

# The Reservoir VIEW



Thursday 28th August 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 3, 2025

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Friday 29th August	Wear it Purple Day
Tuesday 2nd September	MSO Jams In Schools Incursion
Wednesday 3rd September	Whole School Professional Practice Day - No students at school
Thursday 4th September	Art Show 5:30pm to 7pm
Friday 5th September	Father's Day / Special Person's Day Stall
Tuesday 9th September	2026 Foundation Information Session 6 pm in the hall
Wednesday 10th September	School Council
Friday 12th September	R U OK? Day
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>

Thank you to everyone who was able to celebrate *Children's Book Week* with us last week.

Below are some pictures of the parade.



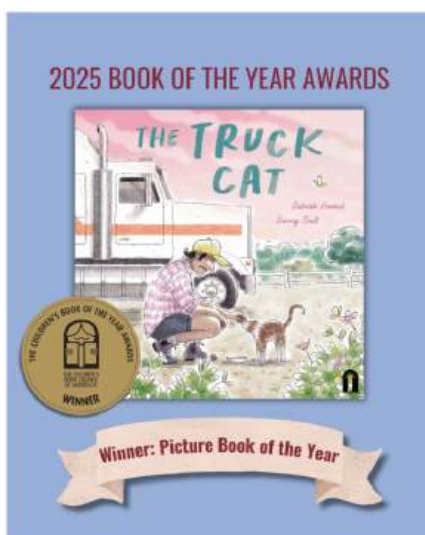
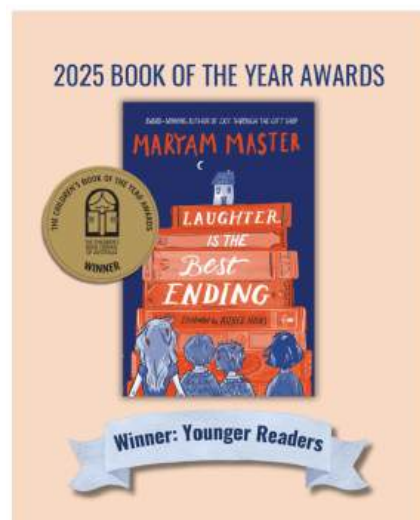
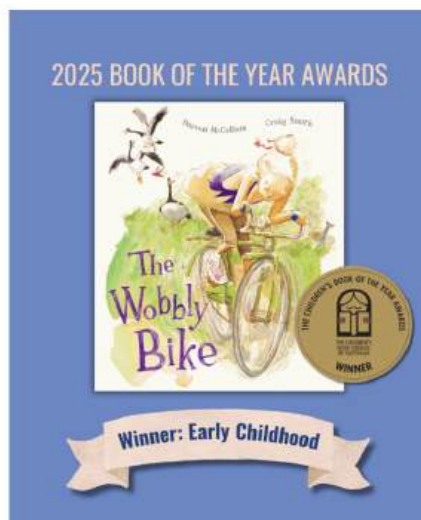
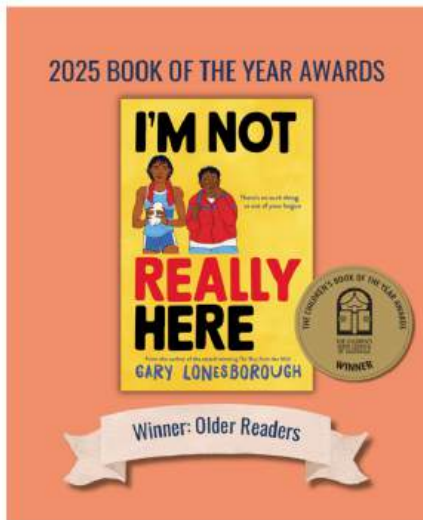








Below are the 2025 *Book of the Year* Award Winners!



## ART SHOW

**Thursday 4th September here at school**

**5:30pm to 7pm**

The library has been transformed into an art gallery for the first-ever Reservoir Views Art Show next Thursday evening. We're looking forward to seeing as many families as possible to celebrate our talented students.



## WEAR IT PURPLE DAY - TOMORROW!

Tomorrow is [Wear it Purple](#), and as a school community we acknowledge the importance of celebrating and elevating the voices of LGBTIQ+ young people in our schools, workplaces and communities.

We support all lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer, questioning and asexual (LGBTIQ+) young people in our schools and the community, in accordance with obligations in the [Child Safe Standards](#) to uphold diversity and equity for everyone regardless of their background, characteristics or beliefs.



Wear it Purple strives to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for LGBTIQ+ young people. This year's theme, 'Bold Voices, Bright Futures', encourages self-expression, visibility and pride.

Days such as Wear it Purple are an important reminder of both how far we've come, and how much more we can achieve. The Department of Education encourages schools to recognise this day in a variety of ways and understand the positive impact these days have for LGBTIQ+ young people.

Visible signs of allyship and inclusion at school help LGBTIQ+ young people feel safe and supported and have a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing. At our school, we welcome anyone who wants to wear purple on the day to do so, to show their support.



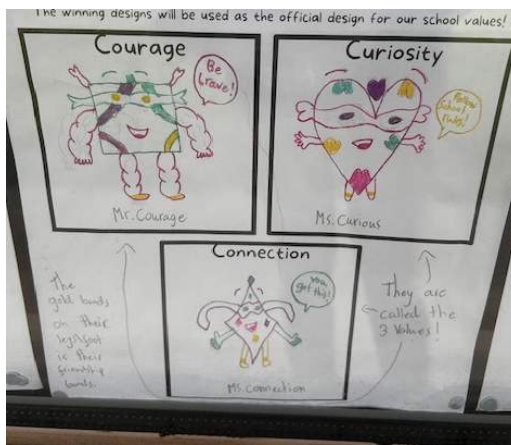
For more information on the day, refer to the [Wear it Purple](https://www.wearitpurple.org.au) website.

If you have any queries, you can contact the department by email: [enquiries@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@education.vic.gov.au)

### SCHOOL VALUES DESIGNS

The students of Reservoir Views are certainly creative and talented. Thank you to everyone who contributed their own design for our values of *Connection*, *Curiosity* and *Courage*. Here are images of some of the designs on display.





I can't wait to find out what the chosen designs will be!

## PUPIL FREE DAY - WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

A reminder to our community that next Wednesday, the 3rd of September, is a pupil-free day.

## PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is back up and running for 2025.

Thank you to Cassie, one of our school parents. Cassie will be running Playgroup every Thursday from 9am - 11pm throughout the school year, during the teaching terms.

Playgroup is free, and we welcome our community to bring along their preschool-aged child / children for some fun.

**Playgroup will be run in *The Retreat*** (our wellbeing building).



Kind regards,

Steve Stafford

Principal.





GET READY FOR THE...

# MINI MARKET



The 5/6s will be hosting the Mini Market!

WHEN: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September (Week 9)

COST: tickets are \$1 \$7 is the maximum  
also through QKR



*This money is going to the year 6  
graduation*



**EVENTS:** Nintendo racing, Sponge  
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### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

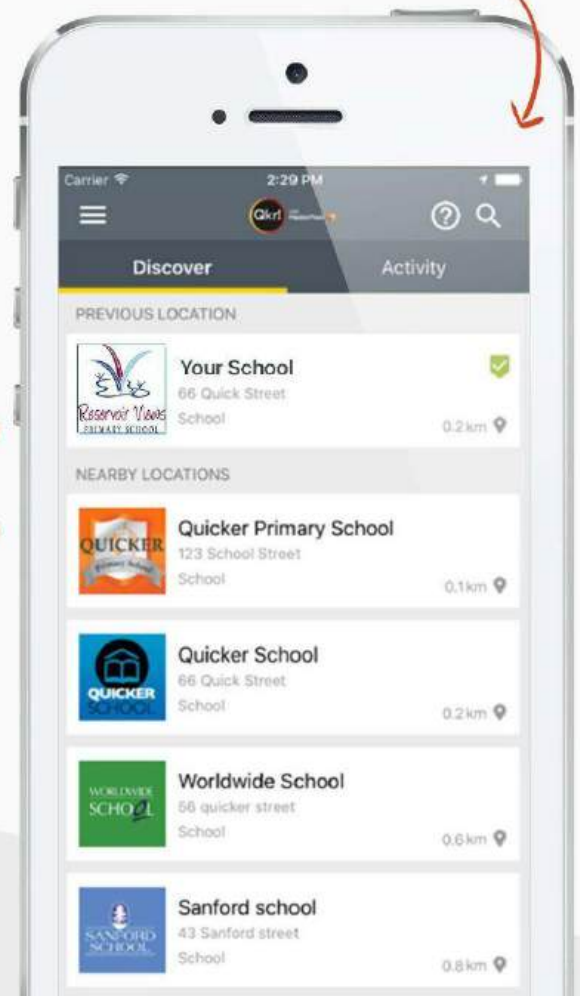
### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





## Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select  
'Add student profile'



Add each  
child's details



Manage each  
child's details in  
Student Profiles



## Order meals

Select a menu  
from our canteen



Tap the green  
tick to view  
your receipt  
or to cancel  
an order



Select a date  
for a child and  
order a meal

Tap 'Repeat  
order' to  
copy all paid  
orders from  
one week to  
the next



Tap to change  
the child you are  
ordering for

Tap to change  
the date you  
are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout'  
then confirm and pay

## Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to  
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted  
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you  
can continue to the home page, or  
view your receipt.

# LEADERSHIP NEWS

## PHONICS PLUS

### Foundation to Year 2

From 2025, all Victorian government schools will begin using a new reading program called Phonics Plus in Prep to Year 2. This program teaches children how sounds and letters work together to make words. For example, when children learn the sounds for c-a-t, they can blend them to read *cat*. This step-by-step approach, known as systematic synthetic phonics, is supported by research as one of the most effective ways to help children become confident readers.

In classrooms, students will take part in short, daily phonics lessons, where they practise sounding out words and reading books that are carefully matched to the sounds they are learning. These are called decodable books. For example, if students are learning the "sh" sound, they might read a story with words like "ship," "shop," and "fish." This helps children feel successful and build confidence as readers.

Alongside this, children will learn Heart Words. These are high-frequency words that can't always be sounded out using the usual rules (for example, *said* or *the*). We call them Heart Words because children need to learn them "by heart" so they can recognise them quickly when reading.

At our school, we use Decodable Readers Australia as part of our phonics program. These are the readers your child brings home each night in the early years. Families play a big role here; listening to your child read each night, encouraging them to "sound out" tricky words, and celebrating their successes makes a huge difference. Even five to ten minutes a day helps build confidence and fluency.

Another important change is the introduction of a short phonics check for Year 1 students. This simple activity helps teachers see which sounds and words students know and identify anyone who may need extra support. It means children who find reading tricky can be helped earlier, before small gaps become bigger challenges.

### After Year 2

Once students have a strong base in phonics, the focus shifts to reading with greater fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Children begin to move from simply "sounding out" words to reading more smoothly and understanding the meaning of what they read.

At this stage, students are also introduced to morphology; learning how words are built from smaller parts, such as prefixes (*un-* in *unhappy*), suffixes (*-ed* in *jumped*), and root words (*play* in *playful*). Understanding these patterns helps students read and spell more complex words and grow their vocabulary. For example, if they know *happy*, they can more easily read *unhappy* or *happiness*.

This stage also focuses on comprehension; students learn to make predictions, ask questions, summarise, and talk about characters and ideas in texts. These skills are essential as children begin to read longer novels, information texts, and digital sources.

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### How you can help your child's reading:

#### In Prep to Year 2:

- Listen to your child read their Decodable Reader Australia each night.
- Encourage them to sound out words and blend the sounds.
- Practise Heart Words together so they can be recognised quickly.

#### Beyond Year 2:

Talk about new or interesting words, including prefixes and suffixes (e.g., *disagree*, *kindness*).

Ask your child questions about what they read: *Why do you think the character did that? What might happen next?*

Encourage them to explain ideas in their own words to build comprehension.

Share a wide range of reading materials such as novels, magazines, websites, and information texts.

Model being a reader yourself, let your child see you reading and enjoying books.



# FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 6

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING

### Language comprehension

We have started an author study where we are looking at all the different books that Aaron Blabey has written. We have been focussing on his Pig the Pug books and are excited to see what else he has written!

### Book Week

This was a fantastic week of fun where we had a visit from Claire Saxby, who taught us all about volcanos and the different animals that live at the bottom of the ocean. We also had our book week parade and our buddies came and did an activity about the tooth fairy. It was a busy week!

### Edendale Farm Excursion

It was a big day on Monday where we finally got to go on our excursion to Edendale Farm. Whilst we were there we learnt all about how we can properly sort rubbish, how we can use rubbish to make other useful things, and all about the different animals at the farm.



### 100 days of school

Friday 1st August 2:45pm  
Picnic with families

### Book Week Parade

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

### Edendale Farm Excursion

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August

### Pyjama day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August



## REMINDERS

- Polly will be away for the rest of the term. Steph is going to be FC's classroom. If you have any questions please reach out to Steph or the other foundation teachers.
- Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September is a pupil free day.
- Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September is the school Art Show. This starts at 5:30pm-7:00pm and will be showing off all of the amazing things that the kids have been making in Art.
- Show and tell is every Monday. Please check Compass for what students are expected to bring.

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

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# 1/2 News



Highlights over the last couple of weeks include the 1/2 excursion and Book Week celebrations. Our grade 1/2 excursion to Bundoora Park along the banks of the Darebin Creek, combined our Inquiry learning about our local area and caring for place with our Numeracy focus on data collection and representation. Peter the local ranger gave us a talk about local features and the importance of caring for our local area before we got started. Students worked in groups to clean up along the Darebin Creek in Bundoora Park, collecting data on the types of rubbish found. Back at school, we collated our data to find out the most common rubbish items found and used the data to create picture graphs.

Another highlight was Book Week, where author Claire Saxby shared her new book *Volcano* and gave insights into her working process. Students enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters for our parade. In our classrooms, we read the book *These Long Loved Things*, which explores treasuring time spent with loved ones, creating special memories, holding them dear and navigating life's changes. Students drew their fondest memories and created picture frames to treasure them.



## Reminders

We have library on Thursday, so please remember to bring a library bag and the books you are returning or re-borrowing, in order to borrow books. Also, please remember to bring back decodable readers on Friday along with homework books.

## Specialists

Class	Art	PE	Auslan	Music
1/2 A	Friday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
1/2 B	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Friday
1/2 C	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1/2 D	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Friday



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# 3/4 NEWS

## Book Week

Book Week was a huge success for our Grade 3/4 students, who enjoyed a week filled with fun, creativity, and a deep dive into the world of storytelling!

We were thrilled to welcome author Claire Saxby, who visited us to share the fascinating writing process behind her book *Volcano*. Students were captivated by her insights and had the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions about her career and experiences as a writer. Of course, another highlight of the week was our Book Week Parade! Students proudly dressed up as their favourite book characters, filling the school with colour, creativity, and a love of reading. It was fantastic to see the wide variety of costumes and the enthusiasm each student brought to the event.

To top it all off, we joined a live Zoom session with author Andy Griffiths. He had everyone laughing as he shared how he comes up with his hilarious and imaginative story ideas. Students left inspired and excited about the endless possibilities of writing.

Book Week was a celebration of reading, imagination, and creativity, and we can't wait to do it all again next year!



## 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

## REMINDERS

### Week 7

#### 2nd Sept

Reservoir High Play

MSO Incursion

#### 3rd Sept

Curriculum Day - No School

#### 4th Sept

Art Show

#### 5th Sept

Father's Day Stall

### Week 8

Planning Week

#### 11th Sept

R U OK Day

## SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week was full of discoveries! The 5/6s worked with our Foundation buddies to explore the weird and wonderful world of oobleck. We mixed, stirred, and squished the goo, learning how it can act like both a liquid and a solid. It was so much fun experimenting together, and our buddies loved getting their hands messy too.





# 5/6 News

## BOOK WEEK

Book Week was such a fun and exciting time! We got to meet author Claire Saxby, who told us all about what it's like to be a writer and how she gets her ideas for stories. We also joined a hilarious Zoom with Andy Griffiths, he made us laugh and even had us drawing silly ideas connected to his new book. One of the best parts of the week was our whole school dress-up parade. It was amazing to see everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters and to share our love of reading together. Book Week reminded us how much fun stories can be and inspired us to keep on reading and imagining.



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# Physical Education Newsletter

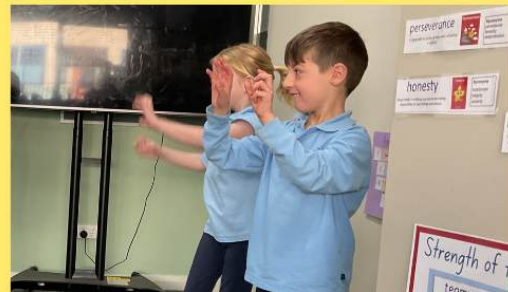
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Our budding athletes across Foundation to Year 6 have been practising their soccer and basketball skills. Some students in the 3 to 6 area competed at the Reservoir High School Tournament!

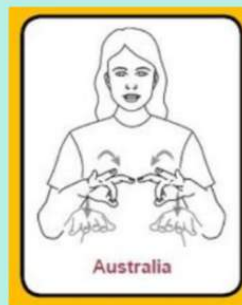




# AUSLAN



# SIGNS







# ART

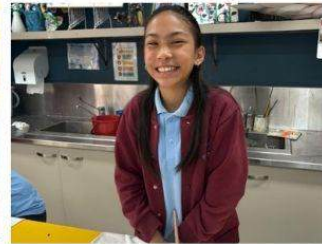


## FOUNDATION



## ART SHOW

The Grade 5/6 Art leaders and helpers are busy organising and creating art works and displays. We are so excited and looking forward to seeing everyone on the day.



## YEARS 1/2



## BOOK WEEK



## REMINDERS

Art Show 2025  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 5.30 - 7.00.





ART SHOW 2025

Colours in the bloom

Thursday September 4th

- At Reservoir Views Primary School

- Time : 5:30 to 7:00pm

- Silent Auction

- Hands on art activities

- Have your portrait drawn  
by our wonderful ARTISTS

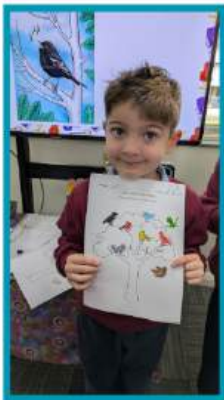




# MUSIC



Decoding sounds in  
our music



Gaining musical and  
cooperative skills in  
the 5/6 band project



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**Email - [cricket@falcons.org.au](mailto:cricket@falcons.org.au)**

**Come & Try Day**

**Sunday 14 September 10am**

**Capp Reserve, Halwyn St, Preston**





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**Venue: 41 Morang Drive, Mill Park**

**Dates: Mon 22 Sep, Tue 23 Sep, Wed 24 Sep, Mon 29  
Sep, Tue 30 Sep, Wed 1 Oct**

**Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm each day**

**Price: \$64, for access to all sessions**

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