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# Principal's Report

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With our June newsletter coinciding with the end of Term 2, it is appropriate to reflect on the achievements of our students this term, but also to look forward to the future of Reservoir High School.

Our students have again demonstrated the values of our school of diversity, excellence and success over the term. Firstly, the last week of term saw our school community come together for our International Week. Whether it was through the fantastic International Food day, the activities in the school over the week, the stories our students told or their traditional clothing, again Reservoir High School is a shining example of the power of diversity. The respect shown by students in our school to our diversity is something that our wider society can learn a great deal from.

We have also seen excellence from our performing arts students. This term we have held our Dance and Drama night, which showcased the skills and learning of our students as they performed in plays, dances and extracts from plays. Our Year 9 Drama class wrote, produced and performed a moving dance

production to not only our school, but other schools in the area and to our local member for Preston, Mr Robin Scott. This last week we also held our Winter Music Showcase. The growing skills and talent of our students produced a brilliant night of musical performance.

Our sporting achievements have also been commendable. We continue to participate in a full range of inter school sports, with many teams winning through to Regional competitions. Be sure to check out the photos later in this newsletter. This year we have also had our E-sports team participating in a state-wide tournament. We wish them all the best as they have qualified for the playoffs these holidays. Earlier this year the success of our debating teams in local competitions has led to our students working in local primary schools training Year 5 students in the skills of debating. This supports our feeder primary schools to develop skills in confidence and communication with their young people, which are key 21st Century skills.

I would like take this opportunity to also acknowledge our VCAL students and their work in supporting the Melbourne Food Hub, in setting up their grounds at Alphington. This community project supports local business, which has also helped us to source organic produce for use in our canteen. The students have also learnt real world business skills together with work skills that will serve them well in their own career pathways.

### **CURRICULUM AND PATHWAYS PLANNING IN TERM 3**

Term 3 is traditionally the term where the curriculum planning for the following year begins. In planning for our 2020 Curriculum, it is vital that we do so with student voice and choice in mind. This is why we ask all parents of current Year 9 and 10 students to come to our Stepping Stones evening on Thursday, 25th July. This will begin at 6.30pm. Please check Compass messages for further details.

This night, and the Course Counselling process that follows, builds on the work our Year 9 students have been engaged in as part of the Victorian Government's Morrisby Careers Program. This has included pathways counselling, vocational testing and the construction of individual Career Action Plans.

## **“We again welcomed local member and Assistant Treasurer, Mr Robin Scott to Reservoir High this past week”.**

### **LOCAL MEMBER VISITS RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL**

We again welcomed local member and Assistant Treasurer, Mr Robin Scott to Reservoir High this past week. Robin came out to see where the recent building funding announcement will improve our facilities and was also lucky to see our Year 9 Dance performance and meet students during our International week. As the previous minister for Multi-



culturalism and local resident of Reservoir, Mr Scott is a great supporter of the school as well as a regular visitor during International Week.

### WHOLE SCHOOL REVIEW

In Term 3, Reservoir High School will be conducting our school review. Schools are reviewed once every 4 years in Victoria, with the purpose to review the school's performance over the past 4 years and develop the strategic plan for the next 4 years. We have been conducting forums and focus groups with our students and staff, and would now like to hear from our parents and wider community.

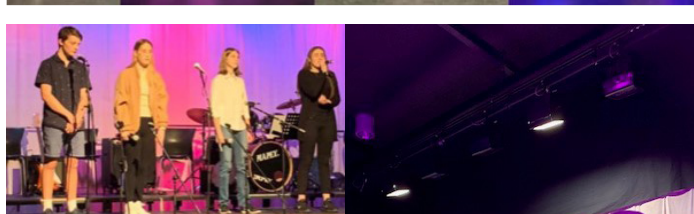
## “Early next term we are running two opportunities for parents to participate in forums”.

Early next term we are running two opportunities for parents to participate in forums and focus groups in order to support our review and planning. These will occur on-

- Tuesday, 23rd July at 10.30am. This will be a morning tea and forum where the Principals of the school will meet with parents.
- The second opportunity is scheduled for 5.30pm on Thursday, 25th July.

We look forward to you coming in and having your voice heard in shaping the future of our school at one of these times. Check Compass messages for further details.

**Andrew McNeil**  
Principal  
Reservoir High School





# Over 6,000 young Victorians won't have a place to call home tonight. You can help change that.

One of our students Patrick, and his father Mark, participated in the Melbourne City Mission annual Sleep at The G Fundraiser. This event is designed to raise much needed funds for Youth Homelessness, but most importantly, to shine a light on this issue to ensure there is more ongoing support and funds provided to help people to reach the life they aspire to. In many circumstances, people have ended up homeless through no fault of their own and do not have the environment, experience or basic support that most of us enjoy to help build a safe and happy life.

Patrick felt the experience was extremely beneficial as it increased his awareness of the true issues surrounding homelessness and the things he can now do to help.

Well done Patrick!

# International Day At Reservoir High



# Primary School Debating Workshops

So many students at Reservoir High can see the numerous benefits of debating. Not only can they identify how debating helps strengthen skills, such as public speaking, team work, persuasive writing, collaboration, note taking and quick thinking, they also wish to involve themselves in developing and improving these skills. Throughout the year, students have been participating in several debates, all with highly sophisticated topics, and thus far, we have come out of these debates with outstanding results. However, it is one thing to further your own knowledge, but it is another to extend that knowledge to others. To do this, a selection of inquisitive students from years eight and nine have volunteered their time to teach the grade five students of local primary schools the building blocks of debating.

Over the course of two weeks, students have left regular classes to visit primary schools, hoping to spark a love of debating in young kids and hopefully inspire further debating in their lives. This particular selection of the debating team visited Preston Primary, Preston North East Primary, Kingsbury Primary and Bundoora Primary where they presented the basic requirements of a debate. Captivated in the presentation, the grade five students then watched our debaters conduct a high level model debate, to show them what they should be expecting and aiming for. They then selected some grade fives to participate in their own debate under their influence and guidance so that when they debate in the Reservoir High Grade 5 Debating Championship, they will be confident in their abilities.

The year eight and nine debating team have reached the consensus that this debating workshop program has been highly rewarding and have all enjoyed the experience of shaping the futures of those keen minded students. They hope to ignite an academic passion that will not only improve key skills, but will also help create lifelong friendships and dreams.

Amelia Ormandy 8D



# Year 11 Options Day at La Trobe University

We held our Options Day for Year 11 students at La Trobe University again this year, where the students participated in 2 workshops of their choice to hear more about courses that they may be interested in for the future. Our past alumni panel were a hit with their educational stories since leaving Reservoir High and with advice and inspirational messages for the students. Representatives from both University and TAFE were also on hand to explain what they offer, and a number of other speakers engaged the students with study advice and information.

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This is a valuable lead in to term 3, where students will be making subject selection decisions for Year 12 and beyond.

Thank you to all involved for the day, including La Trobe, staff and students.

**Mrs Gasbarro**  
Careers







# VCAL Class Hard at Work



## MELBOURNE FOOD HUB

The year 11 VCAL students completed 4 days of work with the Melbourne Food Hub in Alphington. They built planters for vegetables, cleared paths and mulched areas. Their final task, and the one they enjoyed the most, was drafting and painting colourful and eye catching containers which are used as part of the advertisement strategy.

Over 1,500 people attend the farmers market there each Sunday and many positive comments have been made about the students' work. The organisation also provides food for our school canteen. Many thanks to the VCAL teachers for their involvement, and to Ms Wilson for overseeing the design and painting of the containers.

Nina Rossini  
Year 11/VCAL Coordinator





# Dance Drama Showcase Evening

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On Wednesday, the 28th of May, we had the Dance Drama showcase evening in the PAC. I would like to congratulate all of the staff and students involved for providing an excellent night of entertainment.

The Year 9 drama class started the show with a thoughtful and engaging piece called 'Uniting Our Differences', which was developed from stimulus material for the Drama Victoria festival. The students acknowledged both the wrongs done to our Indigenous people and looked to a better future, as well as combining the different cultures that make Australia great.

The Year 11 Theatre Class presented excerpts from Louis Nowra's "Cosi", a very funny play set in the 70's, about a university student trying to direct a group of patients from a local institution. Kevin Vuu, playing Roy, was very impressive and Najma brought the house down with her monologue of how the cat set the house on fire.

Then the Year 12 class did a shortened version of "The Play That Goes Wrong" by Lewis, Sayer and Shields, a murder mystery farce set in Haversham Manor. From Daniel's opening lighting problems to the very

end, the audience were in stitches, but my favourite scene was the one where they dragged Eden out of the window while pretending nothing was happening! Both pieces were directed by students, Brody, Helia and Mason, who did a great job.

After the interval it was the turn of the dancers who were all entertaining. We started with the Year 10 dance class ensemble, followed by Outer Urban Projects. Special mentions go to Gorgio and Harry in year 7, as they did their first breakdance solo. Kaitlyn's tap was brilliant; our young choreographers Chloe and Chelsea were very nervous, with Shakira Newell performing fabulously for the first time. Several of the year 10's performed their own choreography and Mia Zuccala did a lovely lyrical solo, before we finished with Eden Chan and Olivia Moyses beautiful VCE skills solo routines.

Congratulations to all the technical crew, Laura, Oskar, Adam and Vitale, who ran the sound and lighting, as well as a huge thank you to Miss Rossini and Mr Wilson for their work in preparing the students for the show and to Mr Sirianni for front of house.

A fabulous night.

**Ms Heather Wilson**  
Arts Coordinator



# PAEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGY CLINIC

New Clinic - offering a full diagnostic hearing assessment for children between 12 months and 18 years of age.



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# NEW

#### TIME

Every Monday from 9:00-4:00

#### VENUE

La Trobe Communication Clinic  
Health Sciences 1 - Level 4  
La Trobe University  
Plenty Road & Kingsbury Drive,  
Melbourne VIC 3086

#### COST

\$80

#### MORE INFORMATION

#### WHAT TO DO:

To book an appointment, please contact Clinic Reception

Referral is not required.

T 03 9479 1921

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Visit the link below for more information.

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/communication-clinic>

## Paediatric Audiology Clinic (12 months-18 years of age)

### What is the Paediatric Audiology Clinic?

The Paediatric Audiology Clinic provides hearing assessments to children from 12 months to 18 years. Please note, there may be waiting lists for these services.

Services are provided by student clinicians who work under the supervision of a qualified Audiologist.

### Hearing Loss & Ear Health Information

When should I take my child to see an audiologist?

- Frequent ear infections or tonsillitis/throat infections
- When there are concerns about your child's speech/language development
- If your child often asks for repetition or says 'huh' or 'what', sits close to the TV, or needs the volume of the TV/radio up loud
- If your child has difficulty concentrating, paying attention, or has behavioural problems
- If your child has difficulty hearing in the classroom or the teacher has raised concerns
- When there is a family history or any other risk factor for hearing loss from birth (refer to the Newborn Hearing Screening section in your green book)

### Assessment

The hearing test will take approximately 45 minutes. Your child's hearing and ear health will be examined. You will be sent a full report with the results following the assessment.

### Eligibility

Children aged between 12 months and 18 years are eligible to attend the paediatric Audiology Clinic.

### Fees

- This is a private, full fee clinic. The assessment fee is \$80.
- Medicare and Private Health Insurance do not give rebates for LCC fees.

### Registration

To register for the *Paediatric Audiology Clinic* please contact clinic reception between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. A referral is **not** required.

No client will be refused services based on gender, race, religion or sexuality

### How to Contact Us

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The clinic is located on the Bundoora Campus of La Trobe University and is accessible by public transport and by car.

There is free car parking facilities for clients in Car Park 11. Your car registration details need to be provided to the administration staff **PRIOR to or on ARRIVAL** to your appointment.

### About Us

The mission of La Trobe Communication Clinic is to:

- Provide speech pathology & audiology services that are informed by client need and best practice
- Achieve excellence in clinical education
- Create research opportunities for Discipline of Speech Pathology & Audiology students and staff.

### Other Clinic Services

La Trobe Communication Clinic also offers the following speech pathology services:

- A preschool speech and language clinic
- A Phonological Awareness for Literacy program
- A child fluency (stuttering) clinic
- An adolescent and adult fluency (stuttering) clinic
- A voice clinic for children and adults

For eligibility guidelines and other information on these services please contact clinic reception.

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# SPORT NEWS

## YEAR 9-10 SOCCER

The students in the Year 9 and 10 Soccer squads played some outstanding matches during the Interschool competition, despite the freezing cold, wind and rain. They warmed up as a team, without direction, played fairly and with great effort, as well as sharing in a lot of fun and laughs on the day. Well done to all the students involved and the staff who withstood the weather with their team.



Kind Regards,

Ms. Cathleen Zahra

Outdoor, Physical Education & Health Teacher



### YEAR 7 SOCCER

This team have been training together as part of the Reservoir High Football (Soccer) Academy, every Wednesday afternoon this year, and their teamwork and skill development has been impressive. During the Interschool competition, they won a number of their games, unfortunately, losing the final in a painstaking penalty shootout. With upcoming years of training and playing together, this is a team to look out for in the future. Great effort!



### YEAR 7 BADMINTON

These wonderful Badminton teams played like true superstars during the Interschool competition. Winning both the girls and boys divisions, both teams played with vigor, enthusiasm and fairness. Well done to all the students who trained and competed on this day and best wishes for the next round!



### YEAR 8 NETBALL TEAMS

These Year 8 teams played some wonderful rounds of Netball during the Interschool sports competition. The teams worked together to improve their tactics and strategies, in order to develop a very competitive and fun team dynamic. Well done on your great effort and for representing our school with pride!





**Make the most out of these holidays and drop in for a check up and clean!**



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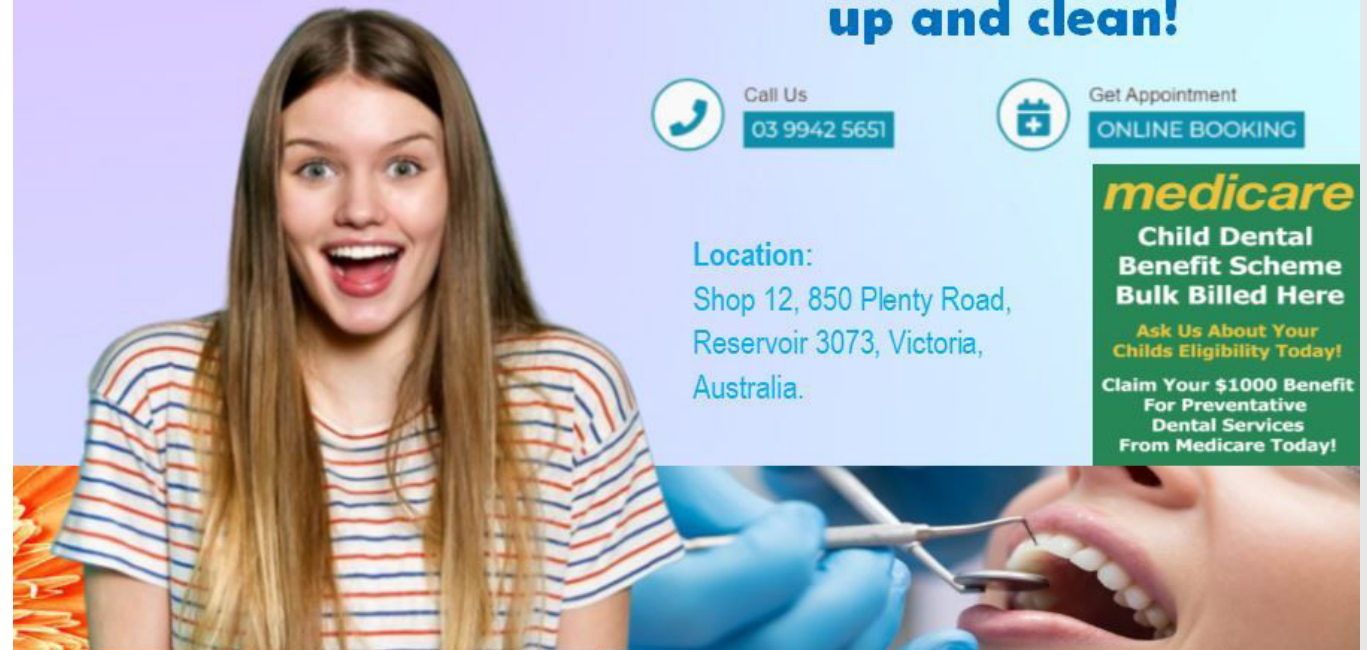
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## Important Dates for Term 3



- **Curriculum Day** - Monday 15 July
- **Year 10 Portfolio Interviews** - From 16 to 22 July
- **Wakkakirri Heats Clocktower** - Monday 22 July
- **Year 10 Parent/Student Careers Information Evening** - Tuesday 23 July 7 pm



- **Junior School Principal Awards** - Friday 26 July
- **VCE Outdoor Ed, Earth Ed Excursion** - Tuesday 30 July
- **School Production Evening** - Augus 14, 15 and 16
- **Year 7-11 Reports published on Compass** - Mon 19 Aug
- **Parent Teacher Interviews 12:30 to 8:10pm** - Thu 19 Sep
- **Last Day of Term 3** - Friday 20 September (2:30 Finish)