

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



CENTENARY CELEBRATION WEEK - SEE MORE ON PAGE 5



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear RPS Community,

What a wonderful week we had **celebrating 100 years of Reservoir Primary School**.

We had many visitors through our exhibition throughout the week, a day of dress ups and activities on Wednesday, 100 days brighter with our Preps, an amazing Musical Soiree Assembly, and over 300 Alumni on Saturday (see [page 5](#) for photos). We also had a visit from MP Nathan Lambert who was amazed at how great the school looks and the improvements that have been made. A big thank you to everyone who participated; many hours of preparation goes into events like these and they can't happen without passionate people giving up their time.

Here's a few memories shared with us on Saturday:

- During the war, parents dug out air raid shelters by hand where the STEM building now stands;
- In the corner of each room used to be a fireplace. The teacher would sit next to the open fireplace while all the students froze in their seats!
- There used to be platforms in each room where students would "get the strap"
- There used to be a canteen and shelter sheds where the Prep building now stands
- There was a corner shop on Barton street where kids would wander over to get their lunch



- The students used to have their assembly in the yard where our ramps are now; they would have to march in, sing "God Save the Queen" then march out in silence
- The attic (now music room) used to be a classroom and held 20 students at once!
- Most classes were 50-60 students in size.

If you would like to purchase a **photobook**, they are still available from our front office. The exhibition remains open so please feel free to drop in.

School Events

Term three is jam packed with events and programs for our students to enjoy (see an updated calendar on [page 3](#)). All students are participating in Gymnastics this term. We have Science Week Competition, a Science Week incursion, Book Week dress up, parade and activities in a couple of weeks, excursions, writing workshops and Grade 2 sleepover. Our students have so many rich opportunities in and out of the classroom, all thanks to the generous parent fee contributions.

Community Support Services

Over the next few newsletters, we will be highlighting some community services in and around Reservoir that families can access (see [page 2](#)). A big thank you to our School Council DIW sub-committee for the work they have done collecting and collating this amazing list of resources.

Have a wonderful week,

Carolyn Bamberg | Acting Principal



COMMUNITY SERVICES



Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV)

Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV) is the peak body for ethnic and multicultural organisations in Victoria.

It is a community based, member driven organisation providing a link between multicultural communities, government and the wider community.

The ECCV delivers services including an NDIS project to build the capacity of CALD services and communities to participate more equitably in the NDIS.

Suite 101, 398 Sydney Rd Coburg VIC 3058
Ph: 9354 9555 Website: www.eccv.org.au



Bridge Darebin

Bridge Darebin (Preston Neighbourhood House Inc.) is an innovative, not-for-profit community organisation based in Preston and Thornbury. The Bridge provides well priced community courses and training as well as community events.

www.bridgedarebin.org.au



Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV)

Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) offers a range of specialised services to support Victorians, including counselling.

1. Child and family services
2. Family Dispute Resolution to support families if they have decided to separate
3. Men's Programs
4. Mental Health Services
5. Culturally Safe Programs – programs designed for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community members

www.relationshipsvictoria.org.au



ParentZone Pods

ParentZone Pods (podcast) identify common issues parents bring to parenting groups and explores these in detail. These podcasts recognise that parenting is the toughest and most important job there is! Children don't come with a manual, and sometimes parents seek guidance in ways to support their children and improve the family unit as a whole.

www.anglicarevic.org.au/our-services/family-and-parenting-support/parentzone-pods/



PANCH Your Community Health

Located in East Reservoir, Preston and Northcote. Offers a range of services. Fees based on income and low income options. Services include: OT, speech, Wellbeing, Counsellors, Dentists, Physiotherapists, Paediatricians and Nutritionists/

www.yourch.org.au/children-families



Rainbow Families

Rainbow Families is the leading voice for LGBTQ+ families in Australia. They are a charity to support, connect, celebrate, empower, and advocate for LGBTQ+ parents and their families at every stage of their lives.

www.rainbowfamilies.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 3, 2024



How will you science this National Science Week?

National Science Week
10–18 AUGUST 2024
scienceweek.net.au #scienceweek

#CBCA2024

Reading is Magic

Children's Book week* 17-23 August 2024

THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

EVERYONE BELONGS

Bullying No Way
National week of action
12-16 August 2024

YOU PASSION YOU PRIDE

30.08.24 WEAR IT PURPLE

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

WWW.WEARITPURPLE.ORG

Artwork by Nicky Tsakouras @tsakourasarts

WEEK 5 <i>National Science Week and National Week of Action Against Bullying & Violence</i>	Tuesday 13 August	Science Competition Entries Due Prep 2025 Transition (11.45am - 12.30pm)
	Wednesday 14 August	STEM Incursion "Mad About Science" - All Year Levels
	Friday 16 August	National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence
WEEK 6 <i>Book Week</i>	Tuesday 20 August	Prep 2025 Transition (11.45am - 12.30pm)
	Friday 23 August	Book Character Parade - Dress Up & Activity Day
WEEK 7	Monday 26 August	Reservoir High Production - Year 5
	Tuesday 27 August	Prep 2025 Transition (11.45am - 12.30pm)
	Friday 30 August	Wear It Purple Day
	Sunday 1 September	Father's Day
WEEK 8	Monday 2 September	Melbourne Museum Excursion - Year 2
	Tuesday 3 September	Prep 2025 Transition (11.45am - 12.30pm)
	Wednesday 4 September	Police Cyber Safety Sessions
	Friday 6 September	Curriculum Day (No School for Students)
WEEK 9	Tuesday 10 September	Prep 2025 Transition (11.45am - 12.30pm)
	Thursday 12 September	Ride 2 School Day R U OK Day
	Friday 13 September	Police Cyber Safety Sessions
WEEK 10	Tuesday 17 September	Prep 2025 Transition (11.45am - 12.30pm)
	Thursday 19 September	Sleepover - Year 2
	Friday 20 September	Last Day of Term 3 - Early Finish (2.30pm)



BOOK WEEK

19th - 23rd August 2024



THE CHILDREN'S
BOOK COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA



Reading is Magic!

We are very excited by the countdown to this year's Children's Book of the Year awards and Honours announcement from The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA).

The theme for this year is 'Reading is Magic' and we're celebrating reading stories and their amazing power to transport minds.

We are encouraging students to be curious about the wonders in our world. It is a positive and affirming message for our young people.

The magic of reading also lies in its power of enticement; a good story provokes conversations. Talking about the stories with others connects the reader with other readers.

Wrapped around all of this are the "tricks" and skills of our amazing writers and illustrators, as they use all their powers of language and illustration to engage the reader in this world they are building.

Thanking you,

Maria Mirasgentis and RPS Staff

Book Character Parade

Date: Friday 23rd of August

Place: School Gymnasium

Starting time: 9:15 am

It's time to get excited for the annual Book Character Parade. The parade is a big event where children and teachers dress in costume to represent a favourite book character.

Book Week celebrations are important because it reminds everyone that books offer more than just a good story. Literature can act as a source of knowledge, a vehicle to other places, a means to peer into the past and future and so much more.

Costumes for our 'Book Character Parade' could be made from just simple pieces of clothing or items you may have at home e.g. belts, scarves, hats, headbands, boxes, leggings to name a few. We prefer that parents don't use hired costumes. It's much more fun when we make them with love and with your child in mind.

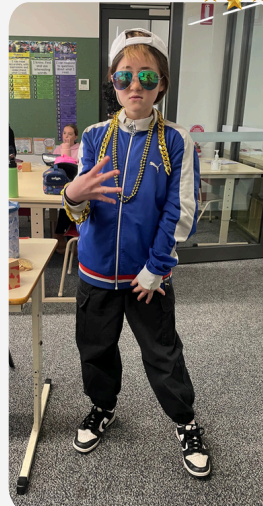
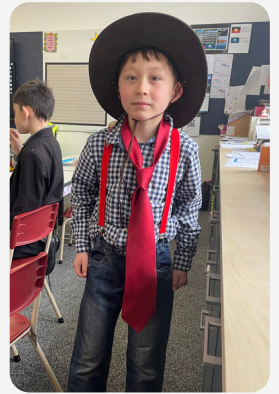
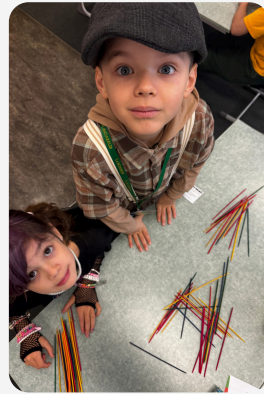
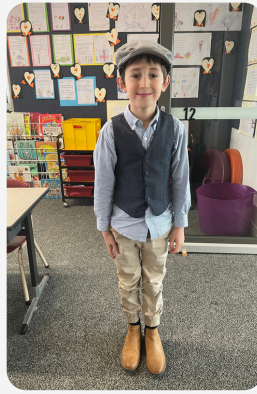
We are excited to see our community come together to celebrate Book Character Parade this year. Be creative and see you soon!



CENTENARY WEEK PHOTOS

29 July - 3 August 2024

Historical Exhibition, 'Through the Decades' Activity & Dress Up Day, 1920s Music Soiree and Alumni Event!



CENTENARY WEEK PHOTOS



MUSIC NEWS - Centenary Celebrations



ROARING 1920s Music



Our Instrumental Music students had the fantastic opportunity to be featured during our *Centenary Celebrations Week*!

The *RPS Music Ensemble* dedicated themselves to learning a set of 1920s songs in preparation for the events. The 'RPS Team Song', 'Ain't She Sweet', 'Sweet Georgia Brown', 'Yes Sir, That's My Baby!' and 'On the Road to Gundagai' were part of their repertoire.

In the lead up, our committed ensemble members spent many early mornings rehearsing at school, practicing in lessons and at home, and also performing in classrooms with our wonderful singers to encourage all students to learn the lyrics for our whole school singalong.

On Friday 2 August, our ensemble and singers wowed the audience at our *1920s Soiree Assembly*, bringing joy to the entire Reservoir Primary School community. Students, staff and families enthusiastically sang along, creating a unified musical experience.

To cap off a remarkable week, our ensemble and singers performed at the *Centenary Alumni Event* on Saturday 3 August, entertaining over 300 past students and staff!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our amazing performers and everyone who participated in making these events such a special celebration of music, community, and Reservoir Primary School spirit!

Bianca Soh & Bill Cawte
Instrumental Music Teachers



MUSIC NEWS - Centenary Celebrations

Student Reflections



String Section

On Saturday the 3rd of August we came to school and played 3 sets of songs. All the people who used to come to the school came and revisited their childhoods again. It was wonderful seeing all the people discussing what it used to be like. In each set we played 5 songs 2 times. The list is R.P.S Team Song, Sweet Georgia Brown, Yes Sir That's My Baby, Ain't She Sweet, Road To Gundagai and Happy Birthday! The audience was singing heavenly. We enjoyed learning the songs and presenting them.

Luca & Siddhant (Year 6)

I liked contributing to the ensemble and playing music for the centenary. I feel happy playing music.

Graham (Year 3)

The music sounded better in the gym than in the office. Yes, I'm talking about Centenary Week! It was amazing! We learnt music that was 100 years old! The songs were so catchy! I really liked them, they were the perfect speed. It made me do a little more practice too. We got a reward for doing good. It was cookies and cake! I loved playing violin!

Tilly (Year 4)



Percussion Section

Reservoir Primary School is 100 years old. On Saturday the 3rd of August the R.P.S Ensemble played a series of songs from the 1920's to celebrate the schools 100th birthday. The set included the R.P.S team song, Sweet Georgia Brown, Yes Sir That's My Baby, Ain't She Sweet and Along the Road to Gundagai. For the finale we played Happy Birthday to round off a great day. The turnout of the event was amazing, with so many people turning up. Many former Reservoir students attended the special event, admired the ensemble and had a great morning. We all had assigned percussion instruments - Lior had the triangle, Clancy had the drums and Gene and Cedric both had tambourines. We had a great time playing all the instruments and singing the songs, and we look forward to continuing our progress in ensemble this year!

Gene, Lior, Clancy & Cedric (Year 6)



Singers

I loved singing because I could teach the school songs from the 1920s and I could sing in front of the Alumni. Now, all the songs are stuck in my head. It was a really great opportunity to be part of my school turning 100!

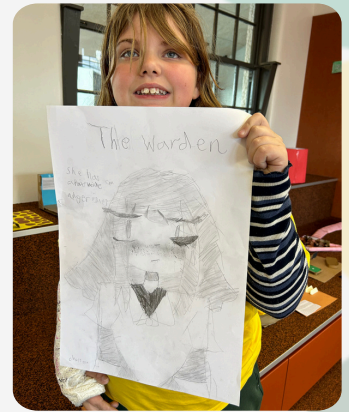
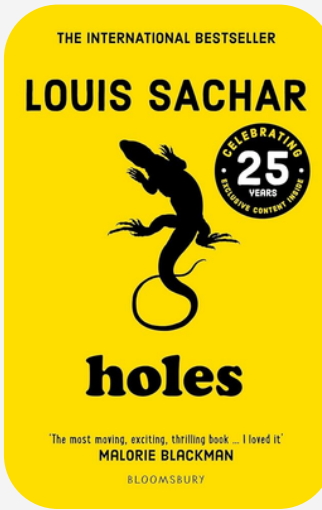
Dana (Year 4)

I liked singing because everyone sang along with us at our special 1920s Music Soiree assembly! For centenary celebrations, we sang all of the songs we learned from the 1920s. The reason we did this was because our school turned 100 and these songs were popular when our school began!

Maddie (Year 4)



YEAR 5/6 NEWS



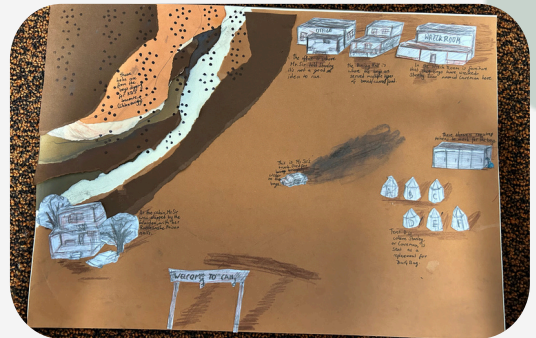
'HOLES' GALLERY WALK

The 5/6 students read 'Holes' in Term 2 and finished various projects including maps, 3D objects, and character booklets all related to the book.

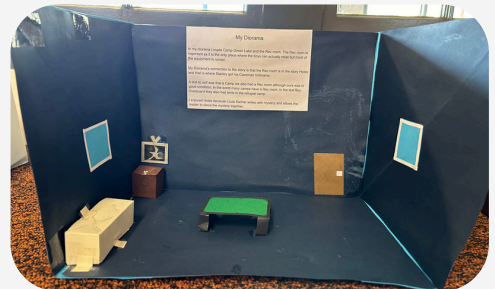
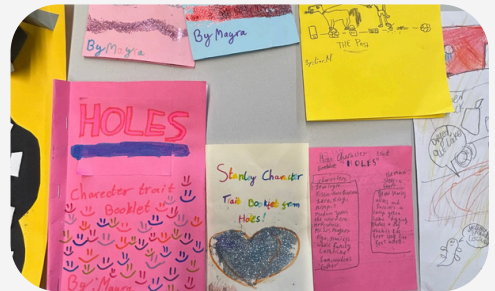
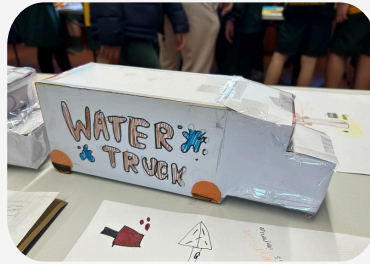
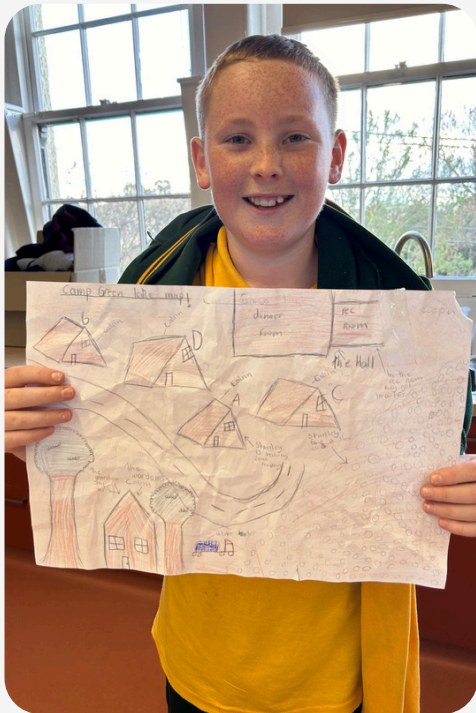
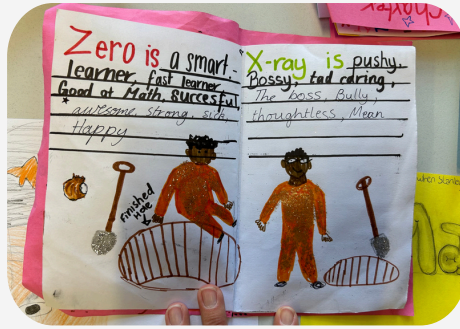
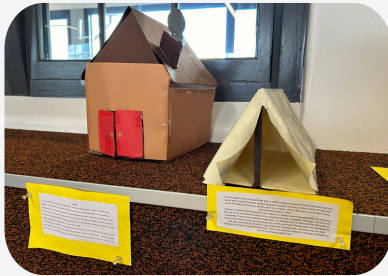
Students participated in a gallery walk, where they had the opportunity to admire and appreciate the impressive work of the entire 5/6 cohort.

The event was a culmination of their hard work and creativity throughout the term.

We hope you enjoy these photos just as much as the students did making this amazing display!



YEAR 5/6 NEWS



STUDENT AWARDS

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

Respect - Acceptance - Responsibility - Personal Excellence

Week 3

2 August 2024

Prep M April B
Prep B Hafsa S
Prep C Olivia B
1S Lily A
1G Agamjot S
2H Harlow C
2M Levi L
3/4A Marcelo P
3/4S Jute S
3/4B Eleanora D
3/4T Lucas M
5/6A Radin M
5/6OA Sienna O
5/6D Stevie R



Week 4

9 August 2024

Prep M Clancy G-C
Prep B Empire D
Prep C Nicolas A
1S Martin A
1G Paige W
2H Aks C
2M Quinn P
3/4A Nguyen H
3/4S Jake L
3/4B Florenzo F
3/4T Maddison S
5/6A Siddhant B
5/6OA Azeeza N
5/6D Chaise C

'YOU CAN DO IT' AWARD

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

Week 3

2 August 2024

3/4 B

For confidently using a new
medium in Art in a responsible
and creative way.
Well done everyone!



Week 4

9 August 2024

1S

For confidently sharing their
knowledge of Auslan with Mrs
Williams and demonstrating
personal excellence with their
learning tasks. Well done!



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