



Thursday 6th February

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 1, 2025				
Monday 10th February Year 5/6 Living & Growing Program parent information session 6-7pm				
Thursday 13th February	Parent helpers course - 9am staffroom			
Thursday 13th February	Anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples			
Monday 17th February	FREE Glasses for kids program starts for Foundation - 3 students			
Thursday 20th February	Parent helpers course - 9am staffroom			
Monday 3rd March	Young Leaders Conference			
Wednesday 5th March	Whole School Athletics Day - Harold Steven's Athletics Track			
Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday			
Wednesday 12th March	NAPLAN Writing - Yrs 3 and 5			
Thursday 13th March	NAPLAN Reading - Yrs 3 and 5			
Friday 14th March	NAPLAN Conventions of Language - Yrs 3 and 5			
Monday 17th March	NAPLAN Numeracy - Yrs 3 and 5			
18th to 24th March	Harmony Week and Day (21st)			
Friday 21st March	Ride to School Day			
Friday 21st March	Harmony Day			
Thursday 3rd April	IEP meetings 3:30pm to 7pm			
Friday 4th April	IEP meetings 9am to 2pm - last day of Term 1			
Monday 21st April	Easter Monday			
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day Term 2			
Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day			
Tuesday 29th April	School Photos			
Reservoir Views Primary S	chool 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

Dear Reservoir Views students, families and local community members,

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 hope our entire school community had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing break over the summer.

While the first week has included some very hot and unpleasant weather, it has been a very smooth and settled start to the 2025 school year. It is always lovely watching students reconnect with each other after the break, start making new connections with peers and staff and all of our community to connect with each other. Yesterday's Welcome Picnic was a wonderful way to commence the year.

There was a fantastic turn out and thank you to everyone who was able to attend. A special thanks to all of the school staff who committed their own out of school hours time, for cooking the BBQ and assisting with everything. The Grade 6 students did an amazing job selling icy poles to fundraise for their end of year graduation, thank you *TeamKids* for providing the coffee van at no cost for our community and and I'd also like to acknowledge Wurundjeri man Colin Hunter Jnr Jnr for performing a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony for our community.















This year we welcome two new staff to the school, Connie Amoruso is our new Literacy Learning Specialist teaching a 3/4 class and Amber Gruenhaeuser is teaching a 1/2 class. We also welcome back Isabel Anderson. Welcome Connie and Amber and welcome back Isabel :





Connie

Amber

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR COMMITTED GARDENERS!

Over the summer school break there were a core group of parents who ensured our vegie gardens and overall gardens look as amazing as they do now. The school has also purchased a ride-on mower to keep the playing field and internal playing spaces maintained. If you haven't had a chance to visit our vegie garden, go and have a look \bigcirc







A NEW TEACHING SPACE

I am pleased to announce that Reservoir Views will be receiving a new teaching space. Hopefully this space will be delivered, set up and ready to go by the start of Term 2 at the latest. It will be very similar to the building in the image below.



TEAMKIDS



I'm really excited that our partnership with **TeamKids** has commenced and they are now running our Outside of School Hours Care program at Reservoir Views Primary School. The new space for the program looks incredible and I have already received wonderful feedback from families whose children access the program.

To register for the program: https://www.teamkids.com.au/venues/reservoir-views-primary-oshc/

Click on the picture below for a video of the new space.







Siobhan and Brooke are the TeamKids staff :

















A CHANGE TO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Our school has outgrown our hall and I have decided to split assemblies on a fortnightly basis this year.

Our Year 3 to 6 students will participate in an assembly one week and our Foundation to Year 2 students the next. These assemblies will continue to take place first thing on a Monday morning and families are welcome to attend. We will also be making some changes to the format of the assemblies that will include more student voice and class/area presentations.

The assembly dates are below:

- Monday 10th February Years 3 to 6
- Monday 17th February Foundation to Year 2
- Monday 24th February Years 3 to 6
- Monday 3rd March Foundation to Year 2
- Monday 17th March Years 3 to 6
- Monday 24th March Foundation to Year 2
- Monday 31st March Years 3 to 6

To minimise the time students are spending seated at assemblies, students who receive value awards will be recognised within weekly area cohort meetings with the value they have been recognised for and how that value was demonstrated, and during assemblies they will be called up and acknowledged as a group.

We will hold whole school assemblies at different times each term, but these will not include community members due to constraints in the size of our hall/multi-purpose room.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will not be running this Term, more information will be provided towards the end of this term about future dates.

BREAKFAST CLUB

I am happy to let you know Breakfast Club is back and running again for 2025.

It runs every <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Wednesday and Thursday from 8am</u>. Students will then be able to leave to the yard at 8.45am when there are staff on duty.

All students are welcome, there will be a sign-in sheet at the serving window in the hall.

SCHOOL AND HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2025

Introducing our 2025 school leaders:

School Captains



Milla and Anna

Vice Captains



Sienna and Manaia

House Captains



Muk MukLiam and Dottie



Bunjil Layla and Zacky



MarramEmily (Johnny absent)



BundabunTrehy and Maddison

HICKFORD STREET DAREBIN BOULEVARD RESERVOIR INTERSECTION UPGRADES – ROAD REHABILITATION & YOUR STREET YOUR SAY 2025

Darebin Council is currently undertaking a road rehabilitation and Your Street Your Say program to improve the condition, safety and appearance of a number of roads within the City. Hickford Street and Darebin Boulevard intersection has been nominated to be reconstructed as part of this program in early 2025.

As part of these works, Council will deliver on the Your Street Your Say Group C proposal and remove the roundabout at the intersection and install a new raised intersection to promote safer speed environment and to provide safer crossing points for pedestrians and improve footpath connections to Reservoir Views School.

Works will also include:

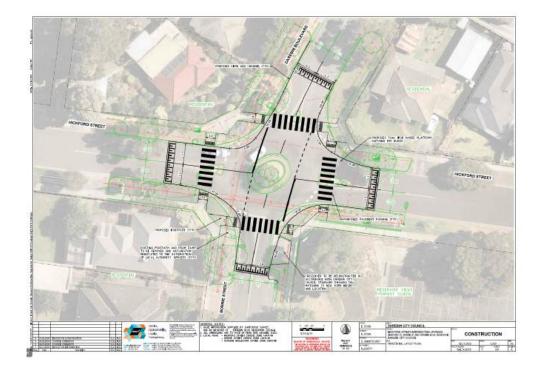
- New concrete kerb and channel
- New vehicle crossings to Reservoir School.
- Complete reconstruction of the road pavement
- New zebra crossings to assist in pedestrian movements across Hickford Street, Borrie Street
- and Darebin Boulevard and improve safety.
- Installation of relevant signs and line marking
- Sections of damaged footpath bays will be replaced as required.
- New underground drains and associated pits as required.

A concept plan is provided for your information and comments.

Works in this section are scheduled to commence early 2025, although further notification and construction information will be given prior to the commencement of these works.

The contractor will implement appropriate traffic management measures to guide all road users safely through, past or around the roadworks, including the use of traffic controllers as necessary. All through the construction period, the contractor will liaise with residents and keep you up to date with stages of the works.

The works may cause some disruptions though every endeavor will be made to keep this to a minimum. Your cooperation with using the streets in a safe manner during the construction period will be highly appreciated.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY

Student attendance will continue to be a whole school focus this year. We understand absence from school is unavoidable at times with illness etc but attending school regularly is vital for all students in Foundation to Grade 6 so that they can access all they need to learn throughout their 7 years of primary schooling.

Students being present at line up areas prior to 9am is also incredibly important. I will add that staff are on yard duty from 8:45am each morning.

It all adds up as the table below shows.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's	Which means the best your child might perform is
1 Day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 11
1 Day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 10
2 Days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 7
3 Days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Equals to finishing in grade 4

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, please use the main entrance gate. Thank you.

PARKING / CAR SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL / PLEASE USE SUPERVISED CROSSING AREAS

Could I also request that all of our families follow the parking restrictions/rules that are in place during school drop-off and pick-up times around our school and please practise safe road crossing and abide by driving laws and common sense. The parking restrictions are there for a reason - to keep school crossing areas free from obstruction and ultimately to keep our community safe.

Can I please urge all families to use the supervised school crossings on Hickford St. and St. Vigeons Rd and not take a shortcut in between cars, it may save a minute of your trip, but it's just not worth taking the risk. We have had many near misses over the years.

The main entrance gate on Hickford St is locked from 3:20ish each day with the only exit on Hickford St next to the school crossing.

SUN SMART

Just a reminder that we are a SunSmart school and from the 1st of September until the end of April, 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. If you would like your child to apply sunscreen, it's easiest for them to have the roll-on applicator. I have included some information for families from SunSmart below.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

A reminder to please complete and send back to school ASAP the medical information form that was sent home this week. Also don't forget to check with us if Ventolin, EpiPen or medication has expired and needs replacing.

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.

OFFICE AS A THOROUGHFARE

If you are not needing to access staff at the front office can I please request that this area is not used as a thoroughfare.

PARENT HELPERS

We love having parent helpers at school. This can be helping with reading for 15 minutes a week, helping out in the library or going on an excursion. If you would like to be a parent helper in our school, please attend one of our parent helper sessions and apply for a Victorian Working with Childrens Check. We look forward to having you in our classrooms.

Dates:

Thursday 13th February, 9am in the staffroom Thursday 20th February, 9am in the staffroom https://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

Our school, as all Victorian Government schools, have a mobile phones policy. We understand that students may bring a personal mobile phone to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school. Any phone that is brought to school needs to be handed to the office upon arrival and picked up upon departure from school. Please refer to the policy: https://www.reservoirviewsps.vic.edu.au/policies

DOGS AT SCHOOL POLICY

Whilst we understand that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances. A legitimate 'assistance animal' is allowed. Please refer to the policy:

https://www.reservoirviewsps.vic.edu.au/policies

PROCESS FOR STUDENT LATENESS

Classroom teachers mark the roll promptly at 9am. Any student who arrives at school after 9am will need to go through the front office and receive a late pass from office staff.

STAFF MEETING AFTERNOONS

Our staff have two professional learning meetings each Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons that begin promptly at 3:45pm. Unfortunately, staff will not have time or availability to meet with families on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.

YEAR 5/6 LIVING AND GROWING PROGRAM

I encourage all families of students within years 5 and 6 to attend the Parent / Carer / Caregiver information session at our school hall next **Monday the 10th of February at 6pm**.

'investigate resources and strategies to manage changes and transitions, including changes associated with puberty' is found within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Victorian Curriculum that we are mandated to teach. https://f10.vcaa.vic.edu.au/learning-areas/health-and-physical-education/curriculum

Content description

Students learn to:

investigate resources and strategies to manage changes and transitions, including changes associated with puberty

VC2HP6P02

change

Learning area: Health and Physical Education Strand: Personal, Social and Community Health – Health Education Sub-strand: Identities and

Level: Levels 5 and 6

Elaborations

This may involve students:

- understanding that experiences of puberty differ, and that the resources and strategies chosen to manage these changes are personal (RS)
- examining the strategies and range of products and resources available to manage the
 physical changes associated with puberty, including products for managing personal
 hygiene and menstruation (RS)
- understanding that physical changes experienced during puberty are linked to rites of passage ceremonies in many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (RS)
- analysing how roles and responsibilities change as people grow older and examining strategies for managing these increasing responsibilities (RS)
- examining how the developmental changes that occur through puberty prepare a person's body for reproduction (RS)

Living and growing program Reservoir Views Primary School

SEA's health and human development programs offer students an opportunity to gain age-appropriate information about puberty, personal safety, anotomy and reproduction. Our focus is on young people getting accurate information that will help keep them safe and healthy physically, socially and emotionally. We are inclusive and respectful of the wide-ranging values and beliefs that families have and know that all children need this information. If children don't have this information explained to them by a trusted person then they are left at risk.

Our sessions are interactive, fun and we use a variety of resources in the classroom including worksheets, discussions, videos and games. For composite groups, we run a two-year program so that while the same concepts are reinforced, it is a different program with different activities and materials, to revise and build knowledge. Our programs are based on the Victorian Curriculum and our teachers are qualified and specially trained.

Parent information evening - Year 5/6

Please join us for an **in-person** parent and carer information evening at Reservoir Views Primary School.

6.00pm Monday 10 February 2025

We've designed these special one-hour information evenings for parents and caregivers who want to feel more confident to have important conversations with their young people about growing up, change and reproduction.

This in-person event also gives parents and carers the opportunity to hear about the classroom program **before it begins** – learn what exactly will be covered and how, and what won't be talked about – and to ask any questions.

'A thing I liked about health ed is that nothing is awkward or weird and we get great answers back to all our questions.'

'I have enjoyed these classes
I've learnt so many new things.
I thought it might be
embarrassing but it's really
interesting and important.'

'I like SEA because they speak so calmly about the topic, explain how things work very well and the games are fun.'

THE CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK WE ARE MANDATED TO TEACH

Each year classroom teachers or office staff receive questions from families about the curriculum we use. We are mandated to use the Victorian Curriculum F-10 Version 2.0. It is found on the link below.

https://f10.vcaa.vic.edu.au/



ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATIONS



In 2008, then-Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologised on behalf of the Australian Government to the Stolen Generations – the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly removed from their families and communities by successive colonial and Australian governments.

Next Thursday the 13th of February is the 17th anniversary of this significant event and it is an important time to reflect on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have been, and will continue to be affected by past policies of the Australian Government. We are committed at Reservoir Views to telling the truth about Australia's history, reflecting on past injustices while acknowledging the strength, resilience and cultural identity of Indigenous Australians.

Below are some upper primary links to *Behind the News* about the apology and the Stolen Generations.

https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/government-apology/10542168

https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/stolen-generations/10542138

2026 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS AND SCHOOL TOURS

We are currently holding school tours for 2025 Foundation students. Please come and see me, Hayriye, Maryana or Mel to schedule a tour or call the school on 9460-6995. We are incredibly proud of our wonderful school. Hayriye and I thoroughly enjoy meeting with families individually or in small groups to discuss what makes Reservoir Views amazing and explore our classrooms and facilities.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the <u>Schools' Privacy Policy</u> and the <u>Schools' Privacy Collection Notice</u>.

For more information about privacy, refer to: <u>Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents</u>. This information is also available in ten community languages:

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- · Arabic
- · Dari
- · Gujarati
- · Mandarin
- · Somali
- · Sudanese
- · Turkish
- · Urdu

All of us at Reservoir Views Primary School are looking forward to an amazing 2025.

Kind regards,

Steve Stafford Principal.

FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

WHAT WE LEARNED

Setting routines - The Foundation students have had an amazing start of the year! They are working hard on setting the routines, knowing where to line up and where their bag goes.

Creating belonging - We have also been focused on creating a sense of belonging at the 'big new school'! We have made our own pet rocks, bag lockers and you'll soon find a new display to introduce the Foundation students to the rest of the school.

We are so impressed with all of them, they have done an amazing job settling in!



No school:

Thursday 13th of Feb Thursday 20th of Feb Thursday 27th of Feb Thursday 6th of March





REMINDERS

- Please bring a library bag, a smock and book bag to school.
- Please make sure your child has a piece of fruit or vegetable in their lunchbox for fruit snack.
- Zooper doopers they are only sold on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- · Canteen the canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Please let your classroom teacher know if your child has brought nuts in their lunch.

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1/2 NEWS

THIS WEEK {

It has been such a fantastic start to the year. We have spent these first few days getting to know each other and learning the routines of the classroom. It has been so fun learning about these fabulous kids and we can't wait for the year to

















REMINDERS

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grade 1/2A			P.E Auslan	Library – All 1/2 classes	Art Music
Grade 1/2B		Auslan	P.E Art		Music
Grade 1/2C	P.E	Art	Auslan		Music
Grade 1/2D	P.E		Art Auslan		Music

3/4 NEWS

Welcome Back!

Start Up

The 3/4 students have settled back into the routines of school life very quickly. They have enjoyed reconnecting with their classmates and getting to know their new teachers. This year we have introduced daily circle time at school and have enjoyed connecting with old and new friends in this way. Students have spent the week learning the classroom routines and expectations. We are ready for another big year of learning!

Welcome Picnic

The Welcome Picnic was a lovely opportunity to connect with many 3/4 families, reconnect with some familiar faces around the school and catch up over a snag. Thanks to those families that came along and introduced themselves.



	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
3/4A	Music	Library	P.E. Auslan		Art
8/4B	Library	P.E.	Auslan Music	Art	
8/4C	Library	Auslan	Music P.E.	Art	
8/4D		Music	Auslan Art	P.E.	Library



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5/6 News

WELCOME TO 2025

The 5/6 cohort has had a fantastic start to 2025. We have been connecting with each other, revisiting school routines and building class culture.

START UP

Teambuilding, acknowledging Country and developing our class cultures.

















BUDDY PROGRAM

Guiding our buddies through shared meals and activities.













	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
5/6A Mon	Music			P.E, Auslan, Art	Athletics
5/6B Anna	Music	Auslan		Art, P.E	practice
5/6 C Tegan	P.E	Music		Art, Auslan	

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REMINDER

Please ensure your child has an art smock at school.

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Music











Welcome back!

We are already

learning routines,

coordinating our

bodies, training our

ears and making

connections.

















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PE NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK

We played Adventure Bingo. Students practised their running skills (3-6), we played musical statues (F-2) and we discussed our PE routines.

COMING SOON

Next week all students will participate in an AFL clinic to practise and refine their footy skills.

Our Whole School Athletics is on Wednesday 5th March. All families are welcome to come along and support their child.





State Schools' Relief is proud to be delivering the Glasses for Kids program between 2024 and 2027

Our school has been invited by the Department of Education to participate in this incredible opportunity.

Glasses for Kids staff and optometrists will visit our school and offer students who provide consent with initial vision screening and if required, further testing and glasses for **FREE**!

Vision screening and testing will be completed during school hours

Who can participate? Prep/Foundation to Year 3 students

To find out more about the Glasses for Kids program, visit https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/programs/glasses-for-kids-program/

Want to know more?

Information Video for Families

https://youtu.be/IdpCFjuFtp8?si=iyUBzCocHXCEgEgu

Information Video for Kids

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AO9E17qwWX4&feature=youtu.be

Questions? Please see Hayriye Ali

Reservoir Views TEAMKIDS

NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

TeamKids is so EXCITED to be joining such a wonderful community at Reservoir Views PS!

We wanted to introduce ourselves and welcome everyone to come and meet our team, check out the program and join us for some FUN activities and games!

Hello I'm Brooke and I will be the Director of Service (DOS) for our program. I love baking, Science and crafts and play soccer.

We also have Siobhan who is our Second in Charge (2IC).

Siobhan loves to play basketball and sports.

Over the last few weeks we have loved seeing all the children playing with the new resources and doing some fantastic artwork, playing games and dancing!

Starting in week 4 we will begin our TeamKids Clubs,

Children who wish to join us can sign up during B&A and we will plan together activities of your child choice.

Monday 10th March we will be holding our Teddy Bears Picnic during aftercare. Children can bring in their teddies and we will roll out some picnic rugs and do some fun activities with our teddies- Book in now to avoid missing

IMPORTANT DATES





Teddy Bears Picnic | TK ASC

III TUE 4Th March

Pancake Day Celebration | TK BSC

MON 10th March

Labour Day Public Holiday | TeamKids is closed

TEAMKIDS CLUBS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

S.T.E.M.

WEDNESDAY

Art Attack

ASC WFFK- 4-6







Epic Games

THURSDAY

FRIDAY







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Being SunSmart in Victoria



When UV is 3+



Slip on covering clothing



Slop on SPF50, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen



Slap on a broad-brimmed hat

Think UV, not heat! UV rays can't be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days.



Seek shade



Slide on sunglasses (AS:1067)



When UV is below 3

Sun protection isn't required unless you are outdoors for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, such as snow.

Marrie 2022



Scan the QR code or visit sunsmart.com.au/app to download.







FOOTY
I I AM
SIGN IN
FROM 10.30AM

meet VFLW stars!

Girls' & women's teams Gender diverse people welcome

WH Robinson Reserve, Goodwin St, PRESTON



START YOUR FOSTER CARE JOURNEY TODAY

Have you been thinking about becoming a Foster Carer? Are you able to provide Aboriginal children with a positive and nurturing family life?

Are you excited to support a child's cultural and emotional needs?

VACCA is seeking carers who are open to a journey that is both challenging and rewarding. If you've ever considered becoming a foster carer, now is the time to start your foster care journey.



Visit our website to find out more: www.vacca.org