

The Reservoir VIEW



Thursday 16th Oct 2025

Reservoir Views Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the lands, waters, and skies where we live, learn, work and play.

Important Dates - Term 4, 2025	
Friday 17th October	Year 3/4 Mad about Science Incursion
Tuesday 21st October	Year 5 students attending the Darebin Yarning Conference
Wednesday 22nd October	Kinder to Foundation orientation session 1 - 9am to 10am
Wednesday 22nd October	School Council @ 6pm
Friday 24th October	Year 5 students attending Bundoora Secondary College
Friday 31st October	Year 5/6 Interschool Sports Day
Monday 3rd November	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4th November	Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
Friday 7th November	Year 5/6 Interschool Sports Day
2nd and 3rd December	Year 3 to 6 Netball Clinic
Friday 5th December	Colour Run
Tuesday 9th December	Statewide Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day
Wednesday 10th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday 11th December	Foundation Graduation
Reservoir Views Primary School is committed to creating and maintaining a child-safe and child-friendly organisation, where children and young people are safe and feel safe.	

All of our Child Safe policies and all other school policies are available on our website:

<https://www.reservoirviewsps.vic.edu.au/policies>

Dear Reservoir Views students, families, and local community members,

It has been lovely to see our entire community after the two-week break. A big thank you to Rod Briggs, Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO) from the Department of Education, for starting the term in such a special way, performing a *Welcome to Country* and *Smoking Ceremony* for our community.

Term 4 is an eleven-week term and a very busy one (as they all are). A lot of work is taking place behind the scenes as we prepare for the 2026 school year, while all our students and staff are finishing the 2025 school year and preparing students for the transitions they will face.

Two memorable accomplishments that we celebrate are our Year 6 students completing 7 years of primary education and our Foundation students completing their first year of school.

Our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place on the evening of Wednesday, the 10th of December, and the Foundation Graduation Celebration will take place on the morning of Thursday, the 11th of December.

More information about these two celebratory events will be sent out in the coming weeks.



SWIMMING

This week, we completed the second week of our whole-school swimming program. Taking place every Tuesday (besides the Melbourne Cup public holiday), with the last session on the 2nd of December.



CONGRATULATIONS SIENNA, MATANDA, MANAIA and ALIA

Yesterday, four of our amazing students competed in the Regional Athletics Championships at Meadowglen Athletics Track. Matanda competed in the 100m event, Alia in the long jump, Sienna in the discus and shot put, and Manaia in the discus. Progressing to this level is a massive accomplishment, and we are super proud of their achievements. Sienna has progressed to the State Championships by finishing second in discus!



KINDERGARTEN TO FOUNDATION ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Keeping with the theme of transitions, our 6-week Kindergarten to Foundation orientation program commences next Wednesday. The dates are as follows:

Dates:

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| • Session 1 | 9:00 – 10:00am | Wednesday 22nd October |
| • Session 2 | 9:00 – 10:30am | Wednesday 29th October |
| • Session 3 | 9:00 – 10:30am | Wednesday 5th November |
| • Session 4 | 9:00 – 10:30am | Wednesday 12th November |
| • Session 5 | 9:00 – 10:30am | Wednesday 19th November |
| • Session 6 | 9:00 – 10:30am | Wednesday 26th November |

While the children are involved in the classroom activities, there will be parent/caregiver/guardian information sessions in the multipurpose room.

KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

Reservoir Views Primary School Kindergarten (interim name)

Update for school

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to provide an update on the kindergarten planned to open at our school.

A revised construction schedule means the planned opening of this site has been changed from Term 1, 2026 to Term 2, 2026.

The kindergarten will operate from a temporary location while the works are completed on the new permanent building at our school.

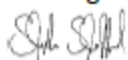
This means that Reservoir Views Primary School Kindergarten (interim name) will operate from Keon Park Children's Hub for Term 1, 2026. Those enrolled will then transfer to the new kindergarten building at our school, when the site opens for Term 2, 2026.

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) is responsible for planning and building the Reservoir Views Primary School Kindergarten.

Early Childhood Management Services has recently been appointed to run the kindergarten. For enrolment or kinder service enquiries visit <https://www.ecms.org.au/contact-us/> or phone (03) 8481 1117.

If you have any questions about the Reservoir Views Primary School Kindergarten construction, you can contact the VSBA by phone at 1800 896 950, email vsba@education.vic.gov.au or visit their website: <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/reservoir-views-primary-school-kindergarten-interim-name>

Kind regards,



Steve Stafford

CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

Last week, I communicated our Class Placement Policy through Compass to our community. I also attached a class placement request form for any parents/caregivers/guardians for the 2026 school year. The last day these forms will be accepted is the 24th of October.

The Class Placement Policy, along with all of our current school policies, can be found on our school website:

<https://www.reservoirviewsps.vic.edu.au/policies>

THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA - BE PREPARED THIS POLLEN SEASON

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of [thunderstorm asthma](#). For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Reservoir Views Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid. We will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.

During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also refer to the [Better Health Channel](#) website.

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING DEVICE PURCHASING AND SCREENTIME IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Today the Victorian Government announced that from 2027, schools with students in Prep to Grade 6:

- must not invite families to purchase or bring their own student digital devices to use at school from Prep to Grade 6
- should follow new recommended digital device times, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2; and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for Grade 3 to 6

I welcome this announcement. This is an equitable and sensible approach that we have always adopted at Reservoir Views.

Thursday, 16 October 2025

PARENTS TO SAVE MONEY ON STUDENTS' DIGITAL DEVICES

The Allan Labor Government is easing cost-of-living pressures for families by removing the requirement for parents to provide digital devices for primary school students.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced that parents at Victorian Government primary schools will no longer need to buy a device for their children – saving them more than \$500 per student.

Schools will be required to provide access to tablets and laptops for students to use at school. To further support student learning and engagement, screen time limits will also be introduced to all schools.

The changes will be phased in gradually to support schools' transition to the new arrangements.

From 2027, primary schools will benefit from updated guidance to help set sensible limits on device use in the classroom. This will mean that primary schools will be required to limit digital device use to a maximum of 90 minutes per day for students in Years 3-6, and minimal device time for those in Prep to Year 2.

These new time limits will promote purposeful technology use, reduce overexposure to screens and help students stay focused and engaged.

New guidance and support materials will be distributed to schools in term 1 next year to help schools plan lessons using digital devices. This guidance will ensure that students learn essential digital literacy skills, while reducing distractions in the classroom.

These reforms complement Victoria's nation-leading mobile phone restrictions, which were introduced in 2020, ensuring a comprehensive approach to addressing digital distraction, and the overuse and misuse of technology.

Principals and teachers report that the mobile phone ban has improved student focus on learning and increased socialisation and physical activity during breaks.

Students in the Education State are given every chance to succeed at school and beyond the classroom thanks to the Labor Government's investments in our young people.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"Digital skills are essential for kids growing up in the 2020s, but we know that these devices can also be distracting."

"It makes sense to minimise the time that primary school students spend on devices when they are at school."

"Victoria led the nation by banning mobile phones from schools in 2020, and now we are leading the way again by ensuring that primary school kids can use a school laptop or tablet, instead of needing their own."

Quote attributable to Member for Footscray Katie Hall

"Parents will be saving money while their kids can focus on learning, so this is a win-win."

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IF YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ATTENDING RESERVOIR VIEWS PRIMARY IN 2026

If you know your child/children will not be attending Reservoir Views Primary School in 2026 (this does not include our current Year 6 students), please inform the office as soon as possible. This helps with our 2026 planning.

Kind regards,

Steve Stafford
Principal.

LEADERSHIP NEWS

RESILIENCE, RIGHTS AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

At Reservoir Views Primary School, we are proud to teach the Respectful Relationships (RRRR) program as part of our focus on student wellbeing and social and emotional learning.

Respectful Relationships is a Victorian Government program that helps children learn about respect, equality and healthy relationships. Through stories, discussions and hands-on activities, students build skills to understand emotions, show empathy, solve problems and form positive friendships. The program is part of the Personal and Social Capability and Health and Physical Education areas of the Victorian Curriculum.

What Respectful Relationships is really about

Sometimes people hear different things about what Respectful Relationships includes. Here are some clear facts to help explain what the program is and what it isn't:

- **Myth:** Respectful Relationships teaches radical gender theory.
Fact: It doesn't. The program simply helps students learn about respect and fairness, and how to build positive relationships with others.
- **Myth:** Education can't help prevent family violence.
Fact: Research shows that school programs like this make a real difference. When children learn about respect and equality early, it helps create safer, kinder communities.
- **Myth:** Respectful Relationships teaches about sexuality or gender identity.
Fact: It doesn't. The focus is on treating everyone fairly and understanding that everyone deserves respect.
- **Myth:** It's inappropriate to talk about consent with young children.
Fact: In Foundation and the early years, consent means simple, everyday things, like asking before borrowing a pencil or joining a game. It's about learning kindness, boundaries and safety.
- **Myth:** The lessons aren't age-appropriate.
Fact: The materials, developed by experts at the University of Melbourne, are carefully designed for each year level from Foundation to Year 12. Lessons are taught through age-appropriate stories, discussions, games and role-plays.

How it fits in at RVPS

At RVPS, Respectful Relationships lessons are part of our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) program. They work alongside The Zones of Regulation, which help students recognise and manage emotions, and they support the Personal and Social Capabilities and Health curriculum areas.

Our teachers weave these lessons through everyday learning, helping children build empathy, resilience and respect, skills that support every part of their education, including Reading, Writing and Maths.

Why we teach it

The Royal Commission into Family Violence found that the best way to prevent family violence is to start early, by helping children understand respect, equality and positive relationships from the beginning of school.

At Reservoir Views Primary School, we want every child to feel safe, valued and supported to show kindness and respect to others. The Respectful Relationships program helps us build this culture, in every classroom, every day.

For further information please see the Department of Education Website: [Respectful Relationships | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/respectful-relationships) or scan the QR code



Connie Amoruso & Chay Baker
Curriculum Learning Specialists



FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 2

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING

Writing & Literacy

We have started our non fiction unit! The students are learning the difference between fiction and non fiction texts and they have been engaging with different non fiction texts. We are learning lots of facts and we are writing what we have been learning about.

Swimming

The Foundation students have been absolute superstars in the first two swimming sessions. During the first week, they learnt to move safely around the pool and they got to know the teachers. During the second session, the students started the 'real' swimming lessons. They were all amazing and so brave!

Maths

In maths, we have been learning about worded problems. We listened to the problem, identified what the question was asking of us and then representing the worded problem with manipulatives (counting teddies) and we wrote the number sentence.



Swimming
Repeating every Tuesday until Tuesday the 2nd of Dec.

Transition sessions
Every Wednesday morning until the 26th of November

Incursion
Thursday the 27th of November

REMINDERS

- Have a chat to your child about next year and who they work well with in the classroom.
- Please make sure your child arrives on time on Tuesday so we can get on the bus on time.
- Pack some extra food in your child's lunchbox on a Tuesday as they might be extra hungry.
- Read the decodable readers every night and write your child's progress in the yellow booklet.
- Return homework, readers and library books on a Friday.

Class	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
FA			Music AUSLAN	PE, ART	Library
FB	PE	Music	Music	AUSLAN, Art	Library
FC				AUSLAN, PE	Art, Library

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1/2 NEWS

THIS WEEK

LITERACY:

It has been a fantastic start to Term 4. We are learning all about narratives, in particular Fairy Tales. We are enjoying finding the features of a narrative text.

NUMERACY:

This term we have started to learn about multiplication and division. We are making arrays and have made a wonderful Array city!

ARRAY CITIES



INQUIRY PRESENTATIONS

We have seen some fantastic presentations from students sharing their findings from the past. Thank you families for helping your kids question their older relatives!



SWIMMING

REMINDERS

Swimming is on Tuesday. Please make sure ALL your children's clothes are labelled.

3/4 NEWS

Over the past two weeks, our Grade 3/4 students have been busy diving into some exciting hands-on learning! In Maths, they have been exploring the concept of capacity by estimating and measuring how much liquid different containers can hold. This practical approach has helped students develop their understanding of volume and improve their measuring skills. In Inquiry, our young investigators have been exploring temperature through a series of fun experiments and investigations. They have been learning about the behaviour of molecules at different temperatures and discovering how heat transfers in three different ways: conduction, convection, and radiation. These activities have sparked curiosity and encouraged students to think critically about everyday examples of heat and temperature in action. We're so proud of the enthusiasm and engagement our Grade 3/4 students have shown during these lessons, and we look forward to continuing our exploration in the coming weeks!



Specialist Timetable

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
3/4A	Music	Library	P.E. Auslan		Art
3/4B	Library	P.E.	Auslan Music	Art	
3/4C		Library Auslan	Music P.E.	Art	
3/4D		Music	Library Auslan Art	P.E.	

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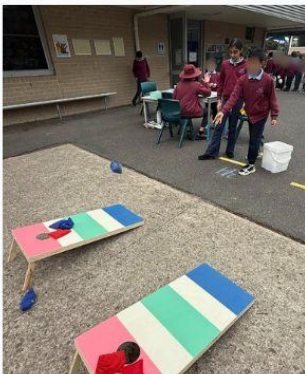
5/6 News

WELCOME BACK!

We had a wonderful start to Term 4! We have had swimming, been practising for Interschool Sports and have started a new Inquiry unit studying Science. The Grade 5s have been busy getting reading for two excursions next week, Yarning Conference and Bundoora Secondary, while the Grade 6s are beginning preparations for Graduation!

MINI MARKET

In the last week of term 3, the 5/6 cohort ran the mini market! To ensure a successful day, the students ordered materials, made posters and considered the logistics of setting up a stall. It was a lovely day for the school community. The 5/6 cohort would like to thank all who supported this to be a fun, lively and successful day.

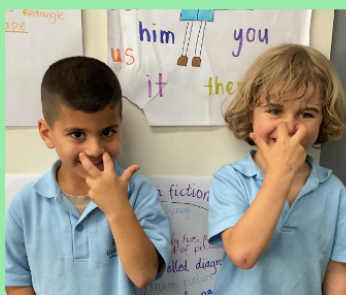


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Technology



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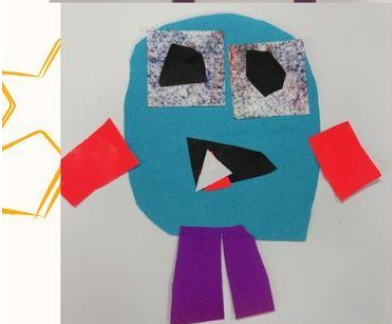
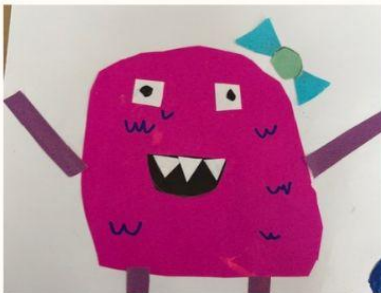


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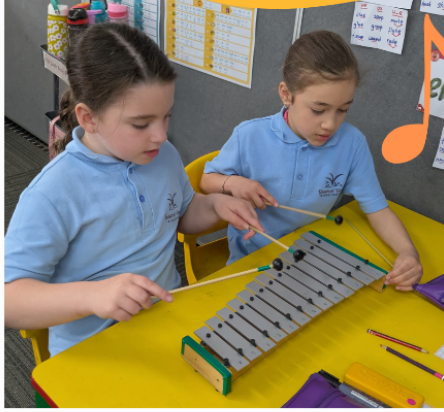
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Welcome Back!

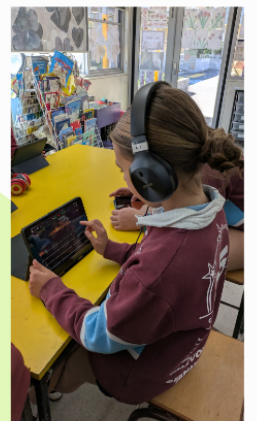
LOOK WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON!



Music



Welcome back for Term 4!



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Reservoir Views TEAMKIDS NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

We're excited to welcome all our families back for the final term of the year!

We had an amazing time together over Spring Vacation Care, with exciting excursions to the movies, basketball and laser tag, as well as a huge variety of fun-filled incursions. From art & craft workshops to our secret mission Spy Day, gardening adventures and so much more, the program was full of creativity, energy and smiles.

We're excited to announce our upcoming Halloween Party on Friday 31st October. Children are invited to join us for a day of spooky fun with Halloween-themed activities, games and celebrations.

Our clubs will be beginning in week 4 with Gardening club, Puzzle club and Loomband club! We are gathering our ideas and would love activity ideas and voting is now open in the TK Room.

We welcome any recycled materials (small boxes, clean empty containers etc) that we can use for our crafts and activities

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

ASC WEEK: Clubs will return
Term 4 Week 4



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

IMPORTANT DATES



FRI 31st Oct

TK Halloween Party ASC



TUE 4th Nov

Melbourne Cup Day | Public holiday TK Closed



TUE 11th Nov

Remembrance Day



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Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd

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PRESTON BULLANTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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THE PRESTON BULLANTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB IS MORE THAN JUST A SPORTING CLUB – IT IS A VIBRANT HUB AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY, BRINGING FAMILIES, PLAYERS, AND SUPPORTERS TOGETHER THROUGH A SHARED PASSION FOR FOOTBALL.

NEW AND EXISTING PLAYERS ARE WELCOME. BRING A FRIEND. BUILD CONFIDENCE. SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB. DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS OR JUST COME FOR FUN!

WHERE: HP ZWAR RESERVE, CNR JESSIE & CRAMER STREETS, PRESTON (ENTER VIA BRUCE STREET)

WHEN: MONDAY 10TH, 17TH AND 24TH OF NOVEMBER 2025

TIME: 5.30 PM - 6.30 PM

CLINICS ARE FREE AND SUPPORTED BY QUALIFIED COACHES

TO REGISTER, FOLLOW THE LINK [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/SXSZVWUXRQXG3V1Y8](https://forms.gle/SXSZVWUXRQXG3V1Y8) OR USE THE QR CODE

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE KYM ON 0438 015 498

