



THE Reservoir View

Thursday 5th of November

Important Dates - Term 4, 2020

Friday 6th November	School Photos
Sunday 8th to Sunday 15th November	NAIDOC Week
Tuesday 15th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Friday 18th December	Last day of the school year - 1pm finish

Reservoir Views Primary School

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Friday, 6 November 2020

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Dear Reservoir Views students, families and local community members,

After being postponed three times this year it is exciting that our school photos are taking place TOMORROW! 2020 has seen so much disruption to all of our lives, especially children of all ages, so it is nice to know that all students at Reservoir Views Primary School will have these photos taken.

2021 GRADE ALLOCATION

We are currently organising our 2021 grades. Throughout this process, we aim: to provide each student to be part of a class that will allow the best opportunity to learn, to form well-balanced classes that take into account the social, emotional, academic and physical characteristics of each student and to ensure that optimum use is made of the prior knowledge that teachers, parents and relevant others have of each student prior to class placement.

Students will be asked next week to nominate peers within their cohort level who they *work well with*. We recognise the importance of fostering and maintaining friendship groups. We also understand that it is equally important for students to mix and learn with peers who have different interests.

Parents may submit written requests with respect to class placements. The submissions must be based only on educational reasons and in writing to me by the morning of Friday the 13th of November. All written parent submissions will be given consideration but will not automatically be accommodated. The allocation of students to various classes, class structures, teaching responsibilities and class compositions are all ultimately responsibilities of the Principal.

While the allocation of students to various classes, class structures and class sizes are all ultimately responsibilities of the Principal, a collaborative process with teachers and parents/carers will be employed.

- In November, the Principal will invite parents/carers via the Newsletter/Compass, to put in writing to the Principal, particular requests, of student welfare or academic nature, regarding the placement of their student. *These requests will only be considered if they are submitted by the due date as communicated in the Newsletter/Compass. These requests will be considered but no guarantee is given, the Principal has the final decision for the placement of students in classes.*
- The process of forming classes for the following year will commence in November.
- Expressions of interest for teaching preferences will be sought from staff members.
- Staff members will work collaboratively to create draft classes of students.
- When forming classes, consideration will be given to a balance of gender, student's previous class, each student's ability, behaviour and friendship groups. Individual student needs and a whole school perspective will also be considered.
- Once draft classes are completed, the Principal will make any final alterations, in consultation with Year Level Leaders and the Assistant Principal.
- The composition of proposed classes will not be disclosed to students or parents/carers prior to any formal announcements.
- Details relating to the school organisation, class allocation of students and the roles of teachers will be announced on the day of the final 'step up' transition session. The school will not publish class lists to protect the privacy of all students. The students are responsible for communicating their new class with their parents/carers.
- Once classes have been announced, any parents/carers seeking clarification regarding student placement are asked to speak with the Principal or Assistant Principal.
- Changes to the class allocation for students will be avoided unless determined by the Principal. Parents/carers were given the opportunity to provide input during November, therefore any requests for changes to a student's class allocation will not be considered after the formal announcement.

2021 PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Tomorrow all families will be receiving parent payment arrangements for 2021. Our 2020 annual payment was \$180 per student, all of our individualised year level payments for 2021 are lower than this. There are several changes to our 2021 parent payment arrangements:

- Each student will receive a parent payment arrangement letter (due to fees being calculated on a year level by year level basis). Please read this, complete and return to the office by Friday 27th November 2020.
- In 2021, we are introducing a \$100 Excursion/Incursion prepayment per student. This prepayment is to cover excursions/incursions that occur throughout 2021(excluding Swimming and Camp). The introduction of this prepayment process is to help alleviate the need for parents to constantly pay for these events throughout the year. CSEF funds can be used to allocate towards this prepayment. One off events for selected students (ie Interschool Sport, District Athletics, etc) will still continue to be charged at the time of the event given not all students will participate.
- Our school welcomes voluntary contributions to support our school. We are thrilled to advise that we will be introducing Classroom Music as an additional specialist program in 2021. Your voluntary contributions to help resource this exciting new program would be very much appreciated.
- If you have any questions or would like to organise a payment plan, please don't hesitate to speak with Bev Ashley (Business Manager) in our office.

NAIDOC WEEK

Next week we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week at Reservoir Views Primary School from the 8th to the 15th of November. This year's theme is, 'Always Was, Always Will Be.'

What is NAIDOC Week?

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each year and provide a valuable opportunity for all Australians to participate in a range of activities and to support local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



SCHOOL SPORTS FIELD - AN UPDATE

It is incredible how much progress has been made with the playing field in one week. The topsoil has been graded, the irrigation system and sprinklers installed and tested and all of the landscaping has been completed. The seed will go down next week and then we'll be able to watch the grass grow and mature. The temporary fencing will remain until the start of 2021 and the field will be ready for the first day of Term 1.



CSEF

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund - CSEF has been extended to the end of November. If your situation has changed and you now have a health care card, please contact Helen or Bev at the office and they will put in an application. If you have already put in an application this year, you do not need to do anything further.



Warm regards,

Steve Stafford
Principal.

RVPS artists at work

We are so happy to be problem solving and making amazing things in the artroom.

Meet some of our artists- they are preparing threads and textiles artworks ...





These photographs are of the 1/2's with their Tjanpi Desert Weavers inspired lizards and snakes. The 3/4's are painting landscapes inspired by John Constable in preparation for tree weavings that will go over the top.

All students will bring their artworks home at the end of the term.

Oh and a reminder, please bring art smocks in to your next art class students!!!