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Reservoir *View*

Thursday 7th February 2019

Important Dates to Note—Term 1, 2019

Wednesday 13th February

Thursday 14th February

Monday 18th February

Tuesday 19th February

Wednesday 20th February

Wednesday 27th February

Wednesday 27th February

No Preps At School

Meet, Greet and Eat 3.45pm-6.30pm

Information Session One

Building B

3.45pm-4.15pm Prep, Year 1 and 2

Information Session Two

Building C

4.30pm-5pm Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Parent Volunteer Training Session

RVPS Athletics Day

No Preps At School

No Preps At School

School Council 7pm

Assembly 1/2B

Students of the Week

Lou Morrow Prep A

Sarah Anderson Prep B

Figen Mustafa 1/2A

Darcy Laffan 1/2B

Chay Baker 1/2C

Nicky Grujovski 3/4A

Sophia Moshis 3/4B

Lena Alsaad 3/4C

Tegan Veitch 5/6A

Erika Hopcraft 5/6B

Lisa Gardiner - Art

Drew El Moussalli - PE

Candice Vanzin - Italian

Laura Alkemade EAL

Lynne Kemp - Principal

Freddy Z

Tessa P

Myra N

Jilliane G

Joost N

Anastasia S

Jacob G

Marley H

Esther M

Christian B

Karan G and Sze Qin M

Ben H

Joshua K

Ali S

Veronica T and Artin K

Greetings from the Principal

Wow What a fantastic start to the year. It is so lovely to walk around the school this week and see familiar faces and receive the warm hellos from children and parents.

MEET, GREET AND EAT - Thursday 14th February 3:45 – 6:30pm

Put this important date in your diary/calendar.

This year we will be conducting the Welcome Picnic and Information sessions on the same day.

We invite families to bring along a picnic dinner to eat alongside other families, listen music selected by our students and meet your child's teacher. Drinks and icy poles will be available from the canteen. Don't forget to bring along camping chairs and/or picnic rugs to sit on. We be waiting for you down near the new cubby house. We are really looking forward to seeing you all there.

Make an appointment with your child's teacher if you have information they need to know as it impacts on their on their ability to learn.

We would love some help on the BBQ. No experience required. A roster will be in the office

INFORMATION SESSION 1

3:45 – 4:15 Prep, Year 1 and 2 in Building B

INFORMATION SESSION 2

4:30 – 5:00 Years 3,4,5,6 in Building C



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School Council Election 2019 - Information for Parents

This year we have 3 parent positions on School Council available for nomination. Nomination forms will be available at the office. Nominations will close on Wednesday 20th February at 4:00pm

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category - members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
Consider standing for election to council this year

Happy Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year is the Chinese festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese calendar. The festival is usually referred to as the Spring Festival in mainland China, and is one of several Lunar New Years in Asia. Observances traditionally take place from the evening preceding the first day of the year to the Lantern Festival, held on the 15th day of the year. The first day of Chinese New Year begins on the new moon that appears between 21 January and 20 February. In 2019, the first day of the Chinese New Year was on Tuesday, 5 February, initiating the Year of the Pig

Parent volunteer training session - Monday 18th after assembly in the staffroom

We love having parent volunteers in our classrooms and on our excursions. If you are someone who can volunteer some of your time throughout the year, please come along to our training session where you can find out more about how you can help.

We will also have laptops ready for you to apply for your working with children's check, please come with your appropriate documents.

You will need two primary documents that are current eg; Australian passport, Australian drivers licence, Australian learners permit, immigration card, Australian birth certificate, Current Australian visa, Australian citizenship certificate, Medicare card or marriage certificate (births deaths and marriages).

We look forward to seeing you there

Figen and Hayriye

RVPS Athletics Day - Tuesday 19th February

Hi families,

On Tuesday the 19th of February, Reservoir Views Primary School will be hosting our first in school athletics day. Foundation - 2 students will be participating in activities such as sprinting, egg and spoon race and completing an obstacle course. Grade 3-6 students will be competing in events such as high jump, sprints, discus and many more. Senior students will spend the next few weeks getting ready for the day with the help of their classroom teacher and coaches from Athletics Australia. With assistance from the grade 5/6 students, four houses and emblems have been created, they are Hickford Crocodiles (Green), Cheddar Roos (Yellow), Darebin Dolphins (Blue) and St Vigeons Vipers (Red). Students are encouraged to dress up in their house colours on the day.

Go Darebin!

Mr Drew



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PREPARING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL A JOURNEY TOGETHER

The transition from primary to secondary school can be challenging for young people and parents. Making this decision together is important. We invite parents of grade 5 and 6 students to participate as you prepare to support your child in their transition.

Child care will be provided. And also if you prefer to have an interpreter please contact Jackie Mansourian 8470 8219.

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School Banking

Just a reminder that school banking will start on Friday 8th February.

Second-hand Uniform

We have some second-hand uniform for sale—\$5 per piece

Dresses - Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12

Bomber Jackets - Sizes 4, 6 and 8

Jumpers - Sizes 4, 6, 8 and 10

Also lots of pants and shorts available

If you are interested please come to the office.

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New Experiences
Construction & Manipulative Play
Outdoor Play Time
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:
www.campastralia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Friendship Day!

Term 1 is all about making new friends.

For many children, starting school may also involve starting Outside School Hours Care. This major milestone is an exciting time for many children and their families, but we also acknowledge that it can also be an uncertain time as well.

This is why we've created Friendship Day, so we can encourage and support children to form friendships right from the start of the school year.

Come and join us on Friendship Day. Children will get to unlock their likes, share their stories and take part in engaging group activities to help them create and celebrate new friendships.

When – 14th of February.

Where - OSHC room.

How to book - Visit www.campastralia.com.au and book your session now.

How to register - You must be registered to attend. Registration is FREE!

You can register an account via pp.campastralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered select your desired date/s and book in to secure your child's spot. We always recommend making your bookings in advance.

If you would like to learn more about how we operate our OSHC service, please come and visit me in the OSHC room, located in the multi-purpose room.

If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our Customer Care team that is available to support families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays.

We look forward to celebrating friendship with you!

Kind Regards,

Leah



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