

Reservoir View

Thursday 6th January 2020

Important Dates to Note—Term 1, 2020

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Wednesday 12th February Wednesday 12th February Thursday 13th February Monday 17th February

Wednesday 19th February Wednesday 19th February Wednesday 19th February Monday 24th February

Wednesday 26th February Wednesday 26th February Thursday 27th February Friday 6th March Monday 9th March Monday 16th—Wednesday 18th March

No Foundation Students At School Healthy Hat Tricks Program 5/6's Meet, Greet and Eat 3.45pm to 6:30pm Classroom Helpers Training 9.30am-10.30am No Foundation Students At School Healthy Hat Tricks Program 5/6's Meet the teacher meetings 2pm to 7pm **Classroom Helpers Training 9.30am-**10.30am No Foundation Students At School Healthy Hat Tricks Program 5/6's Student Free Day—School Closed Whole School Athletics Day Labour Day—School Closed 5/6 Camp

Assembly 5/6B

Students of the Week

Chay Baker 1/2A Alex T Lena Alsaad 1/2B **Omar** M Tristan French 1/2C Dottie C and Tessa P-H Tegan Veitch 1/2D Maya I-S Sue Petrella 3/4A Nick T **Bec Sanders 3/4B** Grace H Jett F Nicky Grujovski 3/4C Amelia W Sophia Moshis 5/6A Mechak N Erika Hopcraft 5/6B Lisa Gardiner - Art **Tyson** P Drew El Moussalli - PE Jenna A Steve Stafford - Principal Caleb I and Ana P-5/6B Dear Reservoir Views students, families and local community members,

It has been such a lovely start to the year. Friday was a very exciting day as our 2020 Foundation students started their first day of primary school. I'd like to congratulate all of our students, staff and families for such a smooth start to the 2020 school year.





Meet, Greet and Eat and Official Opening of our Sensory Park —Thursday the 13th of February 3:45pm to 6:30pm

A massive reminder of our *Meet, Greet and Eat* next Thursday afternoon here at Reservoir Views. Drinks, icy poles and various slices and cakes will be available from the canteen and we will be having a sausage sizzle. Don't forget to bring along camping chairs and/or picnic rugs to sit on. More information will be sent home early next week.



At Reservoir Views Primary School we value :

Meet the teacher meetings— Wednesday the 19th of February 2pm—7pm

This year we will be conducting meet the teacher meetings on Wednesday the 19th 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 2020 teacher, share their valuable knowledge of their child, develop relationships and focus on establishing a learning community.

2021 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS AND SCHOOL TOURS

It may seem early, but we are already scheduling school tours and taking enrolments for 2021 Foundation students. Please come and see me, Hayriye, Bev or Helen to schedule a tour or make an enrolment for 2021.

Reservoir Views Primary School has been selected as Darebin Council's Octopus School for 2019/2020

You may have seen the recent bike/scooter parking shed installed as part of this project over the summer break!

Council needs your input and knowledge to help design improvements in the school surrounds with the objective of improving safe access to active transport for all students and families.

The survey will ask a few short questions about how your family travels to and from school and will take approximately 3 minutes to complete.

At the end of the survey, you can go into the draw for a chance to win a \$80 Hoyts Lux movie voucher.

This survey will be open from Friday 7 February until Friday 14 February

Survey link: <u>http://surveys.darebin.vic.gov.au/s3/</u> reservoirviewsoctopusschoolparentguardiansurvey2020

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year at Reservoir Views Primary School there are 2 parent positions on School Council available for nomination.

Nomination forms will be available at the office and will close on Wednesday 12th 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

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DOGS AT SCHOOL.

A reminder to all families that we ask that dogs not be brought into the school as we have a number of students who are very scared of them. We also ask that dogs not be left unattended outside school gates. Our Dogs at School Policy can be found on out website, <u>https://www.reservoirviewsps.vic.edu.au/policies</u>

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 <u>Schools' Privacy Policy</u>

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website <u>https://www.reservoirviewsps.vic.edu.au/policies</u>.

Warm regards,

Steve Stafford Principal



Community Helper's Training Program 2020

We have had a number of parents and guardians who have expressed interest in helping in our classrooms. We know that this will strengthen the partnership between Reservoir Views P.S. and our community members. Our students will benefit from the work and dedication of our classroom helpers.

The session will outline some practical ideas that will assist you when working with children to help with reading and other tasks within the classroom. Also, roles and responsibilities related to Privacy, Safety and Working with Children's Check will be outlined. Laptops will be provided to support parents/guardians who wish to register for a Working with Children's Check during the workshop session.

Please note you only need to attend one of the sessions.

Thank you Figen (Leading Teacher) and Hayriye (Assistant Principal)

When: Monday 17th February **or** Monday 24th February

Time: 9:30am – 10:30am (both sessions)

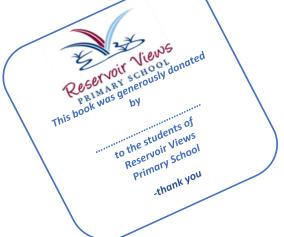
Where: RVPS Staff Room

At Reservoir Views Primary School we value :



We all we to read, give the gift of 'Reading'

- Choose a book, books are \$10 each at the office
 Donate it back to the school
 Sticker attached to books showing your donation
 - 4. Books will be added to our classroom libraries for children to enjoy



We are aiming for each room to have their own 'classroom library'. 'Classroom libraries will be filled with quality literature, a range of reading material and interest books. Thank you for all of your generous contributions



At Reservoir Views Primary School we value : Love of Learning ~ Resilience ~ Respect

School Council Election 2020 - Information for Parents

This year we have 2 parent positions on School Council available for nomination. Nomination forms will be available at the office. Nominations will close on Wednesday 12th 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 i 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

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