

# The Reservoir VIEW



Thursday 7th December

*Reservoir Views Primary School acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn, work and play.*

## Important Dates - Term 4, 2023

Tuesday 12th December	Statewide Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day
Wednesday 13th December	Last day for Canteen orders & over the counter sales
Wednesday 13th December	Year 6 End of Year Celebration @ Bounce
Thursday 14th December	IEP meetings 3:35 pm to 7 pm
Friday 15th December	IEP meetings 9 am to 2 pm - students attend for their meeting time only
Tuesday 19th December	<i>Reservoir Views Has Got Talent</i>
Tuesday 19th December	Last Day for Students - 3.30pm finish
Wednesday 20th December	Pupil free day
Monday 29th January 2024	School Staff begin 2024 school year
Tuesday 30th January 2024	Foundation Students begin 2024 school year
Wednesday 31st January 2024	Year 1 to 6 student begin 2024 school year
Tuesday 13th February 2024	Welcome Picnic / Mural Opening
Reservoir Views Primary School is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe and child-friendly organisation, where children and young people are safe and feel safe.	

Dear Reservoir Views students, families and local community members,

As this is our last newsletter for 2023, I would like to sincerely congratulate all of our students for their incredible achievements and personal growth over the year. There have been so many highlights across the year from special events, activities and celebrations but the highlight for me each year is seeing the incredible growth our young people make. All of this is not possible without the support of our community and the dedication and commitment of our staff, so thank you!

Farewell to all of our families, students and staff who are finishing up at Reservoir Views at the end of this year. Whether you have been at our school for 7 years or 7 days, you will always have a connection to our school and community and I wish you all the best.

This week we have celebrated two incredibly momentous occasions for our students in Grade 6 and Foundation - finishing their first year of primary school and their last.

## GRADE 6 GRADUATION

It was lovely to celebrate 7 years of primary school with our 2023 graduating Grade 6 students and their families on Tuesday evening. Thank you Monique and Chay for organising the evening. Thank you also to our local federal and state members of parliament, Ged Kearney (federal member for Cooper) and Nathan Lambert (state member for Preston / Reservoir), for attending and presenting their awards. Thank you and Congratulations to all of our 2023 graduates!





## PREP GRADUATION

There are not many things more adorable than watching the year 5/6 buddies present their prep buddies with their graduation certificates and hats. Thank you Marina and Laura for providing such an amazing first year of school for these little superstars. Congratulations everyone!



## 2024 WORKFORCE STRUCTURE AT RESERVOIR VIEWS

Please find below our 2024 workforce structure. Nine new staff members will join our wonderful school in 2024.

We are increasing from 11 classrooms in 2023 to 13 in 2024, our allied health team will grow with a speech pathologist and occupational therapist commencing and we are increasing our ability to provide literacy/numeracy support and intervention for our students.

The number of students in each classroom can fluctuate prior to the beginning of the 2024 year.

	<b>Class</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
<b>1</b>	Foundation	13	Laura Nalder - team leader
<b>2</b>	Foundation	14	James Cameron
<b>3</b>	Foundation / 1	13	Hasse Russell
<b>4</b>	1/2	21	Isabel Anderson - team leader
<b>5</b>	1/2	20	Lou Morrow
<b>6</b>	1/2	20	Pip McNee
<b>7</b>	1/2	20	Maddy Jost
<b>8</b>	2/3	22	Chay Baker - team leader
<b>9</b>	3/4	23	Vicky Kezos
<b>10</b>	3/4	23	Marina Stathis
<b>11</b>	4/5	23	Tegan Veitch
<b>12</b>	5/6	23	Monique Galpin - team leader
<b>13</b>	5/6	23	Jack Mercuri

### Specialist Staff

- Fiona McSeveny - Auslan (3 days per week)
- Anna Foong - MUSIC (4 days per week)
- Nicky Grujovski - ART (3 days per week)
- Erika Hopcraft - PE

**Education Support Staff**

- Mel Owens - Business Manager (4 days per week)
- Marijana Rajic - Office Admin (4 days per week)
- Jenny Shaw - Integration Aide
- Keeley Fitzsimmons - Integration Aide
- Jordy Aarons - Integration Aide
- Maria Mihalas - Integration Aide
- Angelina Burns - Integration Aide
- Antonietta Depalma - Integration Aide
- Angela De Lorenzo - Integration Aide
- Lesley Jones - Canteen Manager (Mon, Wed, Fri)
- Susi Allender - Library Technician (Thursday)

**Student Intervention/Support:**

- Mel Aitken
- Anna Trudzik
- Drew El Moussali (2 days per week)

**Allied Health Team:**

- Emily Politidis - Occupational Therapist (1 day per week)
- Aamna Shah - Psychologist (2 days per week)
- Nikol Faris - Speech Pathologist (1 day per week)

**School Improvement team:**

- Bec Sanders - Learning Specialist
- Hayriye Ali - Assistant Principal
- Steve Stafford - Principal

**New Staff in 2024:**

- Hasse Russell
- Pip McNee
- Maddy Jost
- Vicky Kezos
- Fiona McSeveny
- Angela De Lorenzo
- Antonietta Depalma
- Emily Politidis
- Nikol Faris
- Anna Trudzik

**Staff leaving Reservoir Views at end of the year:**

- Harriet Dunn
- Jane McLeod
- Megan Seddon
- Angus Burns

I'd like to thank all of our departing staff for their contributions to our school and wish them all the best. I'd also like to offer a very warm welcome to all of our new staff commencing in 2024.

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS - THANK YOU!

Last week we held our final school council meeting for the year and I would like to acknowledge and thank our 2023 school councillors for their commitment to our wonderful school this year.

Bec Wood, Gerard Daley, Will Rigney, Shantelle Ryan, Emma Peel, Wendy Wafa, Jenny Shaw and Hayriye Ali - thank you!

A very special thank you to outgoing School Council President Bec Wood. Bec has spent 6 of her 7 years as a parent at Reservoir Views as a member of our school council, just an amazing contribution! Thank you Bec!

School councils play such an important role in supporting all Victorian government schools with parent/carer/guardian membership the vital component. At the beginning of Term 1, 2024, I will send out communication about how many positions are available for our 2024 School Council and information about how you can nominate to be involved.

## 2024 START DATES



The start of the 2024 school year for school staff on Monday the 29th of January. On this day the school office will be open for uniform purchases and enquiries from 10am to 2:30pm.

We are mixing things up next year and instead of having our Foundation students starting a day after students in Years 1 to 6, they will be starting a day before the rest of the school. This will allow them to have their first day of school having the school buildings and grounds to themselves.

**Foundation** students will begin their school journey on **Tuesday the 30th of January**.

Students in **Years 1 to 6** will begin the 2024 school year on **Wednesday the 31st of January**.

## ADVOCATING FOR NEW INFRASTRUCTURE AT RESERVOIR VIEWS

Our local member for Preston / Reservoir, Nathan Lambert, used his final speech in parliament last week to invite the Education Minister, the Hon. Ben Carroll MP, to our school in the new year.

Due to moving from 11 to 13 classes next year, we are incredibly pressed for space and meeting with the Minister at our school will provide the opportunity to not only celebrate the amazing work we do but to advocate in person for more buildings/teaching and learning spaces at the school.

## VISIBLE WELLBEING PROGRAM



I'm really excited to announce that Reservoir Views has committed to being a Visible Wellbeing school in 2024 and beyond. Visible Wellbeing has been created by Professor Lea Waters and is designed to upskill staff so they have the tools required to support the mental health and wellbeing of their students and themselves. The link below will take you to the Visible Wellbeing site page.

[Visible Wellbeing — Lea Waters AM, PhD](#)

## VALUE AWARD WINNERS



## WELCOME PICNIC / MURAL OPENING - Tuesday the 13th of February

Our annual welcome picnic will include an official opening of our beautiful mural. Save the date 😊



Once our school year finishes on the 19th, I hope that everyone has a very enjoyable Christmas and Summer break. Please take care, be safe and rest up and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2024.

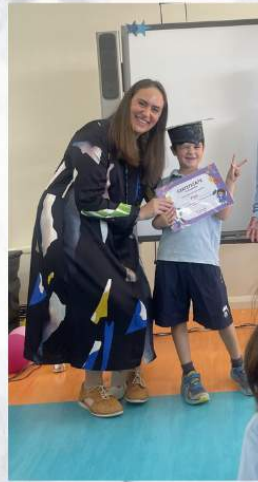
Warm regards,

Steve Stafford  
Principal.

# Foundation News

## Our week!

What a couple of weeks! As the year winds down and is coming to an end, we can't believe what a wonderful start the Foundation students have had to their school journey. All of the students have worked incredibly hard and have all had success! We have loved watching these students grow and mature and become ready for grade 1.



## Maths

We have loved learning about capacity and how much containers hold. We used rice and different sized containers to determine which is full, half full, empty and nearly empty. It was fun estimating and experimenting with these!



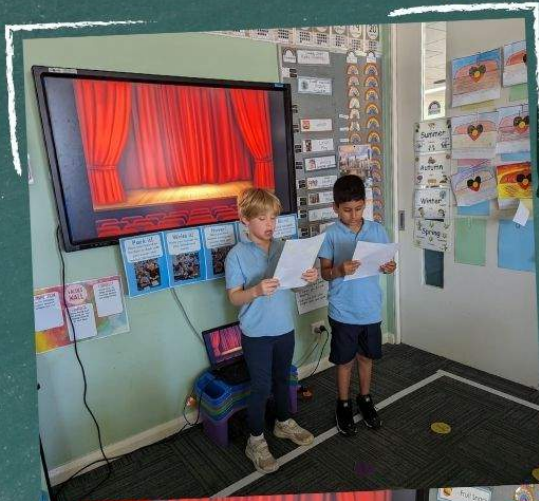


# 1/2 News



## This Fortnight In 1/2

This fortnight in 1/2 we have enjoyed experimenting with matter and seeing how heat can change its state. We saw ice become liquid and then a gas. We also saw how adding heat to chocolate can turn it into a liquid as well, which ended up being a bit messy! We also did readers theatre this week where we were able to present a short play in front of the whole class which was really fun!



## Reminders

- IEP meetings are on Thursday and Friday next week. Please make sure you have booked in with your child's classroom teacher.
- Keep reading as much as you can during the break.

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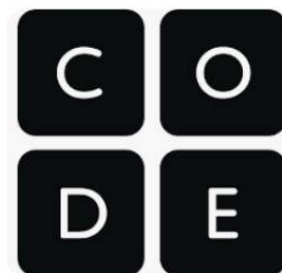
# 2/3/4 AREA

# NEWSLETTER

## INQUIRY

Over the past 2 weeks we have been learning about computers and coding. Students started off by reviewing how to be safe online and learning about the different hardware and software in a computer system.

This week the 2/3/4s have eagerly begun coding. They learnt how to write a code and have been programming with Angry Birds!



## MATHS

In maths we have been learning about perimeter. This involved getting outside and measuring the distance around our basketball and netball courts. Students enjoyed working in trios and taking turns to use the trundle wheels to measure larger lengths.

THANK  
YOU

Tegan, Erika and Jane would like to say a huge thank you to all families for their support this year. It has been a wonderful year, full of lots of learning and new experiences.

We hope you have a safe and wonderful break!

# 5/6 AREA



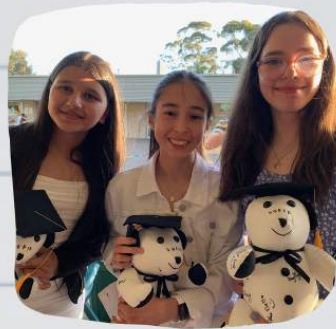
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## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

What a memorable evening it was at the Grade 6 graduation! A heartfelt thank you to all the families who joined us for this special occasion.

The students all spoke beautifully and did a wonderful job of singing their graduation song 'Someone to You' - Banners. We couldn't be prouder of the hard work and dedication they poured into making this event a success.

Congratulations to the graduating class of Grade 6! Your future is bright, and we're excited to see you soar.



## YEAR 5 TASTER DAY AT WILLIAM RUTHVEN SECONDARY COLLEGE

The Year 5's had a blast at William Ruthven Secondary College last week during their Taster Day! The Taster Day is a great opportunity for students to experience a snap shot of what it might be like at High School. Throughout the day the year 5's attended a Science class where they made glue out of milk through chemical reactions. Then moved onto a Food Tech lesson, where they made chocolate chip cookies from scratch and then finally a P.E lesson! All students enjoyed themselves and their high school experience!

# ★ ART CELEBRATION

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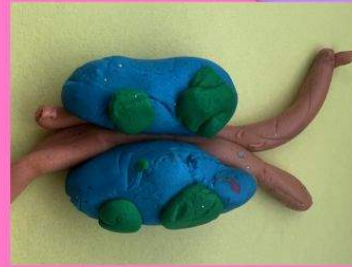




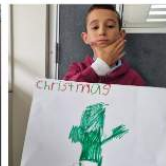
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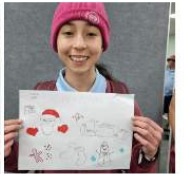
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# Auslan



*We have been signing and discussing all the different ways our community celebrates.*



*We have been learning the different signs for celebrations in Auslan.*



*We have also been reflecting on our learning for the year. Talking about the importance of inclusion and why it is so important that we are learning Auslan.*



# Music

Congratulations to the amazing **F-2 Choir** and **3-6 Choir** for their fabulous singing and beautiful performances this term!



We've had a great term!



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# Music



Thanks  
for all  
your  
learning!





**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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**A Glimpse of Week 9 & 10**

As Holidays is around the corner, together with children we decided to start decorating and celebrating the upcoming holidays at TheirCare. Children enjoyed participating in wide variety of arts and crafts in Festive season week, and many Christmas related activities in Santa's workshop week. This gave them an opportunity to express themselves empowering them to have a voice in their community. We also enjoyed beautiful sunny days playing some fun outdoor games. We cannot wait to see you all at the Holiday Program.

**What's Next?**

- Christmas around the world
- Happy Holidays

**We will be operating on pupil free days:  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December &  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December!**

**IMPORTANT**


**Bookings are essential prior to attendance. We cannot guarantee a place for your children without bookings.**

Visit  
[theircare.com.au](http://theircare.com.au) for bookings.



**Snacks served this week:**

- Summer sandwiches, tomato pasta, Nacho bowls, Fairy bread, Rice cakes & dips, Cheese & tomato toasties

- Fresh fruits & vegetables served with 

  
**Our Team:**



**Antonios**



**Ellie**



**Nelly**

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**Sessions:**

Before School: 7:00am – 9:00am  
After School: 3:30pm – 6:00pm



"Visit the Islamic Museum of Australia this coming end of year school holiday for a summer packed with activities, from painting to making your own camera to indulging in aromatic coffee flavours.

Click on the link for details

[Summer School Holiday Program 2023 - 2024 - Islamic Museum of Australia](#)



# JOIN WITH FRIENDS PLAY TOGETHER

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

For girls aged 5-10

Darebin Falcons Women's Sports Club

Sundays 11am-12pm

8 weeks

26 November, 3, 10, 17 December, 4, 11, 18, 25 February

AH Capp Reserve, Halwyn Crescent, Preston

Registration: \$98

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