



# THE Reservoir View

Thursday 4th of February

## Important Dates - Term 1, 2021

Wednesday 10th February	Meet, Greet and Eat welcome picnic, 3:30pm to 6:30pm
Thursday 11th February	School Council Parent Nominations due by 4pm at the office
Friday 12th February	Book Club due back
Wednesday 17th February	Meet the Teacher Meetings, 2pm to 7pm
Monday 8th March	Public Holiday - Labour Day
Thursday 18th March	Ride to School Day
Friday 19th March	Pupil Free Day - Staff Professional Learning at School
Thursday 1st April	Last Day of Term, 2:30pm Finish
<b>2022 ENROLMENTS - Please contact the school to book in a school tour with our Principal and Assistant Principal</b>	

Dear Reservoir Views students, families and local community members,

We could not have hoped for a more smooth and settled start to 2021 at Reservoir Views Primary School. After the tumultuous 2020 we all experienced, we are all looking forward to 2021 being a year where we spend the entire year learning, playing and growing AT school!

I'd like to welcome back all of our returning families and students and give a very warm welcome to all of our new Reservoir Views families and students. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of our community at our *Meet, Greet and Eat* next Wednesday afternoon.

I'd like to especially congratulate our 2021 Foundation students for starting their 7 year primary school journey on Friday. The photos below show our new foundation students on their 3rd day of school, so settled!



They have also had some lovely sessions with their senior school buddies. Below are some 'buddy' photos.



I'd also like to welcome our new and returning staff at Reservoir Views in 2021. Erin Brereton teaching Grade 3/4A, Isabel Anderson teaching 1/2B, Anna Foong teaching music, Megan Seddon teaching intervention, Laura Nalder teaching intervention and Mel Owens as our Business Manager. We are thrilled to have you all here at Reservoir Views.

### **OUR SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD**

Our new school playing field is really looking nice and lush. We had hoped for the fence to be down by this stage but unfortunately due to the mild summer weather that mixed in some very hot days and some very wet days, certain areas of the field contracted a grass disease and more seed has had to be sowed. Hopefully the fence is down within the next week.



## OUR NEW BUILDING

During the last week of Term 4, 2020, I was informed that our application for a relocatable building was successful. I was very excited to say the least! It has been amazing to watch the progress of this building's installation over the past 3 weeks. I am attending an official handover of the building on Monday. Our new specialist music program will take place in this building and we are busy planning what else we can use the rooms for. We look forward to showing this space to families at our *Meet, Greet and Eat* next Wednesday.



## MEET, GREET AND EAT - OUR ANNUAL WELCOME PICNIC!!

Wednesday the 10th of February 3:30pm to 6:30pm

This year we will be celebrating the start of the 2021 school year with a welcome picnic on Wednesday the 10th of February from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Families are invited to bring a picnic rug and some food. We will send out reminders early next week. Please let the office know if you're able to help volunteer with our BBQ.

Please save the date, Uncle Trevor Gallagher will perform a smoking ceremony and Acknowledgement to Country at 4:30pm. More information to come in the next week.

## MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS — Wednesday the 17th of February 2pm—7pm

This year we will be conducting *Meet the Teacher* meetings on Wednesday the 17th 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 2021 teacher, share their valuable knowledge of their child, develop relationships and focus on establishing a learning community.

## FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

This year we'll be making some changes to the format and distribution of our school newsletter. The newsletter will now be a fortnightly newsletter, not weekly and starting in the next newsletter there will now be area and specialist reports; where our teaching teams and specialist teachers will update our community with the wonderful and exciting things that are happening within the school. Hayriye will also be writing a regular assistant principal's report that will cover a range of topics. I have also asked our School Captains, Lumina and Jacob, if they would like to have a regular School Captains section and they are very excited to do so.

## **CORONAVIRUS ADVICE**

I have attached a letter addressed to Victorian schools and their communities from Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Professor Brett Sutton.

Unfortunately we still have various restrictions in place at Reservoir Views to begin this year. Our front office has a visitor limit of 2 people at any one time. Can I please ask that you wear a mask when visiting the office. Each school building and their rooms have density limits which mean parents and carers are not able to enter classrooms during our morning smooth start or attend assemblies. Posters containing a QR code are located at all entry gates and only have to be used if you are staying within the school grounds for 15 minutes or more.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

This year at Reservoir Views Primary School there are 3 parent positions on School Council available for nomination. Nomination forms will be available at the office and will close on Wednesday 11th February at 4:00pm. In this newsletter I have included some information about the role School Council plays and how you can be involved. Please come and see me if you have any questions.

## **2022 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS AND SCHOOL TOURS**

It may seem early, but we are already scheduling school tours and taking enrolments for 2022 Foundation students. Please come and see me, Hayriye, Mel or Helen to schedule a tour or make an enrolment for 2022. We are incredibly proud of our wonderful school and Hayriye and myself thoroughly enjoy meeting with families individually or in small groups to talk about what makes Reservoir Views amazing and to explore our classrooms and facilities.

## **ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website <https://www.reservoirviewsps.vic.edu.au/policies>

## **STAFF CAR PARK**

For obvious safety reasons, can I please ask all students and families NOT to enter the school through the staff car park. Thank you.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

A medical form has been sent home today for Grade 1-Grade 6 students, please complete and send back to school by Monday. Also don't forget to check with us if Ventolin, EpiPen or medication has expired and needs replacing.

## **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 \$12. If you would like your child to apply sunscreen, it's easiest for them to have the roll on applicator.

## **CSEF**

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

## **UNIFORM**

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

Warm regards,

Steve Stafford  
Principal.

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### TEACHING & LEARNING

The children have had such a lovely and smooth start to the 2021 school year. For the first couple of weeks at Reservoir Views, we run a *Start Up* program. This is where teachers set expectations and routine with student voice and involvement. For example, the teacher may ask 'What do we want our learning space to sound like, look like and feel like?' Teachers will guide and set these expectations in a positive manner for the students.

Routines will also be set, allowing students to know exactly what is expected of them, when and how. While all of this is happening the most important part of learning is also happening, getting to know each other. Teachers will find out how their students best learn, their favourite colours, foods, footy teams. Building relationships is a very important part of the teaching and learning process.

### BOOK CLUB

Our first book club order for the year has arrived. There will be many over the course of the year, there is no obligation to purchase. Any purchases from Book Club contribute to some credit which comes back to the school allowing us to purchase more books.

First book club orders are due 12th of February, 2021

Hayriye Ali  
Assistant Principal



**Meet, Greet & Eat 2021**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**3.30pm to 6.30pm**



- Meet and chat with our staff
- Meet new families and friends
- Bring a picnic rug and snacks
- Take a tour of the classrooms and see our new Music room
- 4.30pm Uncle Trevor Gallagher – *Acknowledgement of Country & Smoking Ceremony - official opening of our Sports Oval*
- Attending children must be with a supervising adult
- Look for your teachers, cohort years will be together
- If you can help, spare some time, we would love some help with the BBQ or cold items, please see the office to be placed on the roster – *thank you*

#### Available from the canteen

Sausage sizzle \$3

Cold drinks \$2

Various frozen icy poles

*'We look forward to seeing you there'*  
*- staff @ RVPS*



# School Council Election 2021 - 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 Thursday the 11th 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 state wide 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

## Victorian schools and their communities



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back the Victorian school community in 2021.

Following an incredible effort by students, staff, teachers, parents and carers last year, Victorian schools are well placed to safely commence the new school year. Schools will return to a largely normal program of activities, including welcoming parents and other vital members of the school community back into their grounds.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly adapted and successfully implemented measures to reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in school environments. By embedding COVIDSafe principles in all its operations and reinforcing good behaviours throughout 2020, schools have created safe spaces, and are in a strong position to quickly respond to any coronavirus (COVID-19) risks that may emerge.

**Given the current very low risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing, wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured that they can safely return to working and learning on site.**

While we have seen outbreaks emerge over the summer break, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks. Should community cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) increase again, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases – schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant – to stay home when unwell, get tested, perform regular hand hygiene, wear a mask when required and maintain physical distancing from others when practical. Schools should consider how they can continue to pursue strategies that contribute to reduced transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

**Schools and parents continue to have an important role to promote and ensure testing when a child or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and then stay home. Getting tested and staying home until results are known, remains critical to limiting community transmission.**

**Adj. Clinical Prof. Brett Sutton**  
Victorian Chief Health Officer





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Street and Fordham Road,  
Reservoir. 6.00 - 8.00pm**

Friday January 22

Friday February 5

Friday February 19

Friday March 5

**EAST PRESTON @ Greenbelt  
Reserve, 15 Greenbelt Street,  
Preston. 6.00 - 8.00pm**

Friday January 29

Friday February 12

Friday February 26

Friday March 12

Drums will be provided and  
everyone will be invited to drum  
and dance or just enjoy the energy  
and the atmosphere.

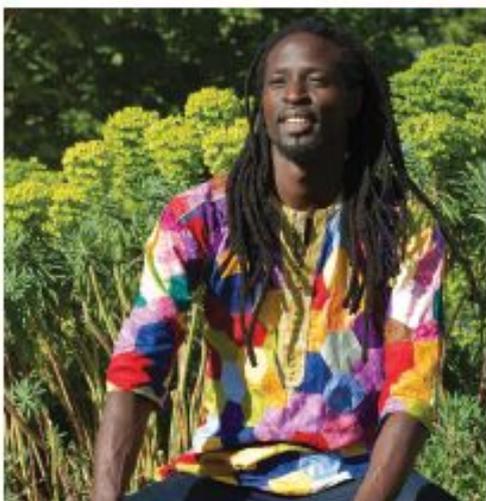
We will follow COVID safety  
requirements.

Please bring your own chairs,  
cushions and anything else you,  
your family and your neighbours  
may need to gather, connect and  
enjoy together this summer.

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