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Reservoir *View*

Thursday 30th January 2020

Important Dates to Note—Term 1, 2020

Wednesday 5th February	No Foundation Students At School
Wednesday 12th February	No Foundation Students At School
Thursday 13th February	Meet, Greet and Eat 3.45pm to 6:30pm
Wednesday 19th February	No Foundation Students At School
Wednesday 19th February	Meet the teacher meetings 2pm to 7pm
Wednesday 26th February	No Foundation Students At School
Thursday 27th February	Student Free Day—School Closed
Monday 9th March	Labour Day—School Closed
Monday 16th—Wednesday 18th March	5/6 Camp

Medical Information

Please inform us at the office if your child's medical information has changed. Also don't forget to check with us if Ventolin, epipen or medication has expired and needs replacing. A medical information note will be sent home today, if this could be filled out and returned to school as soon as possible, that would be great.

Sun Smart

Just a reminder that we are a SunSmart school and during Term 1 and Term 4 it is compulsory for all students to wear a SunSmart hat (wide brimmed or legionnaire style) for all outdoor activities. Hats are available at the office for \$10. If you would like your child to apply sunscreen, it's easiest for them to have the roll on applicator.

Uniform

Please remember to clearly label students uniform, so that it is easily identified, if it ends up in lost property.

Thank you

CSEF

If you hold a current Health Care Card, please do not forget to apply for the CSEF (Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund).

Dear Reservoir Views students, families and local community members,

I'd like to welcome back all of returning families and give a very warm welcome to all of our new Reservoir Views families. I hope that everyone had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing Summer break. It has been an incredibly smooth start to the school year; everyone seems excited for the wonderful year ahead of us.

I'd also like to welcome our new staff at Reservoir Views in 2020. Tristan French teaching Grade 1/2C, Bec Sanders teaching 3/4B, Sue Petrella teaching 3/4A, Dylan Matthews teaching Foundation B, Peggy Chetcuti working as an integration aide and Bev Ashley as our Business Manager. We are thrilled to have you all here at Reservoir Views.

Completed Projects

Over the Summer holiday period two exciting projects were completed at Reservoir Views; the new bike shed and the Sensory Park.

The bike shed looks amazing. It is incredibly secure and is able to store bikes and scooters for our staff and students. It's a great asset for the school and was built by the Darebin City Council due to our selection as the third school in Darebin to take part in the Octopus School program. Darebin Octopus Schools aims to get more students to actively travel to and from school. Darebin City Council will work closely with us in 2020 to continue developing a range of programs and infrastructure projects to create a safe school precinct that makes it easy for students and families to walk and cycle to school.

It was great to see it being used on our first day of the year.



The Sensory Park is a stunning addition to our school. It has been such a long time from the announcement that Reservoir Views was successful in applying for the Inclusive Schools Fund grant to it being completed - but it is finally done! It has completely transformed the space and we will be celebrating it with an official grand opening on Thursday the 13th of February. More information about this in the upcoming dates section below.



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Meet, Greet and Eat and Official Opening of our Sensory Park—Save the Date!
—Thursday the 13th of February 3:45pm to 6:30pm

This year we will be celebrating the start of the 2020 school year with a welcome picnic and officially opening our new Sensory Park on Thursday the 13th of February from 3:45pm to 6:30pm.

Please save the date, Uncle Trevor Gallagher will perform a smoking ceremony and Acknowledgement to Country at 4:30pm, followed by the Sensory Park opening at 5pm.

More information to come in the next week.

Meet the teacher meetings— Wednesday the 19th of February 2pm—7pm

This year we will be conducting meet the teacher meetings on Wednesday the 19th of February from 2pm to 7pm. The aim of these 10 minute meetings (which we encourage all students to attend) is to provide a formal time for parents / guardians to meet their child's 2020 teacher, share their valuable knowledge of their child, develop relationships and focus on establishing a learning community. More information will be sent home about this in the next week.

Coronavirus advice

In this newsletter I have included the most recent (29th January) advice for schools and their families regarding the emerging outbreak of novel coronavirus.

In regards to school attendance the recommendation is that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days:

- following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case; or
- after leaving Hubei Province.

This same advice applies to any staff who have returned or are returning from Hubei province.

The Chief Health Officer's current advice is that staff and students do not need to be isolated at home if they have recently travelled in other parts of China or other countries and are not showing any symptoms of the virus.

Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Compass

This year we will be further transitioning to Compass as our main communication channel / school management system. If you are not familiar with Compass, have not signed in before, need your sign in details or any assistance, please come and see Bev or Helen at the office.

<https://reservoirviewsp-s-vic.compass.education/>

Warm regards,

Steve Stafford
Principal

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Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for school students and children

Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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Senior girls' bathrooms

The Victorian Government is providing free sanitary supplies in every government school because being able to access sanitary products shouldn't be a barrier for girls and young women to getting the most out of their education.

This initiative aims to:

- Provide students with the confidence that sanitary items will be readily accessible at school
- Relieve students of the stigma, anxiety and discomfort that can be associated with menstruation and its management
- Ease the cost of living for families.

Lack of easy access to sanitary items can negatively affect attitudes, behaviours and equal participation in sport and everyday school activities. By providing access to sanitary items these barriers can be reduced.

Reservoir Views PS has recently had a sanitary dispenser installed to the senior building girls' bathrooms (building C).

If you would like more information to share with your child/ guide your conversations, you can go to <https://lovelibra.com/educators/>

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How to talk with children about the climate crisis

Children are worried about their future — they see and hear scary stories about climate change.

How can we best respond to their fears?

Should we try to shield them from reality?

Should we support them joining the school strike?

Join child psychologist, **Professor Ann Sanson**, and two local school students for a lively discussion on how we can best support children in these uncertain times.

> For further information contact Linda on 0467 240 740

> Please RSVP for this free event at <http://www.darebincan.org.au/calendar>

Reservoir Learning and Community Centre
23 Edwardes Street
Reservoir

Tuesday 25th
February 2020
6:15pm – 7:45pm

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided



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