

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Reservoir Primary Community,

Cybersafety Presentations

This week we have had a visit from Andrew and Loretta from Preston Police, who delivered important presentations regarding cybersafety to parents and students in Grade 3-6. They will be returning next week for sessions for students in Grade Prep-2.

Andrew and Loretta delivered the *Think u Know* presentation, with a focus on cybersafety, in particular, preventing child exploitation and grooming. Their key messages for students were:

1. Never speak to people online unless you have met them in person
2. Tell an adult if you are worried
3. Never give people online your name, age or where you live.

Key messages for parents were:

1. Make sure you are supervising your child's online activity - parental controls are not enough
2. Report any concerns to the e-safety commissioner or police
3. Ensure your child feels safe to tell you if they have handed over information or money to someone online.

Thank you to the parents who attended the information session online or in person. Please visit the *Think u Know* website ([Resources | ThinkUKnow](#)) or the e-safety commissioner ([Protecting children from sexual abuse online | eSafety Commissioner](#)) for more information.



CYBERSAFETY SESSIONS

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Helping my Child at Home with Learning

As a parent, we often want to help our children in their learning. However we sometimes feel nervous about how to go about this. The Department has developed an excellent resource to provide tips to help your child at home. Please visit [literacy- numeracy-tips-booklet.pdf \(education.vic.gov.au\)](#), or contact your child's teacher for further advice. Our biggest advice for parents is to fill your home with lots of books that are written in English, and encourage your child to read with you or by themselves every day.

School Savings Bonus

Please find on [Pages 3-5](#) in this newsletter information about the School Savings Bonus, available to all households with school aged children. It's important to ensure your details are up to date with us at the school, otherwise you will not receive this money. Please contact the school if your details have changed.

Building and Grounds

If you would like to put your hand up to be part of the *Building and Grounds Committee*, please send your expression of interest to reservoir.ps@education.vic.gov.au. This committee will meet once per month during the school day.

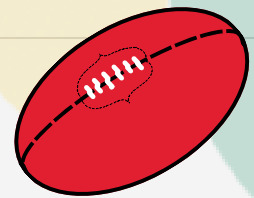
Have a great weekend,

Carolyn Bamberg | Acting Principal



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3, 2024 - Upcoming Events



WEEK 9	Tuesday 10 September	Prep 2025 Transition (11.45am - 12.30pm)
	Thursday 12 September	R U OK Day Division Athletics - <i>Qualifying Students</i>
	Friday 13 September	Scienceworks Excursion - Year 3/4 Police Cyber Safety Sessions - Prep & Year 1/2
WEEK 10	Tuesday 17 September	Prep 2025 Transition (11.45am - 12.30pm)
	Thursday 19 September	Sleepover - Year 2
	Friday 20 September	Footy Colours Dress Up Day & Assembly Last Day of Term 3 - Early Finish (2.30pm)



Term 4, 2024 - Key Dates

WEEK 1	Monday 7 October	First day of Term 4
WEEK 3	Monday 21 October - Friday 25 October	Art Show Week
WEEK 4	Friday 1 November	Mini Fair Day
WEEK 5	Monday 4 November	Curriculum Day - No School for Students
	Tuesday 5 November	Melbourne Cup Day - No School for Students
WEEK 11	Friday 20 December	Last Day of Term 4 - Early Finish (2.30pm)



REMINDERS



Early Departures

Please call the school office on **(03) 9460 5798** to let us know if you will be picking your child up early. Preferred times are:
11am, 11.40am, 1.40am, 2.30pm.

Instagram

Reservoir Primary School is now on Instagram! Follow us at **@reservoir.ps**



Second Hand Uniform Donations

We accept second hand uniform donations and are in particular need of sizes 4-10 in reasonable condition. Thank you to all families who have donated this year!

COMMUNITY WELLBEING SERVICES



eSafety is Australia's independent regulator for online safety. We educate Australians about online safety risks and help to remove harmful content such as cyberbullying of children, adult cyber abuse and intimate images or videos shared without consent.

www.esafety.gov.au



A free, 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5-12. There is so much information for young people, parents and schools.

Call **1800 55 1800** or visit kidshelpline.com.au



Providing Mental Health advice and support:

www.beyondblue.org.au

REACHOUT

A safe place to reach out and chat anonymously, get support and feel better. This includes young people, parents and schools: www.au.reachout.com



Dee Wardrop has a range of Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists and other supports. Rebates are available if you have private health (check with your fund first) or a Mental Health Care Plan from your GP. Dee Wardrop also sees people under NDIS funding.

www.deewardrop.com.au



SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off **\$400 School Saving Bonus**.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) (also attached in the following pages of this newsletter) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by **Friday 18 October 2024**:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

GRADE 2 NEWS

Wellbeing

Wellbeing and Learning go hand in hand, it's challenging to have one without the other. One of the ways we have been promoting Wellbeing in Grade 2 is by having **Gratitude Circles** at the end of the day.

Students are encouraged to share things they are grateful for or things they are proud of. The idea of this is so that students leave school feeling positive regardless of what happened at school that day.



We asked students to share what they are grateful for and proud of for the newsletter:

Beyonce – I'm grateful that my teacher dressed up as something funny for the Book Week parade.

Anwah - I'm grateful for my friends.

Harlow – I'm grateful for dress up day.

Aniya – I'm proud of the picture I made

Alastair – I'm grateful that we're going on an excursion to the museum. .

Anika – I'm proud of making a flower.

Ivy – I'm proud of my costume for Book Week.

Chloe – I'm proud of making my bookmark.

Hiba – I'm proud that I get to go to such a great school.

Aks - I'm grateful that my teacher has made learning easier for me.

Anna – I'm proud of doing the parade.

Zoe – I'm grateful for going to school.

Zanai – I'm proud of having the best teacher and having a good life.

Shaden – I'm grateful for having a good life.

Tara – I'm grateful for having friends at school.

Digby- I'm grateful for having a good teacher and good school.

Quinn – I'm grateful for my teachers and friends.

Uma – I'm grateful that this school lets kids from all over the world attend.

Eric - I'm grateful for being at school with my friends.

Aarav – I'm proud of my bird feeder that I made.

Olive – I'm proud of making my painting.

GRADE 2 NEWS

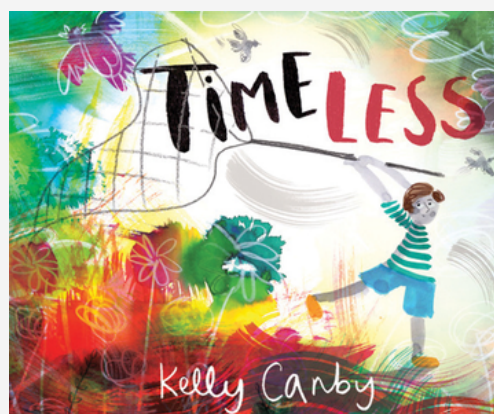
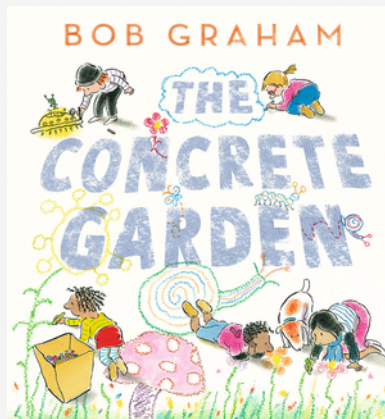
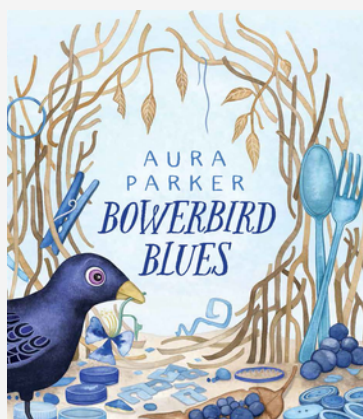
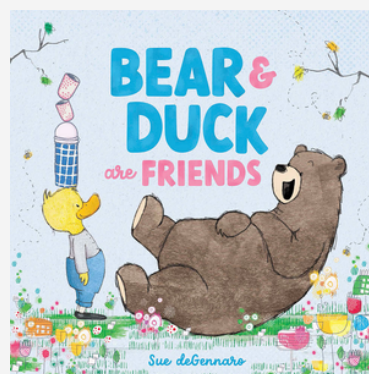
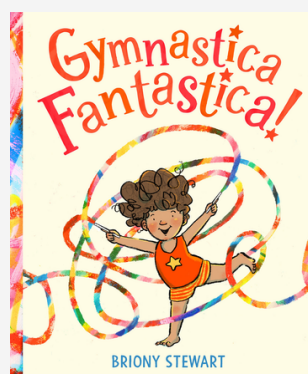
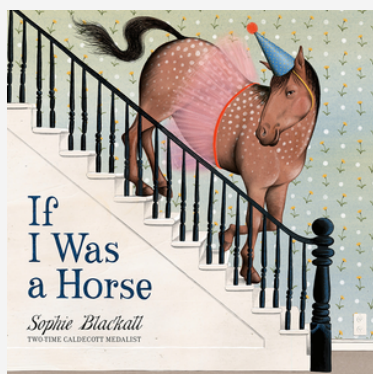
Book Week

What a wonderful day we had this year in honour of this year's short listed books and the theme set by the Children's Book Council of Australia:

Reading is Magic.

Let's celebrate reading stories and their amazing power to transport minds. We should encourage our 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.

Students moved around to different classrooms and engaged in activities based on different shortlisted books, such as...



GRADE 2 NEWS

Here are some of the things that the Grade 2's had to say about Book Week...

Jack - Book week 2024 was amazing! Lots of students dressed up.

Digby - Everybody went to a lot of trouble to make their costumes look amazing. There were many creative and original ideas.

Scarlett- I had fun making bookmarks. Reading is Magic!

Owen- I loved all the activities. I enjoyed Gymnastica Fantastica.

Daniel - I enjoyed visiting other teachers. My groups name was Magic. We made bird feeders with Mrs Boots.

Matteo - Book Week is a fun day during the year. We dress up in our favourite book characters.

Joh- I enjoyed making the bird feeders.

Reuben- I had fun looking at people's costumes.

Matea - Book Week was fun because we got to twirl and whirl ribbons in the classroom.

Aarav- I enjoyed all the activities. My favourite was 'One little duck' because it was funny. The duck made different animal noises and different animals arrived on the hillside to join the duck.

Declan - 'Timeless' was one of the stories we heard. It was about losing time. Don't waste it make use of it with your family.

Pippa- We read the book Bowerbird Blues. We coloured some things in blue and made a nest for them.

Levi - I enjoyed reading the Concrete Garden because we were able to go outside and draw with chalk along the concrete. I drew a shape.

Below are photos of the Grade 2's on the day of the Book Week Parade. Don't they look great!



BOOK WEEK PHOTOS

19 - 23 August 2024: 'Reading is Magic'



More on: www.instagram.com/reservoir.ps

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY PHOTOS

30 August 2024: 'Your Passion, Your Pride'



More on: www.instagram.com/reservoir.ps

STUDENT AWARDS

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

Respect - Acceptance - Responsibility - Personal Excellence

Week 6

30 August 2024

Prep M Jordyn D
Prep B Laine W
Prep C Radeesh G
1S Daniel D
1G Khalil J
2H Owen A-M
2M Tara M
3/4 A Lucy G
3/4 S Thekchog D
3/4 B Finn W
3/4 T James M
5/6 A Abby J
5/6 OA Aaliyah M
5/6 D Vincenzo C



'YOU CAN DO IT' AWARD

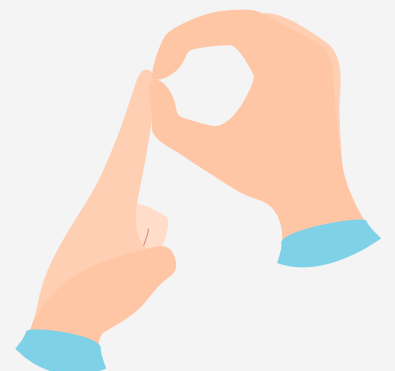
Congratulations to the following classes on receiving
the 'You Can Do It' Award Key
for **Confidence!**

Week 7

30 August 2024

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For an outstanding Auslan lesson
where you persevered with some
new signs and worked together
cooperatively and supportively.
Keep it up 3/4S!



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