Not Long To Go Now

This term has flown by and we are reaching the last few days of the academic school year. I hope that your children have enjoyed the JUMPSTART program where students, who are being promoted to the next year level, commence work for 2017. It has been terrific to see these new classes in operation with our students eagerly participating in them in readiness for next year.

School Captains 2017

[Image of School Captains]
School Captains 2017

I would firstly like to thank Michael Illarietti, Latisha Cowie-Cocker, Victoria Canning and Lucy Lu for their wonderful work as this year’s School Captains. They represented their school so well during the year and were an absolute pleasure to work with throughout the year. We wish them all well for the future and trust that they will continue to have a strong association with their school in the years to come.

The position of School Captain is a highly prestigious one. This year nearly 20 students applied for the role. Interviews were held and each interviewee gave the panel insights into their views about the school and what they would like to achieve in the role. Every applicant would have made a fine School Captain, however, we could only have four. I congratulated Tien Bui, Sunny Salioski, Sara Fiasco and Simone Etheve last week when they were appointed and they were formally recognised at Awards Night on December 7th, 2016. I wish them well in their future studies and I also look forward to working with them during 2017.

With the increase in our student population we have needed two Performing Arts evenings to showcase the talents of many of our students. The first highlighted drama and dance students and the second music students. Each night enabled our students to own the stage and demonstrate their respective talents. Audiences for both evenings were large and appreciative. The talent of our students was extraordinary. Many thanks to all students who performed. Also many thanks to the Performing Arts staff and our Instrumental music staff. They worked tirelessly with these students as they progressed through the year.
I had the pleasure of attending our Year 10 Formal on December 2nd at Emerald Receptions in Thomastown, along with nearly 70 students and three tables of staff. Every student looked a million dollars – frocked and suited to the maximum! It was hard to believe they were in Year 10. Staff and students danced to the beat of music from the last decade and current music from all genres. It was great to see our whole community enjoying themselves in such palatial surroundings. Well done to Mr Nick Vass and Mr George Lyras for all the work in planning and organising the event. Special thanks to Mr John Ross and the previously named colleagues for their participation in a hilarious comedy drama at the beginning of the night. This set the scene for four hours of fun and games.

These students have now left the Middle School and are considered to be members of the Senior School. I welcomed them into their new environment just prior to their JUMPSTART program commencing. Life in senior school is more direct and serious as the latter part of their secondary education takes shape.

*Staff and students at the Year 10 Formal looking glamorous*

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**CD Launch**

Every year we launch our amazing Reservoir High CD which comprises of the musical talents of students. Under the leadership of Mr Bailey, our Music Director, we hear voice and other instruments playing a huge repertoire of styles. A great present for a Christmas stocking or up and coming birthday. These delightful CDs can be purchased from the General Office for $10.
Orientation Day 2016

Every year on the second Tuesday in December we look forward to meeting our new Year 7 students. Our Information Evening was held last week with nearly 400 students and their families meeting in the Performing Arts Centre. There were nervous glances around the theatre as students wondered if they were going to be in classes with all their friends or just a few. New students and parents will understand that a great deal of care is devoted to organising classes. We take into consideration a wide variety of factors when deciding upon where students will be placed. Next year we have six Year 7 classes (one class more than this year and two more than three years ago. Reservoir High is definitely getting bigger as our reputation grows in the community. We are very proud of this fact! Many thanks for all the work achieved by students and staff throughout the years which has steadily built our reputation.

The atmosphere changed considerably after the classroom session with various Year 7 staff. Lots of smiles and happy faces were seen in the library for supper. Students now knew they were in 7A all the way to 7F!

Special thanks to Mr Darryl Forbes for all his work meeting new students and families as well as preparing for Information Night and Orientation Day. Many thanks must also go to the staff and students who volunteer their time to assist on these special days.

Our new students enjoyed their first full day, meeting new friends, new teachers, participating in new subjects and eating gourmet pizza for lunch. The Tabloid Sports afternoon enabled all students to have fun, keep fit and encouraged everyone to meet new friends.
WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH US?

We communicate to our local community very well with Compass, and our new website: www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au
Now we have added a TWITTER feed (@ReservoirHigh).

For the latest news from the day, join our twitter page for glimpses of student activities and special programs. For more information don’t forget to look at our website and for more direct interaction, please look out for COMPASS alerts which will appear in your inbox.

Happy Holiday

I would like to wish everyone in our Reservoir High School community a very safe and, hopefully, relaxing school holiday. I trust that you will be able to spend some time with family and friends enjoying lots of laughter and good will. I look forward to working with you all once again in 2017.

Best wishes for the coming year to all.

Mark Jessup
Reservoir High
jessup.mark.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Junior School Report

Whilst 2016 is coming to a rapid end, much preparation has already taken place to ensure a smooth start to 2017. All Year 7 & 8 students should have received their booklists and important information concerning classes for next year. Students are taking part in their ‘jumpstart’ week which will see them get a taste of classes for next year.

A reminder to all parents that Semester Two Reports will be available to be accessed via Compass from 13th December. We strongly encourage parents and carers to thoroughly read your child’s report. If you have any queries or cannot access Compass please contact Ms Baines in the Junior School.

Year 7 2017

Our incoming Year 7’s attended their Grade 6 – Year 7 Orientation Information evening on Wednesday 30th November and we had a terrific attendance of around 370 people. Our enrolments continue to increase and this is a great sign of the positive support of our school and wider community. We will officially have six classes of Year 7 in 2017. On behalf of Reservoir High School, we welcome all our new Year 7’s and their families and look forward to exciting years ahead.

Year 8 La Trobe University, Watermarc and Darebin Creek Excursions

Year 8 students attended La Trobe University to experience what life at a university is like. Students were involved in a scavenger hunt around the university, robotic sessions, investigations at the wildlife sanctuary and practical career sessions to find out what jobs lead on from university degrees.

Our WaterMarc excursion was a highlight. Students celebrated the end of their two years in the Junior School by spending a morning at the pool and the afternoon undertaking sporting activities in the park. Everyone enjoyed the day.

As part of a Humanities trial some Year 8 classes have been involved with fieldwork at Darebin Creek. Students have considered the history and use of the creek. Students conducted tests to consider water quality and investigated the flora and fauna surrounding the creek. Students all enjoyed the excursion to Darebin Creek and it was great to consider a local issue with support of the Darebin Creek Management Committee.
A note from Ms Pizzey:
I wish our Year 8 students well as they move on to the Middle School. It has been a pleasure to work with this cohort, their teachers and families. Thank you all for your wonderful support.

Student of the Month (October)
The following students are the official recipients of our Student of the Month Awards for October. Congratulations to the following students;

7A – Paria Norouzi & Wakil Abir
7B – Tayah Stone & Ishara Arachchige
7C – Tiar Tou & Sanad Sagar
7D – Tina Ly, Amy Li, Andy Ngo & Ying Zhou
7E – Omar Bassyouni, Harmony Clifford, Chloe Shanahan & Nikita Milkic

8A – Robesh Rockmarayathas, Loukas Maroulis & Faith Mukunga
8B – Dion Moore & Abbey Kay
8C – Tabatha Knape & Kyle Bibby
8D – Jasper Diep, Emily Li & Vanessa Vun
8E – Tahnee Oliveira, Despina Nikoloska & Sally Tran

If you have any other queries or feedback, please contact us any time.

On behalf of the Junior school team we would like to wish all our students and their families a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. We look forward to an exciting and very rewarding school year in 2017.

Kind regards
Junior School Team

Mr Darryl Forbes – Year 7 Coordinator
Ms Ros Pizzey – Year 8 Coordinator
Ms Tammy Baines – Office Manager
The end of a school year ... there is no generic formula or set play to farewell a year level.

In the Middle School it is defined by the locker clean out. Students reflect on that Humanities folder, rotten lunch and English novel as reams of paper and rubbish are binned. The locker companion they shared the year with.....the person who was their unknown annoying neighbour is by the end of the year an emotional attachment and comfort that we are sad to say goodbye to.

As Coordinators when the rush of a year level heads for home and leaves you for the last time, we find ourselves missing the loud voices and carry on that we found so annoying.

The corridors may be empty but the spirit of the cohort lingers on, providing comfort to us as if the quickness of the goodbye is too much too soon.

Luckily in Year 10 we have a Formal to attend! That night we get the chance to party together reminisce, apologise, but more importantly, reflect on what has been a wonderful year!

We farewell our Year 10’s as they head to the Senior School, we look to our Year 9’s to step up much like the younger sibling when the oldest leaves home.
They now have access to the TV remote and get to move into the bigger bedroom.

On a serious note the Middle School team would like to thank all Middle School families for their support this year. We have enjoyed our year together and look forward to a bigger and better 2017!

Best wishes for the festive season and be safe for the holiday season.

Mr Nick Vass - Year 10 Coordinator
Ms Elaine Guerra - Year 9 Coordinator
Ms Tammy Dimarco - Office Manager
Senior School Team:
Zoran Trajkovic, Nina Rossini and Lorraine Cross

The Senior school is well and thriving. It has been another exciting year with the calendar full of important events to ensure that our students get the best possible chances for a successful future. The Year 11 cohort worked collaboratively during the year and presented themselves well as role models for the school. In fact we had an overwhelming number of students applying for the school captain positions and they all had the potential to be elected. The successful applicants were outstanding in their interviews and in their desire to contribute to further improving the school next year.

The Year 12 students were exemplary in their attitude to study periods, working quietly and consistently to achieve their very best. We had a lot of interested and dedicated students regularly attend the after school tutorials run by the Senior school and La Trobe tutors. Consequently many students performed well above the expected level and hopefully, will have done well in their final exams. The school captains for 2016 led by example and worked extremely hard to represent the student body. Many thanks to Latisha Cowie Cocker, Michael Illarietti, Victoria Canning and Lucy Lu for their input and contribution.

The Senior school is not just about achieving academic excellence but developing great relationships between students and teachers. Many events have contributed to fostering a mature and respectful interaction which has enabled us to interact on different levels. One of the most entertaining days was the end of year dress up day where our Principal Mr Jessup ‘trumped’ the students in his provocative Charlie’s Angels outfit. The film night was lots of fun starting with high carb food such as pizza and chips (we won’t mention how many pizzas Abiola ate!!!!). It then proceeded with a gripping ambience in the PAC as we sat through a comedic, gothic horror movie. The students laughed while the teachers cringed. The Year 12 formal was a huge success. The students looked stunning (some boys actually outdid the girls in their impeccable Armani suits) and in fact so many of them lingered and didn’t want to leave at the end of the night. We wish all the senior students great success in their future pursuits.

School Captains 2017

Tien Bui
Sara Fiasco
Simone Etheve
Sunny Salioski
PERFORMING NIGHT

ON Tuesday the 30th of November we had the first of our end of year performance nights highlighting dance and drama. We had a fantastic audience and our students, as always, were incredibly professional and gave their all. It was fabulous to see our 7 & 8’s strutting their stuff and having a real go. What most did not see, were the young ones glued to the side stage watching in awe as our senior students performed. Not once did we have to ask them to be quiet as they were mesmerized!

Both Dance and Drama performances had different edges and styles to them. Drama showcased monologues from both Year 11 and 12 students, some serious, some comic. Dance ranged from Latin to Contemporary to Hip Hop with the majority of the pieces choreographed by the students. Thank you to the staff who helped on the night and the support in the audience.

Miss Wilson, Mr Wilson and Miss Rossini
This year’s art show was once again at the Fire station Café in Preston and we would like to thank John Preston for sponsoring the event and allowing us to use the Gallery space for free. It is fantastic to have the opportunity to frame student work and hang it in a public space. The reactions from café patrons have been really positive with many commenting that they are amazed at what young people can do. Several students sold works. We use the event to showcase what students can do and all the people who attended the official opening voted on the work that will be printed on our planner cover next year and the people’s choice award. The winner of these two categories were announced at Awards night. I would like to congratulate all students who work selected for the show and encourage students to enter works for consideration. I also need to thank Ms Dellal and Mr Barker for their assistance in selecting work and help in hanging the show.

Miss Wilson - Arts Coordinator
Farewell to our Year 12 Students

Term 4 has been extremely busy for all our students at Reservoir High School. Our Year 12 students have been frantically revising and sitting their final exams, researching tertiary courses of study and, of course, preparing for their Year 12 Formal evening of celebration. We congratulate all those who have now completed their final year of secondary study and wish Linh Nguyen, Thuy Tran, Yen Nguyen, Carla Gabriella, Nur Azlan and Enci Li, all the very best in their journey as they begin a new chapter in their lives studying in Australia. It has been an absolute pleasure to have them join us at Reservoir High and we look forward to hearing of their future achievements.

I also wish to acknowledge the excellent efforts of a number of our international students who have received Learning Area Awards: Enci Li – for English as an Additional Language and Mathematics Linh Nguyen for Science, Carla Gabriella for Visual Arts.

Nur Azlan also received one of the Uni Bridges Awards and Enci Li received one of the Meritorious Academic Achievement Awards.

Enci Li’s ongoing efforts were also recognised through an Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

A huge congratulations to each of these students for their excellent efforts.

Wishing all our international students a safe journey, if they are returning home over the summer, and a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing and prosperous New Year.

Ms Christine Farrugia
International Student Coordinator
ADVANCE JUMPSTART

On Monday 28th November, the new Advance students had their jumpstart into the Duke of Edinburgh Award bush walk in Kinglake National Park. Twenty six students walked about 9 km, with a few hills and even a water crossing to complete their first activity with their new classmates. Based on the camaraderie and energy displayed by the students it looks like we will have another great group who will achieve some good things in 2017. We are all looking forward to it.

Ms Ros Pizzey and Mr Tony Marcus

Letter from Brody (Student at Gnurad – Gundidj Campus)

Hi Mr Jessup,

I’m loving it here, the things we do are really fun and they challenge us in ways we never could’ve been challenged if we hadn’t come. I’ve met a heap of new people who are all kind and funny and good to be around. I’ve learnt so many things on being more confident and how to be a leader so that when I return back to school I can bring those skills to help me through the rest of the school years.

The accommodation and food is good. We work as a team to do duties so it isn’t that bad. All the students are open minded and we all enjoy each other’s company very much. I’d like to thank you for this great opportunity as I am really having the time of my life.

Kind Regards, Brody Demtschyna
Once again we had our end of year Instrumental Music Evening. There were many proud teachers and parents who attended and had the pleasure of hearing our talented students perform.

It has been a busy time in the Music Department over the past term! We have been lucky enough to visit "Decibels" recording studio in Reservoir and record our CD for 2016. Students spent the day in a professional studio playing and recording music. Thank you to all the talented musicians and teachers that helped with the CD. For $10 you can get yourself a copy from the General Office. An excellent present for a lucky person!

Mr Bayley
As part of the Year 7 Health and Physical Education Nutrition unit, 7D students have kept a food diary and analysed their own diets. They used food models to further improve their knowledge of healthy eating and nutrition requirements during youth. They then investigated the key nutrients in major food groups and the role they play in the body for optimal health and development.

As part of their assessment, students had to choose a healthy snack to make and design a placemat. This was to highlight the major nutrients in the food/s selected and describe the function of the major nutrients for the body.

They all then made their 'HEALTHY SNACK' of choice and brought it into class to share with their fellow classmates and teachers. We would like to thank Ms Nicola, Mr Forbes, Mr Jessup and Ms Bains for sharing in this special activity and sampling the delicious snacks created.

This was a great activity highlighting the importance of healthy eating, as well as participating regularly in physical activity to continue to achieve optimal health and development.

There are many resources available to improve healthy eating habits.

See the below link from Nutrition Australia which provides great Recipe Ideas for lunches and dinners.

http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/meal-category/lunch

Mrs Gray and 7 D Student's
Year 7 Girls Futsal

*Interschool sport*

The Year 7 girls’ Futsal teams displayed fantastic attitude and teamwork during the interschool futsal tournament played on Tuesday 22nd November. It was a close tournament and Reservoir finished in third place overall. RHS scored over 10 goals for the tournament which was very exciting to be a part of!!!

**RHS Squad:**

Team – Reservoir Red
Kara Guler (7C) – Captain
Tiar Tou (7C) - VC
Emily Phan (7A) (Goalie)
Jasmeet Dehal (7A)
Thamilini Thavachelvan (7D)
Kamakshi Ramdhony (7A)

Team – Reservoir Blue
Chloe Shanahan (7E) - Captain
Luella Lamaj (7E) - Vice Captain
Aziza Abwe (7A) (Goalie)
Carolina Coppola (7D)
Nikita Milkic (7E) (Goalie)
Zafirah Hussein (7D)

Well done to all girls on their participation, effort and enthusiasm.
Toni Gray and Tony Todorovskil (Coaches)

*Toni Gray*
*Health & Physical Education Coordinator*
Personal Accident Insurance and Ambulance Cover

Parents and Guardians are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Please note that if First Aid trained staff at Reservoir High believe an ambulance to be necessary they will ring for one immediately. Parents and Guardians are not consulted prior to this decision being made.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely, in all the circumstances, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff/volunteers.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

*If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please contact the principal, Mr Mark Jessup for more information.*

School Uniform 2017

Important notice to all Parents and Students:

School Council has endorsed the following changes for implementation for 2017.

- **Socks** – Plain White (no logo) / above ankles (see photos below)
- **Pants / Shorts** – School pants for girls have been introduced for 2017 from Academy Uniform.
- **Scarves** – Only school Navy blue & Red (with school logo) – no other scarves will be permitted.
- **Hat / Cap** – School hat with school logo / cap with school logo (permitted only for PE & Sport and recess and lunchtime)
Financial Assistance

Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 30th June 2017

Second Hand Uniform
FOR SALE

Blazer X2 - Size 90 & 95
Dress X2 - Size 12 & Size 14
Skirts X2 - Size 14
Jumper - Size 16

For more information please contact Jagoda at the General Office Ph: 9466 0900
School Photo Day

Dear Parent/Guardian

Aussie School Photos will be taking your child’s/children’s photo on Tuesday 7th February. Please see below details on how to order.

Order forms and envelopes will be sent home early 2017

Aussie School Photos takes multiple images of each student on photo day to provide you with more choice and greater value.

How to order School Photos

1. Place your order on-line prior to photo day using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed on your prepayment order form. Tick “order on line” box at top of order form and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

2. You can complete the pre-payment order form. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

3. You can choose to wait for 5 working days to go on-line to VIEW the images and CREATE a package to suit. (You have 14 days to do this) Please tick box at top of order form to say “I will order on-line” and have child hand form to photographer on photo day.

If you wish to have a sibling group photo taken please collect pre payment order form from school office prior to photo day and ask your children to present to photographers in the hall at lunch time on photo day.

If you do not wish to purchase photos please tick the box printed at top of order form to say “am not buying photos today “ and have your child hand the envelope to the photographer on photo day.

All queries should be directed to the photos@schoolphoto.com.au or go to their website at www.schoolphoto.com.au

Customer Service: Tel. 97076655 97076653
## IMPORTANT DATES Term 4

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**Transition Dates for - 2017**

**Term 1**
- Year 7 Camp: Wednesday 15th February, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th
- Year 7 BBQ Parent Evening: Thursday 23rd February

**Grade 5 Day:** Wednesday 15th March

**Term 2**
- Open Morning: Wednesday 19th April
- Information and Showcase Evening: Thursday 27th April

Seal Applications / Scholarship Expression of Interest forms in – Friday 5th May
Seal Testing: Saturday 13th May