

# **RESERVOIR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER No. 1**

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2022**



### **Welcome everyone**

Welcome to our returning families and those who are new to Reservoir Primary. I trust you all had a lovely break, and your children are ready for the school year ahead. The students seemed very happy to be back at school with their friends again. The dreaded COVID is still around out there, so we just need to be careful. Please use the RAT's regularly (twice a week) and let the school know if there is a positive test result. Staff will be doing the same – and it's a preventative measure for those who are asymptomatic.

### **Here is our structure for 2022**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>ROOM</b>	<b>TEACHER/S</b>
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Ms Jenna Montile</b>
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Ms Rebecca Moon</b>
<b>Years 1 / 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>	<b>Ms Courtney Baker / Mrs Penny Grbevski</b>
<b>Years 1 / 2</b>	<b>Group 4</b>	<b>Ms Maria Mirasgentis</b>
<b>Years 1 / 2</b>	<b>Group 9</b>	<b>Mrs Elizabeth Bogdanovski</b>
<b>Years 1 / 2</b>	<b>Group 10</b>	<b>Ms Esin Dincer</b>
<b>Years 3 / 4</b>	<b>Group 5</b>	<b>Ms Angela Gregorc</b>
<b>Years 3 / 4</b>	<b>Group 6</b>	<b>Mrs Tammy Angelevski</b>
<b>Years 3 / 4</b>	<b>Group 7</b>	<b>Mr Maurice Ryan</b>
<b>Years 5 / 6</b>	<b>Group 12</b>	<b>Mr Robbie Di Marco</b>
<b>Years 5 / 6</b>	<b>Group 13</b>	<b>Ms Steevi-Anne Flack</b>
<b>Years 5 / 6</b>	<b>Group 14</b>	<b>Mrs Luisa Macheda</b>
		<b>Ms Hannah Gilbert (Group 14 for 2 weeks)</b>

<b>SPECIALIST TEACHERS</b>
<b>Art: Mrs Sonia Boots</b>
<b>Phys. Ed:</b>
<b>Mr James Cosgriff</b>
<b>LOTE – Auslan</b>
<b>Mrs Penny Grant</b>
<b>Business Manager</b>
<b>Melissa Southern</b>
<b>Office Support</b>
<b>Laura Gillon</b>
<b>Education Support</b>
<b>Gaye Clark</b>
<b>Amanda Harrison</b>
<b>Janelle Mahoney</b>

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The School Photos will take place on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Envelopes will be sent home with the children as soon as they arrive, so you are able to select your pack and pre-order photos. More instructions will be sent once we receive the envelopes.

### **OUR BUILDING WORKS**

On returning to school, you will have noticed some real changes.

First of all, our gym is nearing completion. The site manager is hoping to remove their fence on 28<sup>th</sup> February – so not long to wait now until we can get inside and see the fantastic job the builders have done.

I went in today to see the newly laid timber floor - beautiful Tasmanian Oak and it looks fantastic!

The floor now needs markings and coats to protect it. There is some concreting around the building to be completed.



**NOT  
LONG  
NOW**

But at the other side of the school, Buxton Building company has begun the works involved in the building of a brand new two storey STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) building, and Music pavilion. Over the last week, buildings have been moved around the grounds to allow easy access for the builders. **The future is so exciting! Here are architects' drawings of our wonderful STEAM Centre and Music Pavilion.**



**LOOK  
WHAT'S  
HAPPENING!**



So we have wonderful new facilities to look forward to. Currently the works going on has meant a few changes – all totally manageable to achieve a fantastic outcome for the Reservoir Primary School community.



The multi-purpose room is now sitting on the oval in the back corner waiting to be taken away.



Our Art Space has been moved to a new corner.



Our storage container and the toilet block have been relocated



The new building company has moved their site shed into place.



8 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming starts for Years 3 & 4	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Swimming - Years 3 & 4
9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Swimming - Years 3 & 4
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming - Years 3 & 4	7 <sup>th</sup> March	SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming - Years 3 & 4	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming - Years 3 & 4
16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming - Years 3 & 4
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming - Years 3 & 4	14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Labour Day – Public Holiday No School for students</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Athletics Carnival at Edwardes Lake Park – Years 3-6	15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>CURRICULUM DAY No School for students</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> February	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm	18 <sup>th</sup> March	District Athletics at Meadowglen Athletic Track
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Swimming - Years 3 & 4	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 5 students visit Reservoir High
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Last Day of Term 1 School Finishes – 2:30pm</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming - Years 3 & 4		

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS	2022 TERM DATES
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> May Year 3/4 Lake Dewar Camp	Term 2: 26 <sup>th</sup> April – 24 <sup>th</sup> June
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> June Year 5/6 Anglesea Camp	Term 3: 11 <sup>th</sup> July – 16 <sup>th</sup> September
	Term 4: 3 <sup>rd</sup> October – 20 <sup>th</sup> December

### **INFORMATION SESSIONS:**

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, we will be unable to present our Information Sessions. Instead, teachers will prepare relevant information for you in the coming weeks. Once we have it all together, this will be posted out to you all on Compass.

Of course, we always welcome your input, and Compass provides a very easy way of emailing your child's teacher (available through Web Browser not the app). That is by far the best way to get in touch in the current environment.

### **PARKING**

**At every school in the state there are parking issues around schools at pick up and drop off times.**

In recent days we have witnessed parents trying to do some silly and unsafe things, such as parking in private driveways, trying to do a U-turn with cars parked on both sides of the street, dropping kids off in the middle of the street and parking across driveways of neighbouring homes.

### **PLEASE!**

**Allow time to park correctly (even if it's a little further away).** If your child gets out of the car on the south side of Barton Street it doesn't take long to walk up to use the crossing. **One child was almost hit by a car whilst trying to take a short cut across the road – it is far too busy and VERY UNSAFE!**

**Maybe U-turns should not be undertaken at all: if you drive off in the same direction, it's not a long trip around the block!**

### **Updated Information**

*In the first few weeks, teachers will be talking with your children about ongoing policies and practices, so I thought it wise to keep you informed and remind you also; that way you will understand exactly what your children are telling you.*

*The information your teachers will send to you will have more details about classroom learning. But the following are general school procedures that are important for you to know.*

### **UNIFORMS**

Our school uniforms can be purchased at the main office between 8:30am – 9:30am Monday to Friday.

### **Timetable**

*Gates will be open at 8:45 every morning.*

*Students can play in the grounds until the bell rings at 8:55; music will then be played for five minutes. This is the time when they move into their classrooms. The final bell will ring at 9:00 by which time students should be in their classrooms ready to start their learning.*

*Students can access only two gates at the moment: the new one in Barton Street down near the playground equipment, and opposite that in O'Connor Street. When the Gym is finished, there will be a new gate in O'Connor Street adjacent to the gym building.*

*All students are dismissed at 3:30pm – when the bell goes.*

**It is very important that your child knows which gate to meet you at.**

**If you need to collect your child during school time for an appointment, there are two times that we ask you to do so:**

**11:00am - (before they go outside in the yard)**

**AND 2:00pm - (again, before they go outside).**

**It is extremely disruptive to take a child from class during teaching times. Thank you for understanding.**

### **Our School Day**

<b>8:55am</b>	<b>Students go into their classroom and prepare for their learning</b>
<b>9:00am - 11:00am</b>	<b>Teaching and learning programs begin</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Time to eat in the classrooms</b>
<b>11:10am – 11:50am</b>	<b>Students go outside and enjoy their Morning Break</b>
<b>11:50am – 1:50pm</b>	<b>Teaching and learning continues</b>
<b>1:50pm</b>	<b>Time to eat in class</b>
<b>2:00pm – 2:30pm</b>	<b>Students go outside and enjoy their Afternoon Break</b>
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Teaching and learning continues</b>
<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>

### **Water**

We are a “**water only**” school! School Council agreed a number of years ago that other drinks are unsuitable to bring to school: milk or yoghurt-based drinks are unsafe to keep out of a fridge for a period of time and fruit based drinks and cordials are full of sugar (either natural or added). Both cause problems after those little spills too! Therefore, water is the best, and Melbourne water is probably the best you can get anywhere.

**Water bottles** are compulsory, and **our school bottles** are provided to new students who receive one on arrival. You can take them home to clean, rinse out or even freeze overnight; but they can only contain water and they must be at school every day. If your child needs a new bottle, they are available at the office for \$4.00. New lids are available on request free of charge. **The bottles we provide are safe for regular use (BPA free).**

### **Healthy food**

It is very important for all children to eat healthy food. When we have our Morning Break, time is allowed at 11:00am to eat; then at 1:50pm the children eat the remainder of their food prior to going outside for their Afternoon Break. Teachers encourage students to eat as much as they wish at Morning Break, realising that they should leave something for the Afternoon break. Clearly a small snack is not going to be enough to last many students till 1:50pm.

When you organise school lunches for your children, please consider the health value as well as the appropriateness of what they bring to school:

- Meats and yoghurts are always risky and are not recommended, particularly in warmer weather.
- Consider also those processed snacks you might include such as packets of chips; I know it's easy to pop them in, but they have absolutely no health value at all and will not sustain your child throughout the day; definitely not brain food!
- Fruit is always a great option as are those vegetables that are easy to eat such as carrot, celery, tomatoes and cucumbers.
- **Lollies are discouraged;** kids come to school to learn. We know that children cannot concentrate after a handful of “red lollies”. The colouring and sugar in lollies is not helpful in providing the necessary attentiveness.

**REMINDER:** *we do not ban many things, but one exception is all chewing or bubble gum. Students should not come to school already chewing it, and certainly not bring any in their bags.*

**CELEBRATIONS:** *I realise that some children like to share their celebrations - particularly their birthdays. However: **we cannot allow food of any type to be given to other students.** So please do not send cakes, lolly bags etc. when it is your child's birthday. If you do, we will have to send them home again. Teachers will acknowledge your child's birthday in their classroom, and that's all we need to do at school. If you want to celebrate in a "bigger" way, that needs to be done outside of school.*

Students **should not have mobile phones/smart watches** at school. If there is a specific reason why you feel your child needs to bring a phone/smart watch, you need to speak to Connie Williams or myself. If we agree that the phones can come to school, they must be brought to the office in the mornings. WE will keep them safe during the day and they can be collected at 3:30 before the students goes home.

**ABSENCES:** *It is a Department of Education regulation to inform us if your child is absent from school, and "unauthorised" absences are not ideal from anyone's point of view. If you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or someone at the office. All parents will be able to access Compass on either a computer, iPad, or smart-phone to record absences for their children; this will be available as soon as you receive your individual logins. Please do so – preferably on the morning of their absence.*

**SUBWAY LUNCHES** start this week. For new families to the school: Order forms are available in your children's classroom and attached to the Newsletter. The **order needs to be completed clearly and placed in one of our envelopes with the CORRECT money.** This order then needs to be brought to school on **Thursday morning and given to the class teacher.** But the actual lunch is for **FRIDAY** – it will be delivered to their classrooms at 11:00 **Please find attached the Subway order form for 2022.**

### **SCHOOL ENVELOPES**

The school has envelopes that are handy to use if your child needs to bring any notes or money to school. There is room for name and Group (always a good idea to identify if it's dropped). These envelopes are ideal for Subway orders on Fridays too.



**[Reservoir Primary School is on Facebook.](#)**

Please 'Like', 'Follow' and 'Share' us on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/reservoirprimaryschool> and watch out for our upcoming Instagram page.

## NOTES TO SIGN

There is information and some permissions we need to provide for you all at the beginning of the school year. The first two will be paper copies, as we do need to keep them until the end of the year.

**The first is a note, which includes permission for local excursions throughout the year.** These excursions only involve walking – no other means of transport. A class teacher can take the class within walking distance to enhance their teaching program.

In the past, some examples have included a visit to the supermarket, school crossing instruction, a trip to the post office to post a letter and to the Darebin Library to join as a member or just enjoy some of their amazing resources.

We like to have this note signed at the start of a year so we don't have to distribute and chase up notes at the last minute before a small excursion.

**The second note is to seek your permission to take photos and/or videos for use around the school and/or in our newsletters and in some cases on school promotion materials and/or social media.**

There are a couple of options with this note:

\*\* You can give permission for photos just to be used at school – locally

AND / OR

\*\*You can give permission for them to be added to our newsletter.

None of these photos will have full names attached – maybe first names and group number only

We aim to promote our school in local places such as pre-schools and child-care centres, so be aware that photos that you agree to for the newsletter may be used for this purpose. Some of this material may also be used on social platforms/media.

There is also an agreement that is required for you to understand and discuss with your child in agreeing to use information technology appropriately, in line with teacher instruction.

## STUDENT AWARDS:

We shall present Student of the Week awards each week. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold assembly in our multi-purpose room at this stage. Young Leaders are already assisting in the presentation of our assembly – over our speaker system.

**All updates and notices will be posted on COMPASS .... SO** if you are having trouble accessing COMPASS, please come and see Connie Williams or the office staff.

Some people access emails regularly, but if you don't there is another easy option.

Download the Compass app. onto your phone and set it to receive notifications, and you will always have the latest information.

In a Covid environment, it is even more important that you keep up with any events that may happen. We will have to ask all students in a class to test for Covid if we are notified of a positive case in their class. All this information will be sent out on Compass

**I want to congratulate everyone on a wonderfully smooth start to 2022.**

**Given the community situation, and the works going on in our school grounds, we're managing very well.**



Principal

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with **Student of the Week** awards at Assembly on the **4<sup>th</sup> of February 2022**:

**Group 1: Joh S**

**Group 2: Zoe E**

**Group 3: Everyone for settling in well to school.**

**Group 4: Everyone for settling in well to school**

**Group 5: Stacey P**

**Group 6: Ita G**

**Group 7: Mila V**

**Group 9: Everyone for settling in well to school.**

**Group 10: Everyone for settling in well to school**

**Group 12: Ezra S**

**Group 13: Sachi W**

**Group 14: Malik D**

Congratulations to the following students, who were presented with **Achievement** awards on the **4<sup>th</sup> of February 2022**:

**Group 1: Pippa G**

**Group 2: Levi L**

**Group 3: Jem G-C**

**Group 4: Jake L**

**Group 5: Alessia A**

**Group 6: Charlotte M**

**Group 7: Deagan D**

**Group 9: Eli D**

**Group 10: Abdorahman H**

**Group 12: Maicie U**

**Group 13: Joanna D**

**Group 14: Fatimah A**

**'You Can Do It' Award** is presented to **Group 13**: For almost everyone getting an 'E for Everything' and getting along brilliantly in P.E. week one.



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)





# SUBWAY LUNCH ORDER FORM 2022

- Subway lunches are available **FRIDAYS ONLY**.
- All orders MUST be in **THURSDAY morning**. **No late orders will be accepted.**
- Place completed **ORDER FORM** and **CORRECT CHANGE** (no change will be given) in envelope and return to classroom teacher **Thursday morning**.
- Separate orders are required for each child.

**STUDENT FULL NAME** ..... **GROUP** .....

- **Indicate which "Sub" and "Salads" with ✓**

<b><u>SUBS</u></b>		
	Six inch: Vegetarian Delight	\$4.70
	Six inch: Ham	\$6.00
	Six inch: Chicken Pieces	\$7.50
	Six inch: Roast Beef	\$6.70
	Six inch: BMT (Salami & Ham)	\$6.60
	Six inch: Turkey	\$7.00
	Four inch: Ham	\$5.00
	Four inch: Turkey	\$5.50
	Four inch: Roast Beef	\$5.00
	Four inch: Chicken Pieces	\$6.00
	Cookie	\$1.20
	<b>Total Money Enclosed</b>	<b>\$</b>

<b><u>SALADS</u></b>	
	Cheese
	Lettuce
	Tomato
	Cucumber
	Carrot
	Salt/Pepper
	Mayonnaise

\* Please note that Subway do not put butter on their rolls  
 \* Only listed subs are available through School Lunch Orders. If you wish to purchase outside this list you must do this through Subway directly and then deliver to the school office.