**Important Dates to Note—Term 4, 2016**

- **Monday 12th December**: In−School Transition Session 2
- **Tuesday 13th December**: Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11am
- **Wednesday 14th December**: Angela’s Music Concert 2.30pm
- **Thursday 15th December**: The Christmas Scrooge (The Grinch) Performance
- **Monday 19th December**: Grade 6 Graduation
- **Tuesday 20th December**: Last Day 1.30 pm finish

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**Important Dates to Note—Term 1, 2017**

- **Monday 30th January**: Teachers Start (No students at school)
- **Tuesday 31st January**: Uniform Collection Day from 9AM
- **Thursday 2nd February**: All students start school
- **Monday 27th February—Wednesday 1st March**: 5/6 Camp Waratah Bay

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**Students of the Week**

- **Lou Morrow Prep**: Marley H
- **Nicky Grujovski Prep**: Sunday Rose H
- **Vanessa Kelly 1/2A**: Seth K
- **Chay Baker 1/2B**: Christos V
- **Figen Mustafa 1/2C**: Isabella T
- **Erika Hopcraft 3/4A**: Mia O
- **Linda Salerno/Amy Jephcott 3/4B**: Olivia O
- **Sarah Britton 3/4C**: Henry T
- **Tegan Veitch 5/6A**: Emmerson T
- **Tristan D’Antonio 5/6B**: Sara D
- **Jo Jolley - Art**: Alexander N
- **Val Plastow - PE**: Sid N and Simon S
- **Grazia Marcucci - Italian**: Sunday Rose H
- **Karen Rush - Principal**: Ebony W
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

It’s been an exciting and busy time this week. So many children are rehearsing their acts for Reservoir Views Has Got Talent – as I walk around the school at recess and the lunchtime break, I see little groups of children going through their moves in preparation for the final auditions. It’s getting very exciting!

The entire school will gather on Tuesday 20th December in the MultiPurpose Room at about 9.30am to watch the performances and find out who will be 2016 Reservoir Views Has Got Talent winner. Parents are welcome to attend and join in the fun.

End of 2016 school year
Last Day of Term – Tuesday 20th December.
We will run a modified timetable on the last day of term as we dismiss the children at 1.30pm after final assembly.

9.00 – 11:00 Children are in MP Room and then in learning area
11.00 – 11.30: Recess Break
11.30 – 1.10: Children in learning area
1.15 – 1.30: Whole School final assembly – farewell to our 2016 year 6 graduates

Remember, school finishes at 1.30pm on the last day
Please confirm arrangements with your child about going home at the end of the day at 1.30pm as it is very distressing for any child to be left at school on the very last day, when every other child and their parents, sisters, brothers, friends are happily heading off on holidays, and school suddenly seems like a big empty place.

Grade 6 Graduation
Staff and students are looking forward to the Year 6 graduation to be held in our Multi-purpose room on Monday 19 December. This is a very special night for our students as they receive their graduation certificates and celebrate their primary school years with their families and friends.

School Council retirement
One of our longest serving school councillors, Ms Justine Ellis, attended her final meeting last night. Justine is a past School Council President and provided essential support and community guidance during the merger of the two existing schools, Burbank PS and Keon Park PS, from whence Reservoir Views PS came. Justine has provided her time, ideas and advice to School Council for a number of years and on behalf of the school community, I congratulate and thank her for her commitment to our school. Justine has written some reflections on her time as a school councillor further into this newsletter.

Camp Waratah YEAR 4,5,6
The 3 day camp in February-March next year is now open to Year 4 students to attend. We see this as a fantastic opportunity to deepen student relationships across the more senior end of the school. The camp can accommodate the extra numbers as well, and as we have a smaller than usual group of Year 6 students next year, expanding the numbers will mean expanding the fun!

All Year 4 students will have received a camp notice this week. If you require assistance in paying for camp, please be in contact with Jacqui, Helen or myself at the office. We want all children to attend and not stay behind because of the cost.
Student Reports
End of year reports will be sent home with students tomorrow. If you would like to talk to your child’s teacher about the report please make a mutually convenient time during the last week of term.

Parent Feedback Survey
Thank you to the parents who gave us feedback on aspects of school. School staff will be looking at the feedback to assist in our future improvement strategies and school improvement.

Warm Regards,
Karen

General Information

Parent Helpers Morning Tea
We will be holding a special Morning Tea for all parents who have helped out at the school in any way throughout the year. Whether this help has been in the classroom, at swimming, on excursions, school banking, in the canteen, running special programs, fundraising and/or School Council, your help and support is always appreciated. Please put this date in your diary. Morning Tea will be held in the staffroom at 11 am on Tuesday 13th December. Please come along so that we can say thankyou and show our appreciation.

School Council – what’s in it for parents?
I joined school council when my oldest child, Amanda, started primary school in 2006. At that time, the school was known as Keon Park Primary School. My youngest, Christopher, is finishing grade 6 at Reservoir Views Primary School this year, and so after 11 years of involvement, my time as a school councillor is coming to an end.

During my 11 years, I was lucky enough to act as school council president during the time when Keon Park Primary School merged with Burbank Primary School, to become Reservoir Views. It was an exciting, busy and sometimes difficult time, but it led to the fantastic school environment that we enjoy today. I’m proud to have been a part of it. Since then, school council has gone from strength to strength under Warwick Smith’s able leadership. A strong school council, full of keen and interested parents, is essential for a strong school.

School Council Needs You!!
So why should you join school council? Well the number one thing I have gained from my involvement is that my kids have seen me take an active interest in their education. I strongly believe that this has helped to increase their confidence at school, and encouraged them to take school seriously and always try their best. It has been terrific to have had the opportunity to voice opinions and concerns, help shape strategy and policy, and get to know staff and parents from across the school. Meetings are fun and interesting – I wouldn’t have stuck with it for all these years if they weren’t!

So, if you are thinking about getting more involved in the school and your child’s education, I encourage you to give school council a shot. Who knows – you might enjoy it so much you’ll end up writing a letter just like this a decade into the future!

Justine Ellis
Mum of Amanda (KP/RVPS student 2006 – 2012) and Christopher (RVPS student 2010 – 2016)

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Get your act ready to audition for our end of year Talent Show!
You might like to dance, sing a song, do a magic trick, tell a joke or act out a funny short story.
Auditions will be lunchtimes in the hall on:

Grade 3 – 6  Friday 9th December
           Wednesday 14th December

Reservoir Views Has Got Talent 2016

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Dear Parents,

Please be aware that the Breakfast Club Program has now finished for 2016 and will re-open on the first Wednesday back at school in 2017.

Our students really enjoyed coming to school for breakfast each Wednesday throughout the year and we look forward to being able to offer this program again next year.

As always we gratefully accept breakfast donations from our school community and have been very fortunate in the support offered by so many people. Another way you can help this program to operate is to donate some of your time before school on a Wednesday and help out with the food preparation in the kitchen.

See you all again in 2017 and we look forward to filling up many hungry children ready to work hard and enjoy school for the day.

The Breakfast Club Team

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Fundraising

It’s time for the RVPS Christmas raffle. We have 5 huge and amazing prize packs to be won. Prizes include an esky, sun umbrella, beach chairs, Bluetooth speaker, meal vouchers plus lots more including kids prizes.

Tickets are $1 each. If you need more tickets they are available at the office.

Thank you to all the families and local businesses who have kindly donated.
2016 Highlights by 3/4 B

My favourite highlights of 2016 is Italian day because we got ice-cream and pizzas. – by Michael

P.E. is my favourite highlight because we do fun stuff like games and tennis but tennis basketball football and soccer. – by Harrison

This year moving schools has been hard but most people have made me feel welcome. Some new and awesome games that others play that I didn’t know about before like Jack Smith, I’m actually quite good at them now. By Chris

My Highlight was P.E. It was funny when I broke the rounders bat. Tennis was great playing against my friends. Cops n Robbers was one of the best P.E games. By Oscar

We went to the Melbourne Museum because we were learning about Living and Non Living. We living lots of stuff about Bugs and Dinosaurs! By Mele

My favourite thing of this year was the alpha shows. Because there was an actor named Lochy. I also liked the acting. By Lochy

I really enjoyed when Keon Park Soccer Academy came to our school and taught us some soccer skills. I thought it was really nice of them. By Ayush

This year we went on an existing excursion to the Melbourne Museum. My favourite part was when we saw the giant squid in the glass box. I loved when we went to the Bugs Alive exhibition. We saw a praying mantis, it had sharp spines on its front legs. My favourite bug was the Southern Cross web spider. At the end we saw all the dinosaur skeletons at the museum. I had a great time!

By Olivia

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On Friday the 5/6’s played their last game of Inter-school Sport. The boys Bat Tennis team and the girls Rounders B team both had a fantastic term, finishing runners up in the competition! Well done to the Kanga Cricket, Hardball, Cricket, Bat Tennis and the Rounders teams on their efforts this term.