



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 11th October 2023

*Bullies are not cool –
Nice kids rule our school*

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Certificates will be presented on Friday afternoon at 3.15 pm in the classrooms, including specialist certificates.

		NAME	VALUE
LA1	5/6L	Year 5 Campers	Success
LA2	5/6M	Year 5 Campers	Success
LA3	5/6P	Year 5 Campers	Success
LA4	5/6V	Year 5 Campers	Success
LA5	5/6K	Year 5 Campers	Success
LA6	5/6R	Year 5 Campers	Success
LA9	Prep B	Edward McArdle	Success & Respect
LA10	Prep M	Claudia La Torre	Success
LA11	Prep W	Zayn Aboushamat	Responsibility
LA12	Prep H	Zac Davies	Respect
LA17	1C	Angus Stockwell	Success
LA18	1S	Ayesha O'Dwyer	Success
LA19	1B	Louis Coates	Success
LA20	1M	Oliver Scarcebrook	Success
LA21	3/4K	Jasper Stonehouse	Success
LA22	3/4J	Ari Tamayo	Success
LA23	3/4M	Valentina Pavlidis	Success & Responsibility
LA24	3/4B	Rayan Hassan	Respect
LA25	2C	Mustafa Qureshi & Allegra Tyrell	Responsibility
LA26	2F	Ali Al Abrahimi	Responsibility
LA27	2R	Evie Grammatos	Success
LA28	2P	Arowe Tomkinson	Success
LA29	3/4T	Phoebe Videan	Success
LA30	3/4N	Oscar Hu	Success
ART		Lexie Pearce	Success
DIGITECH		Ryan Alhassan	Respect & Success
LIBRARY		Victoria Hernadez	Wisdom
MUSIC		Austin Giles & Ali El Khafir	Success & Persistence
PE		Tahlia Phelps	Success & Persistence
SPANISH		Scarlett Cockayne	Success & Wisdom
PRINCIPAL		Oscar Hu	Success
TURBO/SUPPORT		Rayan Ahmad	Success & Persistence

PARENTS & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

Hello School Community,

School Fun Run

We currently have 447 students with a registered profile and 328 of them fundraising which is an amazing effort. Keep up the great work. Our goal is to have every student with a profile and encourage them to fundraise the minimum of \$10 so they are eligible for a prize.



We only have one week until the big day. HOW EXCITING! There is still time to register your child/children. <https://www.schoolfunrun.com.au>

We need as many volunteers as possible to ensure that the day is a great success. We still require 4 volunteers at a minimum to ensure we can set the course up as planned. Please register on this link: <https://signup.zone/rwps-pfa-events>

We have had questions around timing of the day. Below is an abridged version of the day. Please see Julia Abdel-Nour's Compass post (sent today) with the extended version. Parents are welcome to come and watch from 1.00 p.m. onwards.

9.00 a.m.	School commences
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Recess
12.00 p.m. – 12.50 p.m.	Lunch
1.00 p.m. – 2.50 p.m.	All classes on the oval, year level groups running at different times, commencing with Year 5/6
2.50 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	Selected teachers get slimed
3.15 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Back in classrooms and ready for dismissal

In addition, we are putting a call out to the school community for a professional photographer that would be happy to capture the afternoon. We would love to have someone to take happy snaps of the event and our students. An opportunity to capture moments in time that we can all look back on fondly.

Referendum BBQ

We require 3 more volunteers to assist with the referendum sausage sizzle on Saturday 14th October. If you have been waiting for a weekend event to assist with, this is your chance. Please register via this link:

<https://signup.zone/rwps-pfa-events>

Hang Around Friday

Our final Hang Around Friday has been set for Friday 17th November. Please save the date as we would love to see as many families as possible attend.

The next PFA Meeting is 9.05 am on Friday 13th October in the Staffroom. Thank you for following along and your ongoing support!

Warmest regards,

Zayna and the PFA team



Breakfast Club is on Friday.
8.15am – 8.40am in the STEAM room
Students come along for a yummy start to the day



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be holding the *School Fun Run* as a major fundraising event this year on Wednesday the 18th of October 2023! We're doing it to raise much needed money for improvements to our playground and school website.

About the Day

The *School Fun-Run BIG SHOW* is all about Fun! There will be huge inflatables, and you will get to meet Chase the Cheetah! Think of it as a Fun Run carnival! This will be one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, with everyone's participation the aim. If your child prefers not to participate in the run, we encourage them to still be present on the day to cheer their peers on. Parents and family members are also welcome to attend on the day and cheer the kids on!

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Firstly, go to schoolfunrun.com.au and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward – don't forget to check these out in the sponsorship form! We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without supervision, and we encourage you to reiterate this at home. The great thing about online fundraising is that you can share the link to your child's profile with friends and family via email, SMS and Social Media.

Online Fundraising

The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising, where students raise an average of \$120. On top of raising more money, it's also safer and easier than doorknocking and you don't have to worry about handling money! To start fundraising online, go to your student profile page at schoolfunrun.com.au and share your online fundraising link.

Competition Time

To get our event off to a flyer, we're starting our BIG SHOW with a super easy competition! The class with the most online profiles registered by Friday 1 September will win a class prize! There will be one class winner from the Junior School and one class winner from the Senior School. To help your child's class win, simply create your profile at schoolfunrun.com.au.

Getting Involved

Not only can you support the school and students with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun! We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend the *School Fun Run*. If you would like to volunteer on the day, please register via the online link. <https://signup.zone/rwps-pfa-events> I can't wait to see you at our event!

Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE

Please contact your school's event coordinator Zayna zaynafratto@gmail.com or 0401372166 if this isn't possible.

Prizes MUST be ordered between the 18th of October and the 24th of October. Simply visit schoolfunrun.com.au to create / log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist!

2024 ENROLMENTS

If your child or children will not be attending Reservoir West Primary School next year, please let the school know as soon as possible. We ask that, if this is the case, you email Jo in the office and Bruce:

joanne.blom@education.vic.gov.au and bruce.kearney@education.vic.gov.au

NEXT OPEN SESSION - GRANDPARENTS

Friday, 13th November 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.

We invite all grandparents of our students to attend. This will provide an opportunity for them to see what happens at school, to get to know their grandchild's classroom teacher and they might even be asked to help with particular activities! No bookings are required – they just turn up on the Friday, 13th November.

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

As we are mid-way through Week 2 of Term 4, it is important to reflect on the fantastic start staff and students have had to the term. The energy and enthusiasm with which our students have returned to school is truly inspiring. They seem settled and eager, ready to embark on a term filled with exciting learning opportunities.

One of the highlights of the week has undoubtedly been the Year 5 students' three-day camp, which commenced this Monday. The buzz of excitement that filled the school grounds as they prepared to embark on this adventure was simply wonderful to witness. I'm delighted to share that the reports coming in from the camp have been amazing. Students are having a fantastic time, enjoying a wide range of adventure activities and camp events that have been organised for their enjoyment.

I would like to thank Helena Khoury and James Plunkett for their outstanding efforts in organising this camp, the remainder of the Year 5/6 team that supported and assisted them. In addition, I would also like to thank all the staff members who have accompanied the students ensuring their safety, well-being and enjoyment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AND GOLD TICKET WINNERS



FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

Below is an outline of the organisation for Friday afternoons when there is no Assembly.

- 3.10 p.m. Good behaviour draw to take place in classrooms if it is that area's turn
- 3.15 p.m. Five Minutes of Fame – parents of recipients invited to attend classrooms
- 3.25 p.m. All certificate winners to the stage for photo for Newsletter
- 3.25 p.m. All Good behaviour winners to stage for photo for Newsletter
- 3.30 p.m. Dismissal

I have included below the current schedule for Friday afternoons. It will change as teams plan activities for that hour and I am confident that there will be at least one opportunity provided by each year level for parents to be involved.

	Date	Activities
1	Friday 6th Oct	2.30 p.m. Normal class session
2	Friday 13th Oct	2.30 p.m. Whole School Cross-Age Session
3	Friday 20th Oct	3.00 p.m. Assembly
4	Friday 27th Oct	2.30 p.m. Normal Class Session
5	Friday 3rd Nov	2.30 p.m. Normal Class Session
6	Friday 10th Nov	2.30 p.m. Whole School Cross-Age Session
7	Friday 17th Nov	3.00 p.m. Assembly 3.30 p.m. Hang Around Friday
8	Friday 24th Nov	Pupil Free Day
9	Friday 1st Dec	2.30 p.m. Whole School Cross-Age Session
10	Friday 8th Dec	5.00 p.m. Year 6 Graduation
11	Friday 15th Dec	2.30 p.m. Normal Class Session
12	Wednesday 20th Dec	1.00 p.m. Assembly

CALL OUT FROM RIAN IN LA30

I received an email a couple of days ago from Rian in LA30 and her mother. They asked if I could inform the school community that Rian's cricket team (Edinburgh Cricket Club) needs players. They are based at Brunswick St Oval in Fitzroy. eccfitzroy@gmail.com
Sessions focus on developing skills, they play a 20/20 format and it is run on a shorter pitch. All players bowl/field and when batting they all face the same number of balls. If they go out, they stay in for their number of balls and learn during play. If out, they give the opposition a few runs.

Please also see the flyer later in the Newsletter from another cricket club, West Preston Sharks. They are also looking for recruits.

SUN SMART

A reminder that as we are now in Term 4, it is imperative that RWPS hats are now at school and being worn outside when deemed necessary by the school's SunSmart Policy. Please ensure that these hats are found (check under the beds, behind the couches and buried in school tubs/bags) and send them to school. If students have sunscreen, then it is highly recommended that this be applied daily, too. Please reiterate to your child that sunscreen is not to be shared.

Thank you for your support while Bruce has been on leave, and please stay tuned for more updates on our school's activities and achievements in the upcoming newsletters.

Regards,

Barb

Barb Balliro
Acting Principal



80s DRESS-UP FUNDRAISER - FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER

This Friday, we are having an 80s dress-up fundraiser for Beyond Blue which is a mental health charity. Please support Beyond Blue by dressing up and bring along a gold coin donation.

Livian, Year 6

YEARS 3-6 2024 CHROMEBOOK ORDERING



The portal for purchasing Chromebooks is now open.

Visit the Edunet Parent Portal at: <https://reservoirwestps.technologyportal.com.au>

Please note the following cut off dates:

- To receive order prior to Christmas, order must be placed and paid for by ***15th November 2023.**
- To receive order for Week 1 Term 1, order must be placed and paid for by ***3rd January 2024.**
- All orders will be sent to the school and then distributed to families

*** Cut off dates are only for devices listed on the portal as 'in stock'. If a device is out-of-stock we can't promise a Christmas or Week 1, Term 1 delivery.**

In addition, some Year 3 families have asked if their current iPads are able to be used from Years 4-6. Unfortunately, this is not an option at RWPS. Chromebooks are exclusively used from Years 3-6. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email:

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Kelly Mitchell

Digital Technologies Co-ordinator

REMINDER - SAFETY IS KEY! RWPS CARPARK AREAS



It has come to my attention that our school community members are continuing to utilise the staff carparking areas as a walkway. As mentioned in previous newsletters, this is strongly prohibited, as it poses huge safety issues. Please remember that both carpark areas are visible from many rooms, resulting in staff witnessing these actions throughout various times across the day. Due to this being a continuous occurrence, the school is looking at potentially having additional signage as a visual reminder. I understand that walking through may serve as a shortcut, however I ask that we continue to model good behaviour to our younger generation, our children/students.

**PRIVATE
CAR PARK
NO UNAUTHORISED
PARKING**

Furthermore, we currently have these 'Private Car Park' signs in place, to remind visitors that the carparks at RWPS are private. I kindly ask that families use parking spaces outside of the school carparks, as these spaces are designated to staff only. This includes before, during and after school hours. I understand that at times there may be some spaces available and that you may be doing a quick drop off or pick up, however, the reasons for these available spots vary day-to-day and should always be left available to our staff.

Mrs Julia Nour
Acting Assistant Principal

YEAR 2 EXCURSION TO DROMKEEN

Year 2 students were engaged in learning about being an author and illustrator of writing!



YEAR 5/6 RECIPRICOL READING

"Reciprocal Reading is fun, and it helps with our confidence when reading aloud."
Darcy



"I really like the structure; it gives us enough time to make sure all parts are completed." Livian

Reciprocal Reading helps strengthen and nurture our reading and group work skills." Izzy



"It builds teamwork."
Apryl

"It is very collaborative." Myla

"It helps us with our confidence when reading aloud." Katyusha

Reciprocal Reading in 5/6

"It helps us with our social skills."
Amanda

"Fun and interesting at the same time."
Jarrah

"It is inclusive."
Lily



"It helps us with our social skills and time management."
Dana

"It improves our reading and oral language skills."
Viola

"It gives us a deeper understanding of what we are reading and builds our imagination." Bilal

From the Wellbeing Team



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WELLBEING SPECIAL EVENT – Beyond Blue Fundraiser

Last term, the Year 6 Wellbeing Leaders were working hard to organise a Wellbeing event. They have organised an 80s dress-up day to raise money for Beyond Blue. Our event is **Friday, 13th October**. Our aim is to bring awareness to mental health and accessing support. Your mental health is important. Some days are better than others and we all need a helping hand from time to time. It is okay to ask for help. Wherever you are in your mental health journey, Beyond Blue and many other organisations are here to help. During session 5, multi-age lessons will run across the school. Social emotional lessons will cover emotional literacy, physical responses to emotions and managing and moderating emotions. Please bring a gold coin donation and dress your kids up in your favourite 80s fashion. Here are some inspirations for you!



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Monday 16 October @ 8-9:30pm

Live via Zoom (Bookings are essential)

Don't forget next Monday, we have Vanessa Hamilton presenting a parent information session regarding Respectful Relationships, Human Sexuality, Consent & Body Safety. The session is Live via Zoom so please [BOOK HERE](#) to secure a spot.

Vanessa Hamilton is a Sexuality Educator with 25 years' experience. She has spent many years educating teachers to deliver Sexuality Education to the students called Health and Human Development in line with Victorian Curriculum. The content will be delivered across all year levels starting from Term 4 alongside Respectful Relationships, Safety and Consent which are currently being taught in classrooms. The lessons use age-appropriate content and comply with the Victorian Curriculum guidelines.

For a full list of books and resource recommendations compiled by Vanessa, please follow this [link](#).

TALKING THE TALK – What's happening in the classroom?

Learning Intentions:

- Reflect on changes from being a baby to a school age
- Talk about the difference between public and private body parts
- Practise using the anatomical names for the main private parts
- Reflect on what it means to feel safe or unsafe
- Learn that if someone feels unsafe and has recognised their early warning signs, they must find a trusted adult right away
- Explore why no one should ever ask a child to keep a secret, only “happy surprises”
- Name five adults who are on their safety network, including one who is not in their family.

Here are some photos of Year 1 students learning about the human body, and safe and unsafe behaviours.



MENTAL HEALTH / WELLBEING HUB CALENDAR 2023

Event Date	Event
4 th -10 th September	Women's Health Week
14 th September	R U OK? Day
Month of October	ADHD Awareness Month
1st - 7th October	BPD Awareness Week
2nd October	International Day of Non-Violence
10th October	World Mental Health Day / World Homeless Day
20 th October	Peer Mediation Training 2024 – Year 5 (opt in)
15th - 21st October	National Carer's Week
12 th -18 th November	Perinatal Anxiety & Depression Awareness Week
19th November	International Men's Day
3 rd December	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
10 th December	Human Rights Day
8 th and 15 th December	Student Support Group Meeting – Program for Students with Disabilities

For help translating the information above, please follow the link: [Google Translate](#)

Teddy Bears' Picnic – 2024 Prep Transition

Thank you to all our helpers, even those not photographed!



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PAY IT FORWARD TRIP TO VANUATU - REPORT FROM IRIS THOMPSON

Note

Parents, please note the below item contains information about female period hygiene. If your child usually reads the Newsletter with you, please read through the item beforehand and make your own decision if it is okay for your child to read/listen to.

Hi everyone,

I have just returned from a 10 day 'Pay it Forward Trip' to Vanuatu. It was everything that I thought it would be and so much more! It turned into a 14-day trip because of problems with Air Vanuatu - I wasn't complaining about the extended stay! I will never forget this trip. I have never been overseas, so it was a real eye/mind opener. We got to throw ourselves into a completely different culture. More than ever, I respect other people's perspectives and am significantly more tolerant of tough situations. We witnessed the more difficult aspects of living in the tropics that the people of Yakel endure every day. Things that the tourists don't see. I am so grateful now for the conveniences I have at home that I've taken for granted; showers, warm water, easy access to medicines and drinking water.

The trip was hard work, but so rewarding. Many people have asked me to write about my trip and show some photos. Before I do this, I'll give you a quick run-down as to why I went, and I really want to thank some special people first.

I had the opportunity to attend this 'Paying it Forward' trip with Rotary in the September school holidays. There were 8 girls attending like me between the ages of 16-18 years. We each had a mentor who was with us the entire time. All our mentors were studying at university. I was the youngest participant at 15 years old.

We worked with 'Bridging Health' an awesome group of volunteers with various qualifications. These volunteers have participated in this trip a few times, this time allowing us to make amazing connections with the locals on the island Tanna. We ran 'Days for Girls' programs where we explained what period undies are and how to use them. We discussed women's health issues with the local women. We held 'ear and wound' care sessions and sometimes urgent triage decisions were made resulting in people needing to go straight to hospital.

It was such a privilege to volunteer in a traditional village, in the 'Custom Village' which was the local meeting place. This was an incredibly rare opportunity. People were wearing traditional clothing and about 100 patients were waiting to see us on arrival on our first day. Most of these people hadn't seen a doctor in over a year. The people we treated had cold and flu symptoms, fungal infections, and scabies.

Before I continue, I quickly want to thank a few people. If Mr. Kearney (Bruce) didn't let me organise a raffle in June at RWPS, I would have struggled raising the \$500 needed by each participant. Rotary used this money to purchase the school supplies needed for the students (solar powered study lamps, books and stationery). If my wonderful past teachers and ES staff didn't donate to the hampers, there would be no raffle. If my amazing Mum didn't attend a warehouse sale at Elk and provide the Elk items and my dad didn't include his Gin, the hampers couldn't





have been as valuable. If all the beautiful RWPS families didn't buy raffle tickets, there would be no money raised – I am very aware some students used their pocket money to help me. So many friends and family members very generously purchased lots of raffle tickets which contributed to me raising my donation target. Parents of my Preston High School friends, everyone, I can't tell you how grateful I am to you all. Thank you to the RWPS ES staff for selling the tickets at school assemblies. I paid for half of my trip myself, my parents helped me with the remainder. Not one dollar of the raised money went to any of my expenses. All the money raised went to supply children living on the island of Tanna, with school supplies.

Back in June, Miss Caddy helped to organise my flyers in the background. Coburg West employed me to be their lizard expert in their holiday programs and I supplied them with stick insects for their insect program. Our local cafes and chemist in Gilbert Road got on board, all contributing to the hampers. All these things made Vanuatu happen.

Back to Vanuatu, it is one of the most beautiful places on earth. They burn most of their rubbish and unfortunately lots of rubbish ends up in their waterways. We worked alongside 'Bridging Health' to help the local teenage girls have a better understanding of how their bodies worked and period hygiene. It was hoped that the Western girls my age would be able to make a bigger impact and could make the girls on the island feel more comfortable talking about their bodies and how strong and beautiful they are. To empower other girls my age, I thought, was an absolute privilege.

Each of us could only take 5kg of hand luggage for ourselves for the trip (I won't lie, I battled with this!). This was all we needed. Each of us also took a 23kg suitcase filled to the brim with donated items. Each suitcase was then left on the island with a young girl's family as a donation for when they finished primary school and needed the suitcase to leave the island to go to boarding school. A huge thank you to the Vecchio family for donating x2 large suitcases. Each of us planned to fill the donated suitcase with bamboo toothbrushes or period undies. I chose period undies.

Most of you are probably unaware, like I was, that when girls get their periods in Vanuatu, menstruation is considered very un-clean. Menstruating women are not allowed to touch their family's food or dishes and they are expected to keep away from other people. Young girls are often asked to sleep outside the house alone and are only allowed to sit on pieces of cardboard in case they dirty chairs.

Talking about menstruation is a taboo topic. Mothers and other family members have spent a lifetime time not discussing women's health with their own daughters. Mothers don't even have a good understanding of how their own bodies work. It was only when we had translated the questions we received on ripped pieces of paper during the sessions, we realised how little the girls knew. Bridging Health is helping to change the lives of young woman through great education and on this trip, they were wanting to trial bringing teenage western girls with them to help. We helped distribute hygiene kits and helped to teach the girls about how period undies work. This gave the girls confidence. After our visit they wouldn't have to worry about how to buy their next lot of disposal pads. The pristine environment of Vanuatu will also be better preserved.

In the months before my departure, I contacted 13 companies explaining my trip and asking if they would like to donate period undies. Four companies, with amazing women running the

show, couldn't wait to donate. These companies were EMREN, NICKER BOT, I LOVE LUNA and MODI BODI. I was donated over 500 pairs of period undies from these amazing companies. That's over \$12,000 worth! I was so, so grateful. To the ladies in Management that made these decisions to help me - please know how much you have changed the lives of women/girls on Tanna. It gives me goose bumps writing this, because I saw their faces when we explained to them what they are and what they are used for. It felt so good being able to help others at 15 years of age. Without these amazing women helping me, I couldn't fill my suitcase. It honestly made my heart sing, knowing how much these ladies wanted to help our cause.

There was a movie made in 2017 about the island Tanna and its people. It's called 'Tanna: two tribes. One love', you can stream it on SBS. It gives you a great insight into what this beautiful island looks like and what its people are like. It won a couple of awards. Google: 'Tanna Featurette'. It will give you a look behind the scenes and what the movie is about. Thank you once again to everyone who was involved. You have essentially all helped improve the lives of women on Tanna and created a life changing experience for me that I will never forget. Thank you so much. I hope you enjoy the photos.

**Sincerely,
Iris Thomson**

Vanuatu!!



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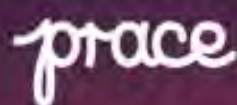
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Entry requirements

Aged 18 years and over. Moderate computer, email and internet skills. Plus digital technology access. English LLN skills at an industry entry standard.

How to enrol

Call 9462 6077 to arrange a pre-enrolment interview.



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Phone 9462 6077 | office@prace.vic.edu.au | www.prace.vic.edu.au

Location

Prace - Mernda Campus
56 Schotters Rd, Mernda
(Adult Education room)

Dates and duration (TBC)

14 Nov - 15 Dec 2023 and
6 Feb - 13 Aug 2024

(Includes Friday 15th Dec 2023
Excludes Tues 26th Mar 2024)

26 Sessions

2 Workshops

100-hour placement

Days and times

Tuesdays

9.15am - 3.15pm

Classes will not run on public or
school holidays

Study Mode

Face-to-face in a
classroom, self-directed
offsite tasks and research,
remote teacher support
sessions, practical
placement and industry/
assessment workshops

Fees

Gov. subsidised:

Concession \$90

Full \$450

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CALENDAR

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Wednesday 11 th	• 2024 Foundation Teddy Bears' Picnic 9.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m. • Northern Regional Athletics • Ally Papoulis absent – Jo Toman in LA23 • Jacinta Simpson absent – Rhonda Johansen in LA20 • Jemma Flemming absent – Susan Deady in LA2 • Soccer Clinic – 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 12 th	• Jacinta Simpson absent – Jo Toman in LA20
Friday 13 th	• 80s Dress-Up Day • Barb Balliro and Melinda Vangelista attending Instructional Leadership PD • Melinda Vangelista attending PD – Teresa Maiorano in LA4 • Cass Mandile absent – Robin Galea in LA17 • Bree Crane absent – Helen Angelopoulos in LA19 • Amanda Solakidis absent – Susan Deady replacing • Cross-Age Session
Monday 16 th	• Bree Crane absent – Robin Galea in LA19 • Helena Khoury absent – Alex van Nugteren in LA5 • Barb Balliro and Flora Kossivas attending NAPLAN PD • Flora Kossivas attending PD – Helen Angelopoulos in LA21 • Arlia Hickman absent – Susan Deady replacing in PE • Rex Hickman absent – Rhonda Johansen in LA6
Tuesday 17 th	• Year 3/4 Dance Incursion
Wednesday 18 th	• PFA Fun Run • School Council • Tonia Kingston absent – no replacement • Soccer Clinic – 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 19 th	• School Review – Validation day • Danica Vun attending Career Start PD with Julia Abdel-Nour • Kelly Mitchell attending Edutech Conference • Danielle Palermo taking leave, returning Wednesday 25th October – CRT in LA28
Friday 20 th	• 3.00 p.m. Assembly (Year 1/2 and 3/4 Choir performing)
Monday 23 rd	• Melinda Vangelista taking leave, returning Monday 13th November – Helen Angelopoulos in LA4
Tuesday 24 th	• Year 1 Scienceworks Excursion
Wednesday 25 th	• John Fleming visit • 2024 Foundation Playground Experience 4.00 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. • Soccer Clinic – 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Thursday 26 th	• School Review Fieldwork Day
Monday 30 th	• Ziya Burke absent – Alex van Nugteren in LA9

NOVEMBER

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| Wednesday 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soccer Clinic – 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. |
| Friday 3 rd | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Weaving absent• Bruce Kearney absent |
| Monday 6 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pupil-Free Day |
| Tuesday 7 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melbourne Cup Day public holiday |
| Wednesday 8 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Review Final Panel Day• 2024 Foundation Classroom Experience A-K 11.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.• Soccer Clinic – 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. |
| Thursday 9 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024 Foundation Classroom Experience L-Z 11.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. |
| Friday 10 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross-Age Session |
| Saturday 11 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remembrance Day |
| Monday 13 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bruce, Barb, Helena and Sophie visiting John Fleming schools in Newcastle – returning Thursday• Grandparents' Open Session 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.• Year 5/6 Boy Hooptime Regional Finals |
| Wednesday 15 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soccer Clinic – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. |
| Friday 17 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.00 p.m. Assembly |
| Sunday 19 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reservoir West Primary Social Golf Day |
| Wednesday 22 nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Council• Soccer Clinic – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. |
| Friday 24 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pupil-Free Day |
| Wednesday 29 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soccer Clinic – 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.• 2024 Foundation Parent Information Session – 6.00 p.m. online |

DECEMBER

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| Friday 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beck and Kane Richardson taking leave, returning Tuesday 5th December• Cross-Age Session |
| Wednesday 6 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Council |
| Friday 8 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term 4 Student Support Group meetings• Specialist and Support programs conclude• Year 6 Graduation |
| Tuesday 12 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6/7 transition day• Reservoir West Transition Day – 2023 classes announced• Specialist PSTC by request 3.45 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. |
| Wednesday 13 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom PSTC by request before and after school |
| Friday 15 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Support Group meetings• Semester and Progress Reports released on Compass |
| Wednesday 20 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Day Term 4• 1.00 p.m. Assembly• 1.30 p.m. dismissal |

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JANUARY

Wednesday 31st • Years 1-6 commence

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st • Foundation students commence

MARCH

Saturday 23rd • 1954 - 2024: 70 Years Celebration