

Important Dates

Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 6th December at
Reservoir Campus

Reservoir Graduation
Thursday 12th December

Lalor Graduation
Monday 16th December

Last Day for students Term 4
Thursday 19th December
2pm finish

SSG Day
Friday 20th December
No buses and classes

Term 1 2025 Commences
Thursday 30th January 2025
9am start

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents and Carers,

Term 4 is flying by! Our school leaders are busy recruiting staff, organising transitions, and preparing for orientation. In 2024, the Reservoir Campus will welcome 45 new Prep students, while the Lalor Campus will welcome 50 Year 7 students.

2024 Remembrance Day

On Monday, 11th November, the school community came together to observe a minute's silence in honor of Remembrance Day. Students in Later Years A created a fantastic display to mark the occasion.



School Saving Bonus

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. This email will be sent to the primary family email address only, please check your junk mail as well.

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

The bonus can be used at your school's approved uniform supplier either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform. Any amount that you choose to allocate to 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.

Attendance

It is vital that every student attend school as much as possible. Every Day Counts.

Sometimes, we lose sight of the number of days that our children do not come to school and without realising it, these days quickly add up. The impact of missed learning time can be significant; a student absent for an average of 20 days per year for 13 years, will miss out on 52 weeks of learning over the course of their school life. This term we will again be focusing on student attendance and working with families to break down any barriers that may be impacting our students attending school on a regular basis. Please reach out to your child's teacher or your relevant Principal Class Officer if you need support in improving your child's attendance.

Top Attendance Tips for Parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents—act early if you have any concerns by contacting school and asking for advice and support.
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind.
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day.
- Reward appropriate behaviour and don't unintentionally reward unwanted behaviour by letting children who stay home have access to their devices and the internet.
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing.

Do I have to go to school?

- Yes, in Victoria school is compulsory until you turn 17.
- Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. From foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school.
- Apart from this, school is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you're away and wonder if you're OK.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

- Right now, being at school is your most important job and you're building habits that you'll take into adulthood. While it might not seem obvious, when you come to school you are learning about more than just literacy and numeracy. You're learning all sorts of skills

Being at school every day also means you are involved in your own learning, interacting with other students and teachers and are a part of environment that is motivating and stimulating. You can get help from your teachers and friends.

Pamela Mathieson

Principal

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What an incredible year it's been, filled with wonderful experiences and memories! We had excursions to the PIT Gymnastics Program, Bounce, Don Bosco and some community activities at the local shops.

One of the most enjoyable experiences of the year was the animal incursion. Getting up close with a range of fascinating creatures was not only educational but also super exciting,

Gardening has been another favourite activity. The students have enjoyed weeding preparing and growing vegetables in the garden.

Overall, it's been a year full of fun. We've learned new skills and experienced a variety of activities. Looking back, it's clear that every excursion, every activity, and every moment contributed to an amazing and fulfilling year. Can't wait to see what the next one brings!

Room 17

Room 17 has had a wonderful half term so far, we have enjoyed our weekly visits to the local park, exploring new equipment, working on our turn taking skills and enjoying playing with our friends. We have also enjoyed an educational excursion to Werribee Zoo where we took a trip on the safari bus through the grasslands to explore the open plains and learn about all the animals we could see when onboard. This half term we have also enjoyed Art-based tasks and Science experiments linked to Halloween. We wish you all a lovely holiday and Merry Christmas from all the students and staff in Room 17!

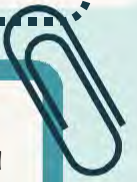
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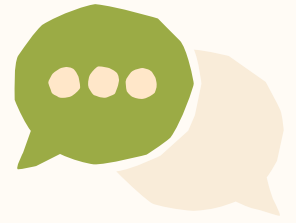
Room 1



It has been a lovely time in Room 1 this term. We have been exploring how plants grow and what they need to be healthy in Science. Everyone had a turn to put soil in a pot, put some basil seeds in and water it. They have grown so much already! In Health, Room 1 have been learning about oral hygiene and the importance of making small round brush strokes on their teeth. They have been learning this in a play-based session using a cool toy truck! Our weekly local walks have been fantastic with alternating staff to focus on Speech skills and Occupational Therapy abilities surrounding road safety. We have been learning about stopping at a crossing and walking next to or behind our teachers.

The teaching team have been impressed with everyone remembering to where their hats and putting their sunscreen on in Term 4. Keep cool Room 1 😊





Speech Pathology: Reservoir



Term 4 news

The Speech Pathology team have been busy supporting our students' communication skills across the school. Everyone had fun at the farm animal incursion in week 4, commenting on their favourite animals.

Some students have been developing and personalising their own communication cards to support them to understand and communicate their emotions when they feel elevated. Many of us find it difficult to use verbal language when feeling heightened emotions. These cards are used as a tool to help students advocate for their needs during these times. The inclusion of each student's favourite characters and preferred language is encouraged!

The Speech Pathology team are dedicated to advocating for and supporting all student communication preferences at NSA!



Communication card



NSA FARM INCURSION

The country met the city on Monday and Tuesday as the students from Reservoir and Norris Bank got up and close with farm animals. They enjoyed patting the fur and feathers of a variety of animals such as roosters, chickens, guinea pigs, goats, lambs and rabbits.

EVERY DAY COUNTS ...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...

When your child misses just	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed ...



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS ...

Lost minutes mean lost learning!

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning time each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
1/2 an hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

School starts at
9.00 AM
DON'T BE LATE!



Good time keeping means making sure that your child is at school and ready to learn BEFORE the school bell rings!