

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Reservoir Community,

### Thank you to Helen Miller

Helen Miller announced her retirement from the Victorian Education Department last week.

Helen has made an enormous impact on thousands of children across her 35 years at Reservoir Primary, and created a legacy which will be felt for many years to come. In Helen's time as Principal, our school grew in enrolment, changed dramatically in the make up of its children and families, was completely refurbished and re-built, and ushered in new curriculum, new technology and many new programs. Helen has ensured that, year after year, our students meet or exceed literacy and numeracy benchmarks, and through her leadership, ensured our students have the best start to life.

We thank Helen and wish her all the best in her hard earned retirement (I know you hate that word Helen!). The community thanked Helen today at assembly and in classrooms she visited, and we as a staff will formally thank her next term.

### Pyjama Day

Today our Young Leaders hosted Pyjama Day, raising money for 300 blankets, a charity "dedicated to helping homeless young people in Victoria." This initiative was entirely the doing of our Young Leader team, a wonderful example of our values on display. The Young Leaders also organised our Ride to School Day last week with great success.

### Curriculum Day in Term 3

Please note that School Council have approved a Curriculum Day on Friday 6th September. On this day, the staff will engage in the Respectful Relationships program.

### NAIDOC Week (7 -14 July)

Although NAIDOC Week falls on the school holidays, our kids can still engage in this year's theme: 'Keep the Fire Burning: Blak, Loud and Proud.' Here is a link to the educational resources created to support this year's theme: [NAIDOC Week 2024 - Education Resources](#)

### Victorian Government's Announcement on Explicit Instruction

You may have heard in the media that recently the Education Minister, The Hon. Ben Carroll, announced mandates to reading instruction (namely phonics instruction), and reforms to the Victorian Teaching and Learning Model (VTLM). This announcement follows other jurisdictions such as NSW and the Catholic system in Victoria. Reservoir Primary School has a well established phonics program, and we incorporate explicit instruction into our Instructional Model at all ages. We look forward to further refining our practice when new resources are released.

### Reporting Day

Thank you to those families who could make time to meet with teachers regarding Semester One learning and progress. If you haven't already, please make sure you download your child's report, and spend time these holidays sitting with you child reflecting on the Semester.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the community for your warm welcome this term, and hope every member of our community stays warm and safe over the winter break. Thank you for the messages of support for Connie and I as we continue to lead Reservoir Primary School in Term 3, and until the process of appointing the next substantive Principal is complete.

Best wishes,

Carolyn Bamberg | Acting Principal



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.



# TERM 3 CALENDAR

15 July - 20 September



<b>WEEK 1</b>	Monday 15 July	First Day of Term 3
<b>WEEK 3</b> <i>Centenary Week</i>	Tuesday 30 July	100 Days of School - Prep
	Wednesday 31 July	Centenary Activity & Dress Up Day
	Friday 2 August	Centenary Assembly Soiree Principal's Day
	Saturday 3 August	Alumni Celebration (10am-12pm)
<b>WEEK 5</b> <i>National Science Week</i>	Tuesday 13 August	Science Competition Entries Due
	Wednesday 14 August	STEM Incursion - Whole School
	Friday 16 August	National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
<b>WEEK 6</b> <i>Book Week</i>	Monday 19 - Friday 23 August	Book Week Activities
<b>WEEK 7</b>	Friday 30 August	Wear It Purple Day
	Sunday 1 September	Father's Day
<b>WEEK 8</b>	Wednesday 4 September	Police Cyber Safety Sessions
	Friday 6 September	Curriculum Day (No School for Students)
<b>WEEK 9</b>	Thursday 12 September	Ride 2 School Day R U OK Day
	Friday 13 September	Police Cyber Safety Sessions
<b>WEEK 10</b>	Friday 20 September	Last Day of Term 3 - Early Finish (2.30pm)



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## CELEBRATING CENTENARY

1924 - 2024



# RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

*"Dress Up Your Ride" (19 June 2024)*

A big thank you to all who braved the cold weather to show their support for this term's Ride2School Day. The event saw a wonderful turnout, impressive and imaginative displays, and a truly positive atmosphere. Special thanks to our amazing parents and students for participating in the fun!



## AWARDS

Congratulations to the students below who won awards for their amazing dedication to the day!

- Prep Kit
- Year 1 Miles
- Year 2 Tara
- Year 3 Graham
- Year 4 Thien
- Year 5 Isla
- Year 6 Gene



# VISUAL ART PROGRAM

Term 2 Update 2024

## PREP STUDENTS - YAYOI KASUMA

Our talented Prep students have gained valuable insights from studying the life and artistry of Japanese-American artist Yayoi Kusama. We analyzed both 2D and 3D artworks featuring mushrooms, flowers, and pumpkins, and then recreated our own masterpieces using some of Kusama's techniques. Please enjoy these pictures showcasing our completed work.



We learned to identify 2D and 3D shapes in artwork we make and view

We learned to name colours on the colour wheel



## JUNIOR STUDENTS - COMMUNITY

Year 1 and 2 students delved into the theme of "Community" through the exploration of Indigenous Australian artworks depicting Songlines or Dreaming tracks. We studied the artworks Yarrkalpa (Hunting Ground) 2013 and Ngurrara: The Great Sandy Desert Canvas 1997. Key insights included understanding how communities of artists collaboratively create artworks by sharing stories and cultural meanings through depictions of ancestral lands. To apply these learnings, students crafted their own artworks using aerial maps of Reservoir Primary School. Additionally, we explored underground elements and enjoyed creating geodes and gemstones for added fun.



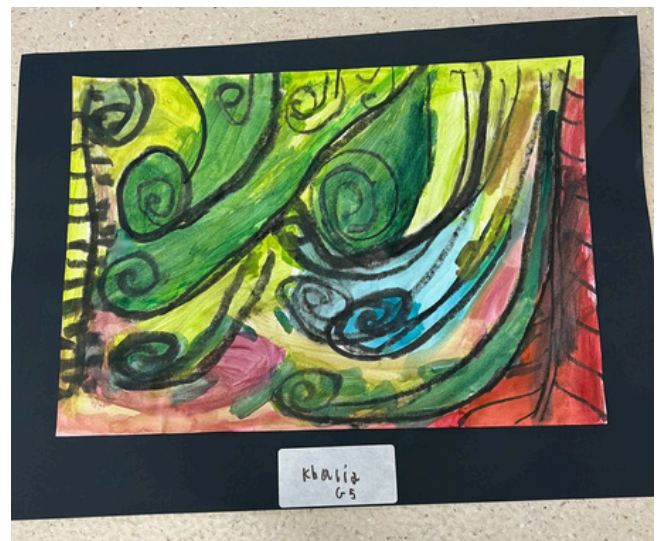
We learned about **analogous** colours and **warm and cool** colour palettes

# MIDDLE STUDENTS - MULTICULTURALISM

Year 3 and 4 students explored cultural artworks from various parts of the world to link to their Humanities theme this term. Students learnt how Japanese artisans hand build Kokeshi dolls to reflect the cultural identity of local children. They studied the cultural significance of the Koru shape from Maori culture then explored Indian mandalas while learnign about symmetry, balance and colour harmony.



By Robert 3/ 4 A



# SENIOR STUDENTS - STEAMPUNK

Senior students explored the contrast between the historical and futuristic elements of Steampunk, connecting the era of machine power with migration to Australia. We examined popular icons and symbols in the Steampunk movement, explored their links to pop culture, and identified distinctive colour schemes and textures from artworks we viewed. Students later utilised recycled materials and various found objects to build their own Steampunk creations.



By Aaliyah 5/6 OA



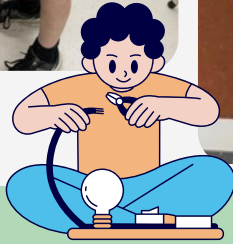
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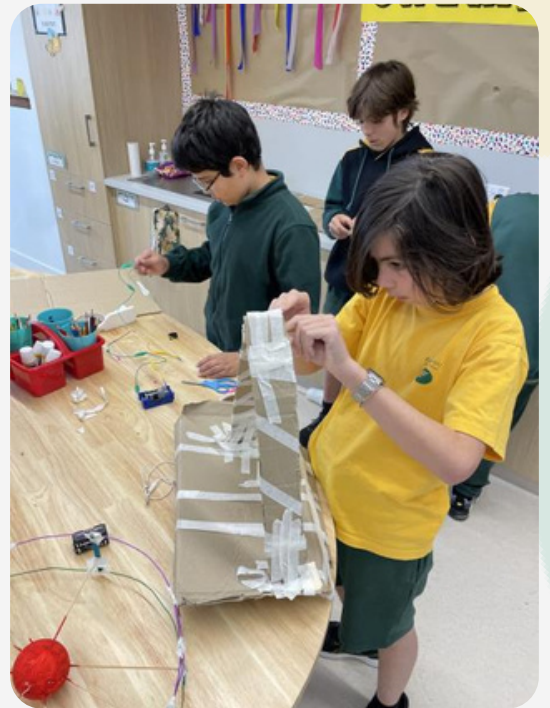
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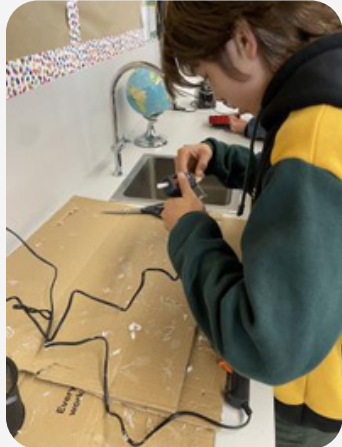
## CREATING CIRCUITS

Students in Years 5 and 6 have had a great time this term creating a working model using light bulbs, buzzers and motors.

Their creativity and effort has been outstanding! Here are some photos of their designs.







## TERM 3 SCIENCE COMPETITION

This year to celebrate National Science Week, we will be holding a special science competition. The theme this year is:  
**Species Survival - More than just sustainability.**

### THE TASK

Imagine you have been asked to help make Reservoir Primary School become a more environmentally friendly and sustainable school. What would you do to help? What is something that you could design, create and implement into our school that will be of benefit to the plants and animals that live in our school environment?

### DUE DATE

Tuesday 13 August 2024

### DETAILS

Check out our Compass post for full competition details including: criteria/rubric, how to present, exciting prizes and more!



# STUDENT AWARDS

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

*Respect - Acceptance - Responsibility - Personal Excellence*

## Week 10

21 June 2024

Prep M Zara E  
Prep B Samrat D  
Prep C Harry A  
1S Wowie E  
1G Jude C  
2H Mason T  
2M Uma D  
3/4 A Jem G-C  
3/4 S Raffif A  
3/4 B Beatrix C-D  
3/4 T Oscar B  
5/6 A Chelsea M  
5/6 OA Sacha S  
5/6 D Oscar C



## Week 11

28 June 2024

Prep M Mihali M  
Prep B Rashen F  
Prep C Zarah L  
1S Arthur L  
1G Sophie P  
2H Joh S  
2M Zanai K  
3/4 A Juke S  
3/4 S Abdorahman H  
3/4 B Abigail P  
3/4 T Dana A  
5/6 A Gene A  
5/6 OA Mayra J  
5/6 D Erica R

# 'YOU CAN DO IT' AWARD

Congratulations to the following classes on receiving  
the 'You Can Do It' Award Key  
for **Persistence!**



Week 10  
21 June 2024  
Prep M

For demonstrating how setbacks can be powerful learning opportunities when working with clay and difficult joining techniques in Art. Keep up the positive mindset!



Week 11  
28 June 2024  
5/6A

For persistence and hard work over this term in Auslan, especially persisting in working together as a cohesive and supportive group.

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