

Reservoir View

Important Dates to Note—Term 2, 2020

Saturday 3rd June Monday 8th June Tuesday 9th June Friday 26th June

Mabo Day Public Holiday—Queen's Birthday Year 3 to 6 students resume face-to-face End of Term 2— 2pm to 2:30pm finish

Dear Reservoir Views students, families and local community members,

It's just wonderful to have students and staff back on-site at Reservoir Views. We can't wait to have everyone back when Years 3 to 6 resume on-site on the 9th of June and to be able to welcome families back on-site when-ever restrictions are lifted.

All staff at Reservoir Views choose to enter their profession as they love working with people; and in particular children. During our pupil-free day on Monday I conducted a whole staff reflection session based on our experiences over the past 8 to 10 weeks; I was not surprised that the first responses to the question, 'What are you looking forward to?' were:

seeing the kids again, the kids coming back, seeing the students and my class again, interaction with students and staff, seeing the kids face-to-face after a long time, kids, the children coming back.

Remote teaching and learning has had it challenges for everyone; especially in our ability to try to find ways to stay connected to students and to keep them connected to their peers and school staff. I cannot be prouder of the remote model we devised for our community and the unwavering dedication, learning, time and effort all staff 'put in' to ensure this model was (still is being) implemented to ensure it successfully maintained engagement and connection to learning and to each other. In saying that; nothing beats seeing our community in the 'flesh' and having everyone physically back on-site.

I'd like to thank our wonderful community for supporting our remote model of learning and teaching and the incredible feedback and appreciation we have received throughout this journey; it means a lot! I'd also like to thank everyone for supporting the new guidelines and processes that have been implemented this week as students have returned to school. I know for many families (including mine) that being able to come into the school/ classroom with your child/children for drop off and being there in the school yard for pick up is such an important part of the school routine. Not being able to do this at the moment is difficult for many. All of our staff are incredibly conscious of this and we will be continually reviewing and adapting if necessary our practices to ensure the staggered drop off and pick up process can be as smooth and stress free as possible. To get this 'right', your ongoing feedback is essential.

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our school concert that would have been occurring next term. This event will now be rescheduled for a date in 2021. Whole school assemblies will also not be taking place until further notice. We are currently working out how we will celebrate future Student of the Week awards within classrooms and teaching teams.

NEW OUTDOOR SEATING IN OUR SENSORY PLAY SPACE

New outdoor tables and seating have been installed in our Sensory Play Space. After many hiccups, the space is now complete!! I am pleased to say that the water from the pump now flows the right direction towards the creek :)





FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACES

Our learning spaces across the school will have new 'flexible' operable walls by the time we start term 3. Last year we made a decision, which was supported by school council, to install operable walls within our main openplanned space in Building B. These operable walls made an instant impact; allowing acoustic control and clear delineation between teaching spaces while still allowing the flexibility for the spaces to be opened up when required. This year, again with school council support and approval, we have committed to installing similar operable walls between our remaining shared classroom spaces. Three new operable walls will be installed between the Foundation shared learning space, the 5/6 shared learning space and the shared learning space of 3/4B and 3/4C.

The operable walls will look very similar to the ones below in Building B.



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OCTOPUS UPDATE

Reservoir Views is the 2019/2020 City of Darebin *Octopus School* and some exciting events will be happening in the very near future. We will be receiving a fleet of bikes for our school to use and keep. These will be used in our Bike Education program that Drew will run within his Physical Education program for our year 5 and 6 students.

You may have also received a letter in the mail from the City of Darebin to inform you that they will be installing printed images called *decals* on footpaths and roads along these routes. These will show students how far they are from school, as well as how long it takes to walk or ride there. This installation will occur over the next two weeks.

The streets that have been identified as the active travel routes are:

- 1. From McMahon Road via Black Street, Rathcown Road, Borrie Street and St Vigeons Road
- 2. From Cheddar Road via Dole Avenue, Aberdeen Street, Greenock Street, Banff Street and Hickford Street
- 3. From Marshall Drive via Invermay Street and Banff Street

For me, the most exciting part of these decals being installed is that our students designed the images on them. We will be announcing the students whose designs were selected by the City of Darebin next week. The designs are currently with a designer so they can be formatted for printing and ready to be installed on the ground.

This is one of the chosen designs after it has been formatted. I wonder if our artist can recognise their design?



CONGRATULATIONS ADELAIDE.

I would like to congratulate Adelaide in Year 1 who recently won a Zart Art prize for her amazing artwork. The theme was 'Home is Where the Art is' and there over 5600 entrants and 6 prizes available. She won for the F-3 category. Adelaide won a \$450 voucher for our school and \$250 for herself. Congratulations Adelaide, such a beautiful artwork!



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FUNDRAISING PAVERS

A bit of an update on the fundraising pavers that were ordered late last year; the engraving company have given us a timeframe of 6 to 8 weeks to receive these. Once we receive delivery they will be paved along our entrance to the front office.

2021 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child starting Foundation next year or know someone who will be enrolling with us, this is a reminder to book in for a school tour, and collect an enrolment form from the office.

CSEF

Just a reminder to all families that hold a current health care card that the cut-off date to apply for the CSEF (Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund) is the 26th of June. Please call Helen or Bev at the office if you have questions.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are currently looking at re-starting our Breakfast Club either next week or the week after.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are currently rescheduling our school photos for a date in term 3. We have requested new 'photo packs' for families. If you have already paid for the photos (either at school or online with the photographers), don't worry, that money still stands.

Warm regards,

Steve Stafford Principal

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