



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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ENJOYING THE RPS COMMUNITY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Community Night

Hello again everyone,



What a terrific evening it was at our community get together; the weather was perfect and families took advantage of being able to enjoy themselves on the grass (see [page 4](#) for more photos).

### Occupational Therapy Students

We welcome four students from LaTrobe University here each Thursday.

They are second year Occupational Therapy students who are working as a component of a subject; reaching out in different type of communities – all of which they may find themselves working in the future.

They are joining in classroom programs and being a great help.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN is underway and will continue into early next week. Year three and year five students are involved. With only two more weeks of term, time has flown.

### Swimming & Athletics

We still have the swimming program to complete and the District Athletics are also to be held on Wednesday 27th March.

### Term Two

Teachers will be planning next week in preparation of the term two's educational program.

DON'T FORGET we have a **pupil free day** at the end of the second week of term two – Friday 26th April (the day after ANZAC Day). Please see [page 3](#) for the full Term 2 calendar.

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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.



# LOCAL SPORTS



## PRESTON RESERVOIR LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Family – Fun – Fitness

If you are interested in joining some of our current RPS students in local sports organisations, click the below links for further information:

Preston Reservoir Little Athletics  
<http://www.prestonreservoirlac.com.au/>

Northern Panthers Rugby  
<https://xplorer.rugby/northern-panthers>

**JUNIOR PRESZN 24**

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME  
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT 6PM  
C H SULLIVAN MEMORIAL PARK  
1 BLAKE STREET, RESERVOIR 3073

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# TERM 1 CALENDAR 29th January - 28th March 2024



<b>WEEK 8</b> <b>Cultural</b> <b>Diversity Week</b> <b>&amp;</b> <b>Neurodiversity</b> <b>Week</b>	Monday 18th March	School Council Meeting
	Wednesday 20th March	Swimming - Year 3/4
	Thursday 21st March	Harmony Day Swimming - Year 3/4
	Friday 22nd March	Ride 2 School Day 'Mind and Body' Wellbeing Incursion - Year 3/4
<b>WEEK 9</b>	Tuesday 26th March	Water Incursion - Year 1/2
	Wednesday 27th March	Interschool Athletics Day - Meadowglen
	Thursday 28th March	Good Friday Appeal - Casual Clothes Day! Last Day of Term 1 - Early Finish 2.30pm

# TERM 2 CALENDAR 15th April - 28th June 2024



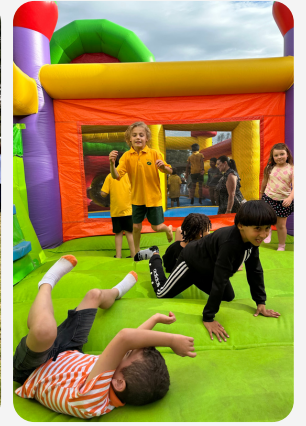
<b>WEEK 1</b>	Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th April	Lake Dewar Camp - Year 3/4
	Thursday 18th April	R U OK Day
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Monday 22nd April	'New' School Council Meeting
	Thursday 25th April	<b>ANZAC Day Public Holiday - No School</b>
	Friday 26th April	<b>Pupil Free Day - No School</b>
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd May	Camp Wyuna - Year 5/6
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Monday 6th May	Firefighter Visit - Prep
	Wednesday 8th May	District Cross Country
	Friday 10th May	Interschool Sports Begins - Year 5/6
	Sunday 12th May	Mother's Day
<b>WEEK 5</b> <i>Education Week</i>	Monday 13th May	Firefighter Visit - Prep
<b>WEEK 6</b>	Friday 24th May	National Sorry Day
<b>WEEK 7</b> <i>National Reconciliation Week</i>	Thursday 30th May	Divisional Cross Country
<b>WEEK 8</b>	Wednesday 5th June	World Environment Day
<b>WEEK 9</b>	Monday 10th June	<b>King's Birthday Public Holiday - No School</b>
	Tuesday 11th June	<b>Pupil Free Day - No School</b>
<b>WEEK 10</b>	Wednesday 19th June	Ride 2 School Day
<b>WEEK 11</b>	Wednesday 26th June	<b>Report Day - No School</b>
	Friday 28th June	<b>Last Day of Term 2 - Early Finish 2.30pm</b>

# COMMUNITY NIGHT ✨

Thank you to all families who attended the *Reservoir Primary School Community Night* held on Wednesday 6th March 2024.

Along with BYO picnics, icy summer treats were popular on such a warm evening and perfect to cool off between turns on the jumping castles! There was a line a mile long for the ice cream truck, and the coffee van complete with snacks, refreshing slushies and delicious jam donuts was a big hit too.

The turnout for this social event was fantastic and it was wonderful to see so many of our RPS staff, families, and students (past and present) socialising together as a community. Here are some photos of all the fun we had!



# What's happening in Auslan

## Term 1



## Welcome to the Auslan room!

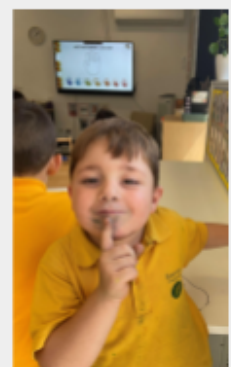
It has been so exciting now that our building program is complete, to set up and settle into a beautiful new Auslan room. Our room is a hive of activity as we learn through visual activities, hands on tasks, stories, games and puzzles. You are welcome to pop in for a visit before or after school!



## Junior School

### Foundation Fun!

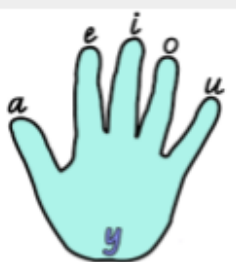
The newest students in our school have loved learning all about what Auslan is, and who uses it. We have enjoyed stories, songs, games and hands on activities while learning to sign all the colours of the rainbow! Can your Prep student sign to you the song "I Can Sing A Rainbow"? Check out these pictures of our clever Foundation students learning their colour signs!



# Junior School

In **Grade 1** this term we are learning to confidently identify our left and right hands, recognise the vowel signs, and sign our numbers 1-10. We have begun looking at stories in sign and we are beginning to discuss the facial expressions and body language used by signers when telling a story.

The **Grade 2** students begin every lesson by signing an acknowledgement of country. In Grade 2 the focus this term is on *receptive language*; watching someone sign and recognising what is being signed. We practise signing each others names, some of our spelling sight words, and numbers. These pictures show some of our Grade 2 students asking each other 'how old are you?'

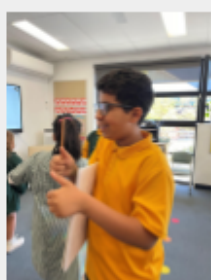
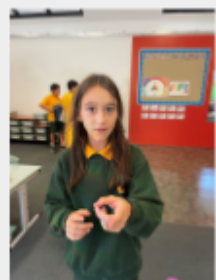


# Middle School

This term the **Grade 3/4** students are learning to rely on their signing and switch off their voices. We are practising this by playing games and asking each other questions. The students are learning to sign days of the week, seasons, months and useful words like 'today', 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow'. The Grade 3/4s are also watching signed stories without a translation and working on understanding what is being signed.



# Senior School



In **Grade 5/6** we began our term by discussing the languages represented in our school. We are diverse! The Grade 5/6 students are now competently signing basic vocab, letters and numbers. They are gaining mastery in their fingerspelling and beginning to learn to sign times on the clock.

Contact me anytime at [penelope.grant2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:penelope.grant2@education.vic.gov.au)  
I'd love your feedback, questions and ideas!

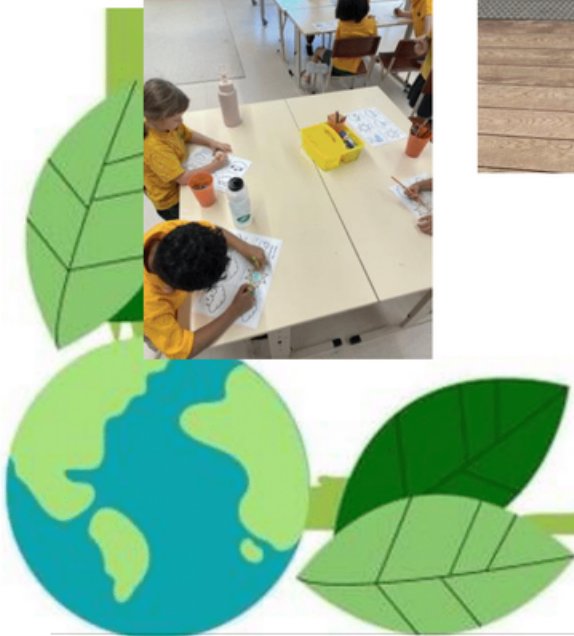
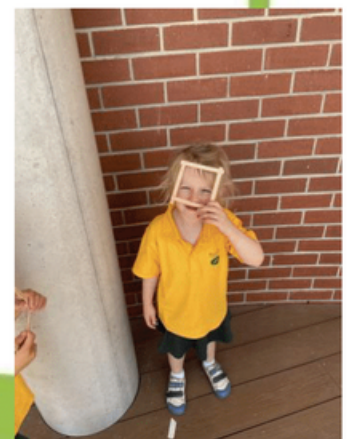


# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN STEM?

Students have worked hard during the first half of this term learning all about weather and natural disasters including floods, earthquakes and cyclones. While Foundation students will continue exploring weather through hands-on experiences, students in years 1-6 have begun designing and engineering their projects. Take a look at their fantastic progress so far!

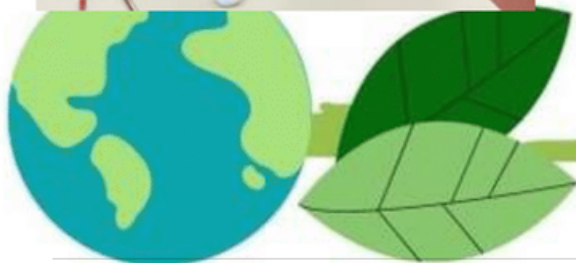
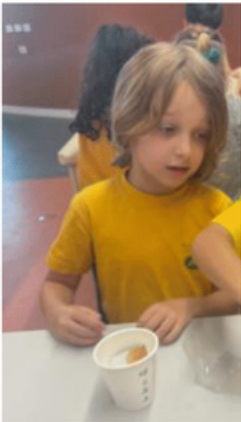


## Foundation



# ENGINEERING A WATER RESISTANT AND FLOOD PROOF STRUCTURE

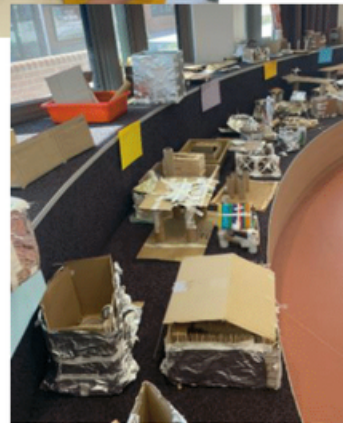
Years 1 & 2





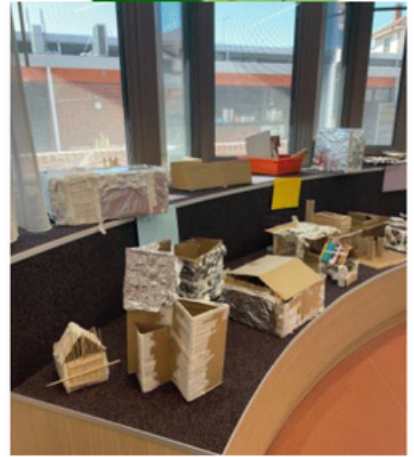
# ENGINEERING AN EARTHQUAKE PROOF STRUCTURE

Years 3 & 4



# ENGINEERING A CYCLONE PROOF STRUCTURE

Years 5 & 6



# STUDENT AWARDS

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

## **Week 6** **8th March 2024**

Prep M Jack F  
Prep B Henry B  
Prep C Ayla P  
1S Sarwin D  
1G Anoushka N  
2H Olive W  
2M Louis L  
3/4 A Hasan R  
3/4 S Ian L  
3/4 B Isabella B  
3/4 T Amaroo A  
5/6 A Rafael V  
5/6 OA Veda C  
5/6 D Shreyasi D



## **Week 7** **15th March 2024**

Prep M Fox S  
Prep B Laine W  
Prep C Radeesh G  
1S Evelyn M  
1G Luca Di-G  
2H Yohanis A  
2M Chiara B  
3/4 A Elliott W  
3/4 S Albaraa A  
3/4 B Thomas H  
3/4 T Grace M  
5/6 A Hailey N  
5/6 OA Amos S  
5/6 D Sophia V

# '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 6** **8th March 2024** **Year 5/6 A**

For excellent teamwork and organisation when working on their cyclone proof structures in STEM. Keep it up!



## **Week 7** **15th March 2024** **Prep M**

For excellent listening skills and making supportive comments during share time in the art room.



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