



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



YEAR 3/4 STUDENTS SPORTING HOUSE COLOURS FOR RPS ATHLETICS DAY!

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### How time flies!

Hello again everyone,  
Somehow five weeks of school have slipped by. How time flies when we're busy! It has been terrific to welcome parents into our assemblies on Fridays – if you're not too busy please call in and join us.

### Physical Education Update

I would like to introduce you all to a new teacher, **Lauren Bastone**. Lauren will only be with us for a short time as she is replacing **James Cosgriff** who is currently on Parental Leave. Lauren has picked up exactly where James left off .... having the athletics at Edwardes Lake and now working on skill acquisition for the senior students in preparation for winter sports in Term 2. I know she is also enjoying the younger classes in their Physical Education lessons. Welcome Lauren.

We have just heard that **James** has become the proud father of a little girl, we all pass on our best wishes to James and his wife Jess.

### School Council

As you would have seen, there are four vacancies on School Council for parents. Please consider this, as it is an important way of understanding how our school operates and becoming a part of the decision-making team.

Nomination forms are available at the office if you didn't download one from my Compass post last week. Generally there are at least two meetings each term, held on Monday evenings.

### Community Night - Wednesday 6th March

I do hope to see you and your families on Wednesday 6th March (only five sleeps away).

It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet new members of our school community and just enjoy the time here with your children.

There will be the usual jumping castles, but please bring your own picnic and enjoy the couple of hours in a warm Reservoir Primary environment.

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Reservoir Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn, work and play. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



# PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

## Literacy Intervention Program

We are embarking on an exciting new Intervention program for Literacy this year. Since the Covid lockdowns, we haven't been able to individually target senior year students who require intervention and additional support. All our resources went into the junior years in the past – extremely beneficial with terrific outcomes for so many.

Luisa Macheda is our English Learning Specialist, but she has taken leave for 2024. However, such was her excitement about this initiative, she agreed to come back on a part time basis to establish the intervention program and get it running smoothly. She has already begun the program by assessing students to establish their needs in literacy skills (mainly reading). We will be in contact with you if your child becomes a part of this program.

## Young Leaders 2024

Today our 2024 Young Leaders were presented to assembly. These fourteen young people will be working with **Sonia Boots** this year on many aspects which will showcase and develop further their leadership qualities. Class representatives are listed here:

- 5 / 6A Sienna and Siddhant
- 5 / 60A Aaliyah and Sayeed
- 5 / 6D Erica and William
- 3 / 4A Jem and Vivian
- 3 / 4S Lev and Lotte
- 3 / 4B Nora and Otto
- 3 / 4T Dana and Sianna



# YOUNG LEADERS 2024



**Helen Miller**  
Principal

# THANK YOU!

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# RESERVOIR PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

## TERM ONE

29 January - 28 March

# 2024



WEEK 6	Wednesday 6th March	Swimming - Year 3/4 Community Night (5-7pm)
	Thursday 7th March	Swimming - Year 3/4
WEEK 7	Monday 11th March	<b>Labour Day (Public Holiday) - No School</b> Ramadan
	Wednesday 13th March	NAPLAN Begins Swimming - Year 3/4
	Thursday 14th March	Swimming - Year 3/4
WEEK 8 <i>Neurodiversity Week</i>	Wednesday 20th March	Swimming - Year 3/4
	Thursday 21st March	Harmony Day Swimming - Year 3/4
	Friday 22nd March	Ride 2 School Day Wellbeing Incursion - Year 3/4
WEEK 9	Tuesday 26th March	Water Incursion - Year 1/2
	Wednesday 27th March	Interschool Athletics Day - Meadowglen
	Thursday 28th March	<b>Last Day of Term 1 - Early Finish 2.30pm</b>



# YEAR 1 NEWS

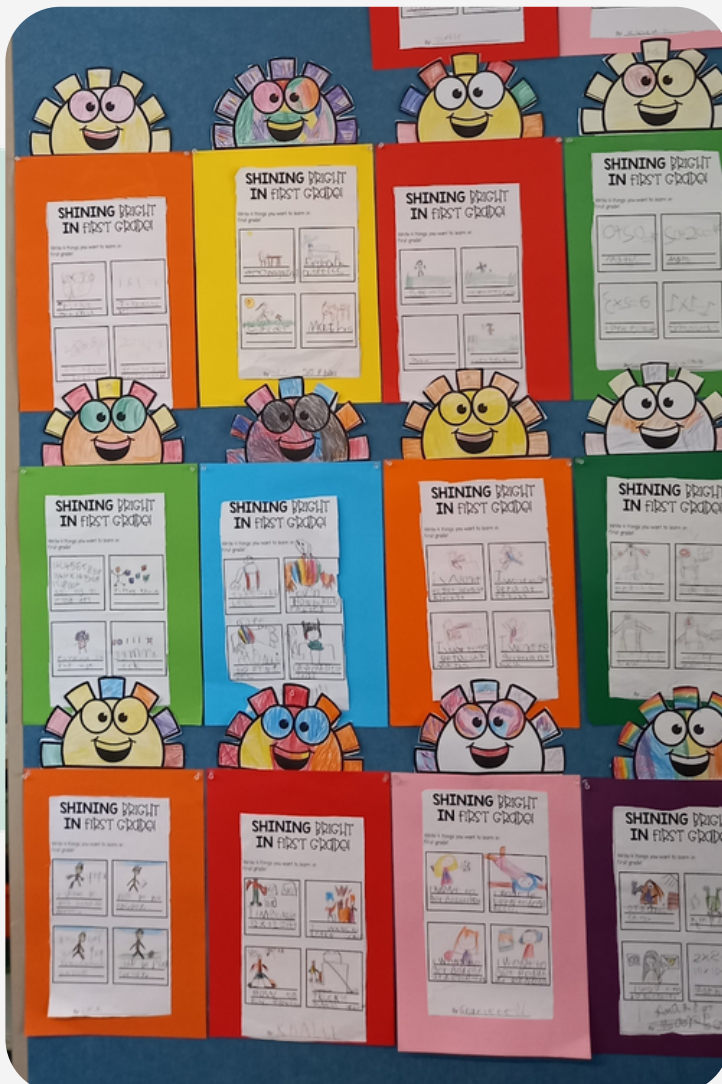
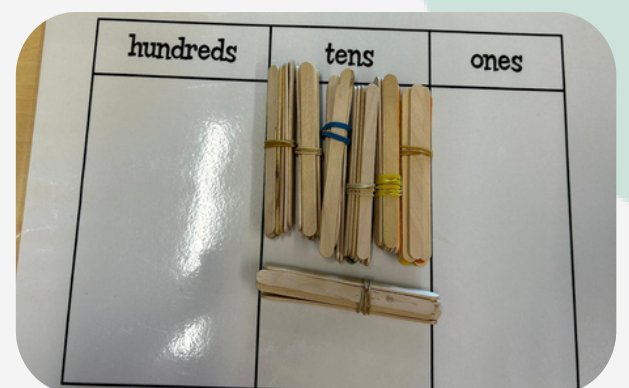
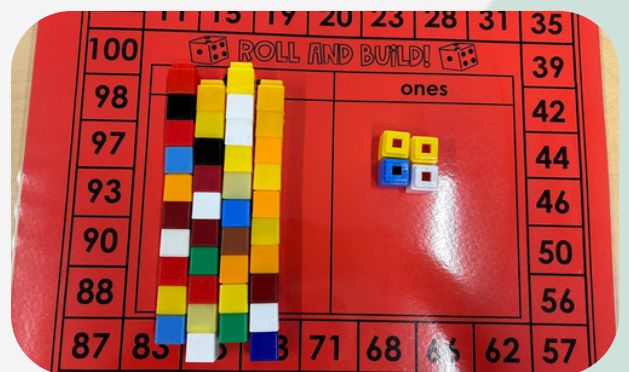
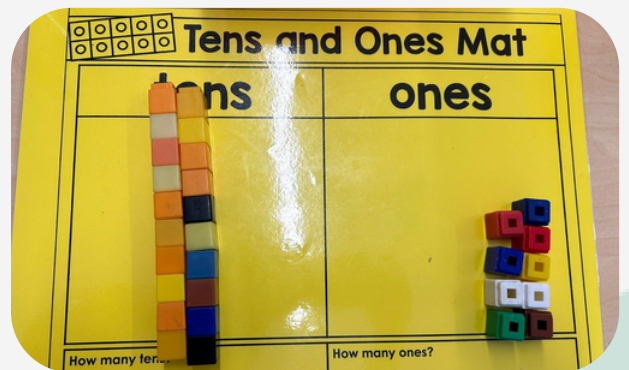
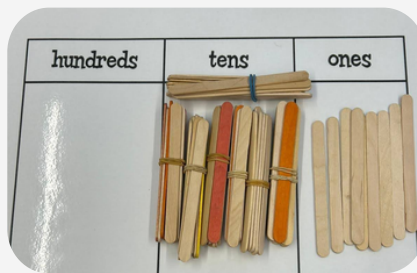
## Fun in Year 1!

In Humanities, the year 1 students have been learning about 'What Makes A Good Friend'.

We have also been talking about student voice and they have been telling us what they would like to learn this year in Year 1.

Maths has been really exciting. Students have been using hands-on materials to explore place value.

We have lots of mathematicians!



# Grade

# Two

# MATHEMATICIANS

All about  
length!

Length is one of the most common measurements – it is used almost every day. It can tell you how far away the nearest town is, the width of a fridge or your height.

Measuring length was our focus this week for Maths.

Students had great fun moving around our spaces measuring different things. We chose appropriate informal units to measure the length of various objects such as streamers, craft sticks, unifix cubes, blocks, beanbags, tubs, counters and handprints.

There was lots of discussion throughout the sessions each day. We like to call it 'Math talk': length, longer than, shorter than, paces, metre, measure, compare, baseline and choosing measuring units.

At the end of each session students demonstrated their findings and answered many questions, for example:

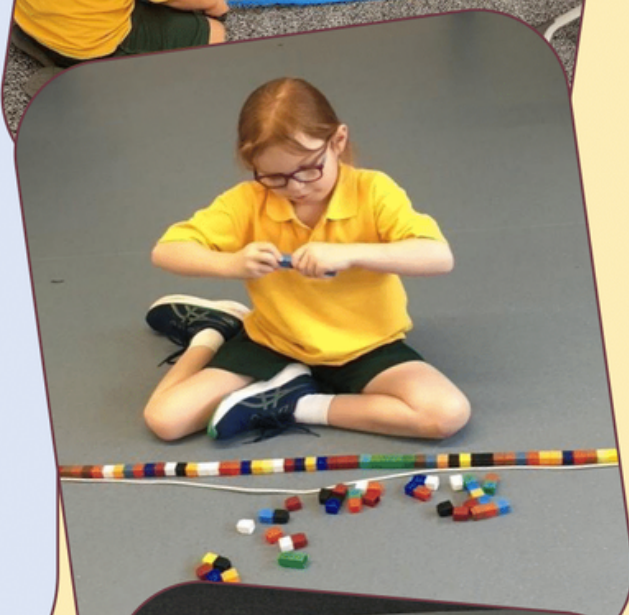
“How did you make sure your measurements were accurate?”

“Why is there a difference in their measurements?”

“Why did the same beanbag travel different distances on different times?”

Encourage your child to choose their own measuring units at home and have fun discovering the learning that takes place when measuring length.

Erin and Maria



# RPS ATHLETICS DAY

The Reservoir Primary School Athletics Carnival continues to be a great success with children enjoying a range of events.

It was wonderful to see everyone being so active, having a go at all events and supporting each other. There were lots of smiles and it was great to see everyone involved and having fun.

Thank you to all the Staff for their hard work to make it a successful and enjoyable experience, especially Mr. Di Marco and Lauren Bastone (P.E. teacher) for getting there early and setting up to make sure everything ran smoothly. Also, thanks to Mr. James for his organisation before the event.

It was also great to see lots of Parents/Carers there too, cheering on, supporting, and encouraging their children.

The results have been tallied and we have a new House Champion this year:

- 4th Place: Blue House
- 3rd Place: Red House
- 2nd Place: Yellow House
- 1st Place: Green House

Congratulations Green house and well done to everyone on a fantastic effort!



## CONGRATULATIONS GREEN HOUSE! HOUSE CHAMPIONS 2024



# STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with  
**Achievement Awards!**

## **Week 3** **16th February 2024**

Prep M Jordyn D  
Prep B Logan A  
Prep C Nicolas A  
1 S Zinzi M  
1 G Stefan D  
2 H Jack M  
2 M Maria M  
3/4 A Angela G  
3/4 S Bruce R  
3/4 B Abigail P  
3/4 T Jayden Y  
5/6 A Jovia D  
5/6 OA Leah F  
5/6 D Stevie R & Layla L



## **Week 4** **23rd February 2024**

Prep M April B  
Prep B Hafsa M  
Prep C Maisara B  
1 S Mabel F  
1 G Miles J-W  
2 H Anika H  
2 M Reuben E

## **Week 5** **1st March 2024**

Prep M Edith C  
Prep B Ralph T  
Prep C Tyson A  
1 S Felix C  
1 G Scarlett W  
2 H Mohammed A  
2 M Shaden G  
3/4 A Gwyneth N & Donna D  
3/4 S Salman A & Roshi N  
3/4 B Rola A & Hamish M  
3/4 T Khaya M & Holly R  
5/6 A Isaac K & Ita G  
5/6 OA Veronica N & Tia S  
5/6 D Eli P & William L

# 'YOU CAN DO IT' AWARD

Congratulations to the following classes on receiving  
the **'You Can Do It' Award Key**  
for *Getting Along* or *Organisation!*

## **Week 3** **16th February 2024** **Year 5/6 D**

For sharing excellent information when learning about a new artist and for listening to each other respectfully during class.

## **Week 4** **23rd February 2024** **Year 2 M**

For their cooperation and helpfulness during our Auslan lesson this week. Thank you for respecting and taking care of our Auslan classroom.



## **Week 5** **1st March 2024** **Year 3/4 A**

For being respectful and showing what it means to be working as a team throughout their P.E. lessons.

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