declan, Jack and Ali showed a vibrant attitude to succeed boosting our score to 30 runs. Finally our turn came to field. With Jack as wicket keeper and our fabulous bowlers and fielders performing their best we managed to protect many dangerous shots from passing the boundary. At the end of the game Sadman took a great catch. The score at the end of the game was 30 runs to Reservoir and 45 runs to St. Josephs. A loss by 15 runs. We would like to thank all the grade 4's for playing in the team and thanks to teachers and our other great team players.

Kanga Cricket: Friday was our last game of playing Kanga Cricket. We lost the toss and St. Josephs decided to field. Denholm, Besi, Jenny, Sharon and Nunia all made either 4's or 6's. Then it was our turn to field. We caught and

made a lot of outs and the people who made outs were Anastasia, Besi, Denholm and Twila. St. Joseph had very good skills in batting. The scores were St. Joseph 42 runs and 9 wickets to Reservoir 63 runs and 4 wickets. That meant the team scores were St. Joseph 7 to Reservoir 16. We won our last game. We would like to thank Mrs Angelevski for coaching the Kanga Cricket team and also congratulate the players who participated in Kanga Cricket. We were a great team.

Rounders A: Our Rounders A team went to St. Josephs and we had our last game of rounders for the season. It was quite a windy day and everyone played to the best of their abilities. In the first, second and third innings we made 7 home runs and when we were fielding we had some amazing outs by Zainab. Sheree and Emily made great outfielders and had some good outs. Irene and Charlie, 'wow', they had some good hits. Mitchelle made a lot of home runs as well as Haifa who was amazing in this game. Elly! What can I say, she made our team complete. In the end the scores were 15 to 71. We won our last game!! Overall we have improved so much from the start of the term. On behalf of the team we would like to say 'thank you' for coaching us Miss Elsheitki.

Rounders B: Friday was a cold and windy day to play rounders against St. Joseph. We won the toss and decided to field first. Emily and Elly were amazing fielders, catching everyone out in their first inning. Stephanie, Isobel, Vijeta, Annabelle and Lia made astonishing hits in the second innings. St. Joseph didn't stand a chance. In the end the scores were Reservoir 7 to St. Joseph 8. We'd like to thank Charlotte and Jianing for stepping in and playing for us.

Boy's Bat Tennis: What a sunny day to play Bat Tennis. We started off the round with the Singles A game. Julian played his game with a terrific 9-0. Next was the Doubles A team with Joshua and Mishqat; the opponent used all their might in the first 3 games and they were losing 3-0, soon after they fought back and won a hard game 9-6. Then Andrew played a game full of hard hits but still came through with a win 9-4. To finish it off Zac and Daghash played a tiring game with a loss of 9-5. It was the longest match so far. We thank Julian for winning every game in the season. The overall scores were Reservoir 32 to St. Josephs 25.

Girl's Bat Tennis: What a great finish to our Interschool sports games. First up was Singles A, which was Noura. Her match was really easy with a wonderful score of 9-0. Next up was Mirna who played singles for the first time. Mirna was really scared at first but soon she found it easy and won 9-2. Drew and Evangeline played quite a hard game and unfortunately lost 9-1. After them were Azeezah and Selena. They tried their best like everyone else but sadly lost 3-9. We would like to thank Mrs B. and Ms Allan for teaching us great skills in tennis.

PRESTON LIONS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2014 Junior Registration and Information Day.
Sunday 8th December 2013

Time: 9:00am – 12pm

Genis Steel Stadium @ B.T. Connor Reserve
Cnr Broadhurst Ave & Radford Road, Reservoir.

Inviting all new and current junior players to join our pride in 2014!

Boys and Girls Teams

All age groups and skill levels

Small sided football (U7-U11)

Juniors/Youth teams (U12-U18)

Qualified/Accredited coaches

FREE Sausage Sizzle and Coaching clinic

For more information: 0433 098 204

juniors@plfc.com.au or www.plfc.com.au



LETTERS FROM GROUP 11

Group 11 have been writing letters and some students have read their letters at Assembly.

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

I hope you are all well and have had a great day. It's nearly the end of the year and I've been thinking about what a great year it's been. I am writing to tell you about all the things I have enjoyed at Reservoir Primary School. Firstly I enjoyed the 2 hours of Mini Fair because we ate food, we had drinks and bought lots of other things. Book Week was the other amazing thing I liked. We went to the Reservoir Library and we even dressed up as Book Characters. I dressed up as a Popstar Princess. I really liked our excursions. We went to Treasury Building, Captain Cook's Cottage and much much more. In Math I really enjoy doing division and multiplying bigger numbers. 2013 has been a great year. I am looking forward to Grade 4 and finding out who is in my grade. Bye for now. Talk to you later.

From Cindy

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

I hope you are all well and have had a great day. It's nearly the end of the year and I've been thinking about what a great year it's been. I am writing to you about all the things I have enjoyed at Reservoir Primary School. One of the things I have enjoyed at school was the awesome Mini Fair. I liked the Mini Fair because it was great fun and you get to do no work. It was 2 hours of free time. Another thing I have enjoyed was Sport because we get to play and exercise. We also got to go outside in the fresh air and have fun. 2013 has been great fun and I can't wait until next year!

From Thamilini

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,
Good afternoon everyone, I hope you are all well and you have had a beautiful day. It's nearly the end of the year and I've been thinking about what a great year it has been. I am writing to tell you about all the things that I have enjoyed at Reservoir Primary School. Wow, the Mini Fair it's the first favourite thing on my list. I liked the popcorn but I didn't like the sausages. Also it was my first Mini Fair and it was super, super awesome. The second thing that I enjoyed is P.E. I like to play silent ball, running with Nathan, Samuel and Sina. I ran around the flags on the back oval. We also learned how to throw and how to catch tennis balls. The last thing I liked is ICT. In ICT we learned how to use an email. My one didn't work and still doesn't work. I hope next time it will work very well. This year has been great. I hope that next year will be the same or much better than this year.

From Farouk

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,
I hope you are well and have had an awesome day. It's nearly the end of the year and I've been thinking about what a great year it's been. I am writing to tell you about all the things I've enjoyed at Reservoir Primary School. The first thing I enjoyed was the marvellous Mini Fair. It was so much fun. I enjoyed the jumping castle because I love jumping and the disco because I could see some of the other students dance. The second thing I enjoyed was the best Book Parade ever because I got to see different book characters and learn about the books. It was amazing! The third thing was the Crazy Hair Day because most of the students had funny and crazy hair which made me laugh. I had so much fun! Another thing was the Book Activity day because I got to do many different activities about books and read them. My partner was Ashleigh and we were in the Energy group. It was an awesome day. The lucky last thing I enjoyed was the day when all the students got to wear casual clothes and didn't have to pay \$1.00 because of the Mini Fair. I hope we would get to do the same fun thing in 2014. 2013 has been a great year and I can't wait for the camp next year.

**Cheers
Zahra**

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,
I hope you're having a good day. It's nearly the end of the year and I have been thinking what a great year it has been. I am writing to tell you about all the

things I have enjoyed at Reservoir Primary School
The first thing I have enjoyed was the Mini Fair because there were lots of Showbags and I also liked the Jumping Castle because I liked the colours. It looked awesome. The second thing I liked was the sausage sizzle because my sausages were so tasty. I liked the soft drink even better! The last thing I liked was ICT because we got our new emails and I got to send emails to my friends. Those are all the things I enjoyed this year. There is one thing I would like the school to have next year and it is new lockers like the ones in high school. See you later!

From Sina

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,
I hope you have all had a great day today. So it is nearly the end of another great year here at Reservoir Primary and I thought that it would be great just to talk about what amazing things have been going on and what I have enjoyed at school! Firstly my most favourite thing this year was the Mini Fair! I hung out with my best friend Ashleigh. We did almost everything together! It was the best Mini Fair I have ever been too. Secondly another really fun time was Book Week! I loved the activity day and book costume parade! For the book parade I dressed up as Rapunzel from Tangled! The Book Activity was marvellous! I was with my friends it was super! Thirdly the only favourite thing left to tell you about is this school! It is the greatest thing that has happened to me! If I hadn't come to this school, I wouldn't have as much friendliness and support in education as I would from any other school! So I hope you have a great day enjoy the holidays coming up soon. I wish you a great start to 2014!

From Zafirah

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,
I hope you are well and have had a fantastic day. I am writing to you about the positive things I've loved this year at Reservoir Primary School. I loved the Mini Fair because there was lots of junk food and a bouncy Jumping Castle. Camp was really interesting because I got to ride my bike and we had a cabin inspection. My group didn't win because our cabin was messy. End of year concert is really fun because I get to wear a pair of Tiger ears. I can't wait until 2014 and I'm so excited that I'll be a Grade 4. Bye!

From Angelica

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,
I hope you are all well and have had a great day. It's almost the end of the year and I've been thinking about what a great year it's been. I am writing to tell you about the things I have enjoyed at Reservoir Primary School. What should I say about the Mini Fair? It's fantastic! We get to have fun with families and friends. Best of all free time for 2 hours!! I also love Sport! I love it because we get to exercise and play games outside in the fresh air! I think probably my third favourite thing would be concert practice because we get to have fun with dancing and singing. We also get to think of moves for the dance. 2013 has been a great year and I can't wait for next year because it's one step closer to the end of school!

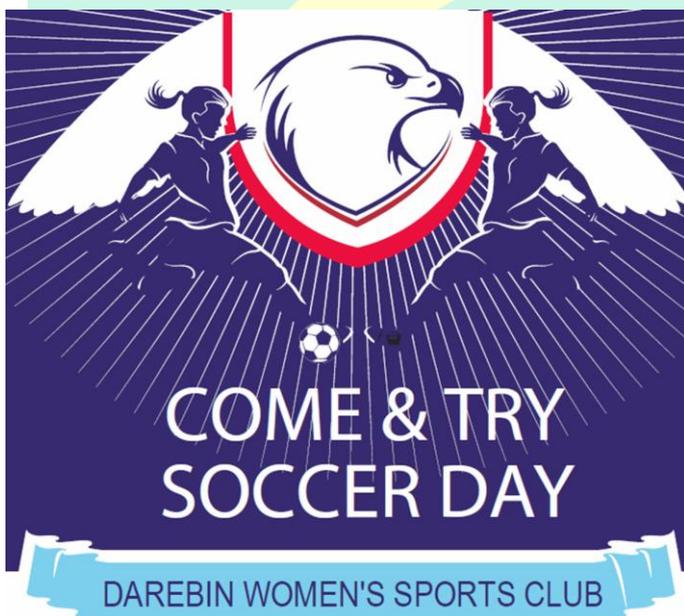
From Ying

2014 CAMP DOXA

For all students on the Camp list for Doxa please make sure that your \$50.00 deposit is paid as it was due yesterday (2nd December).

Camp Doxa is now full and any students wishing to attend will be placed on a waiting list.

DAREBIN WOMEN'S SPORTS CLUB



Sunday December 15th
Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, Preston

10am-11.30am

Darebin Falcons will run programs for girls aged 4 to Under 14's in the 2014 season.

Get active, make friends, have fun....try soccer!

New Under 14s
team in 2014
falcons.org.au

For more information contact
soccer@falcons.org.au

KIDS IN SPACE!

Jan 13 - 17, 2014

9am – 12 noon each day

4-12 year olds

Games, craft, songs, cooking, teaching (Christian values), experiments, skits and more!

**Cost is \$5 per child per day or \$10 per family per day
At St Marks Church, 21 Beatty St, Reservoir.**

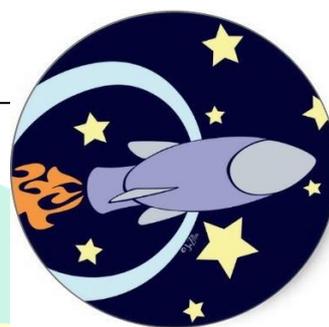
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**www.stmarksreservoir.melbourneanglican.org.au to
download enrolment form and for further information**

Contact Gretta:

grettajones@hotmail.com or 0439 130 789

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SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS

**Please note that this Friday is the last week for
Subway lunch orders.**

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