

***We are a Child Safe School.  
All children have the right to feel safe and to learn.  
We are committed to protecting the wellbeing of students in our care.***

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

<i>Friday 30th August</i>	<i>Year 5/6 students to attend Bruce Kingsbury Ceremony at Reservoir High School</i>
<i>Monday 2nd September</i>	<i>Assembly, 3.00pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 3rd September</i>	<i>School Tours, 10.00am</i>
<i>Wednesday 4th September</i>	<i>Uniform Shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am</i>
<i>Monday 9th September</i>	<i>Assembly, 3.00pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 10th September</i>	<i>School Tours, 10.00am</i>
<i>Wednesday 11th September</i>	<i>Uniform Shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am</i>
<i>Thursday 12th September</i>	<i>Divisional Athletics (selected students only)</i>
<i>Monday 16th September</i>	<i>Assembly, 3.0pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 17th September</i>	<i>School Tours, 10.00am</i>

***From the Acting Principal,***

#### **SCHOOL SAVING BONUS—INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL PARENTS AND CARERS**

Please see the attached flyer for more information from the Department of Education regarding the School Saving Bonus which will be provided to schools and families in Term 4 2024. Most importantly, parents are required to ensure their contact information is up to date. There will be a form sent home next week, please ensure that these are returned no later than Friday 13th September 2024.

#### **EVENTS**

Last week saw the community embrace Book Week. It was a magical day. It was great to see our students come dressed as their magical characters. Of course, these events are only possible with the support provided by parents and carers, so we thank you very much for the time spent getting into the spirit.

As educators we are passionate about reading and always expect our student to be as well. Book Week is a fun time for many of our students, who relish the chance to dress up and talk about books with their friends and teachers.

Our EAL and Library teacher Anne Atkinson wrote an introduction prior to the parade which I share below.

#### ***Why is reading magic?***

*When we pick up a book and read, our minds create imagery from the words. Reading can make us feel in many ways. Books can make us feel happy and they can make us laugh. They can motivate us to think and ask questions.*

*Books can help us make connections with others and the world around us.*

*The magic is what you imagine can be entirely different from what someone else is imagining.*

*Authors and illustrators use books to convey their ideas and thoughts, to persuade us, to inform us or purely to entertain us and book week rewards and celebrates their achievements, as well as providing us with a perfect opportunity to dress up.*

***By Anne Atkinson***

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### ***From the Acting Principal (continued)***

To add to this, Our School Captain, Jasmine eloquently penned some words to explain why she thinks reading is magical.

***Hi, as many of you know, my name is Jasmine. Today I'm speaking about why reading is magic to me. As most people in my class know, I read a LOT, and it's important to me. So, I guess that's why I'm speaking today.***

***I think reading is magic because it TRANSPORTS me to another world. And in that other, mystical, magical world, I'm far away from any problems I'm having. The author who does that the most for me is Tui. T. Sutherland, who wrote the Wings of Fire books.***

***It's also because I can see the characters as my friends, or as people I know. In one of the books that I read recently, I actually felt WORRIED for one of the characters. Reading is magic because you UNDERSTAND the characters well enough for you to feel emotions.***

***Those are really the main reasons why reading is magic for me. So, thank you for listening, if you did, and have a nice day!!!***

***By Jasmin***



But what if your child doesn't like reading?

It's a growing challenge in many parts of the world. A 2023 survey found about 30% of Australian children aged five to 14 say they do not read for pleasure.

If you have a child who's reluctant to read, what can you do? A good first step is to find out why.

#### **Why is it important for kids to enjoy reading – or at least not hate it?**

Most jobs rely on reading and writing – even those that are more practical. For examples, trades involve lots of forms, instructions and certification. Once a child has been taught to read, they need to practice to get good at it – or at least good enough. This is why liking reading, or at least not hating it, is important. It gets children to practice.

#### **What's the reason?**

There are several reasons a child may say they don't like reading:

- ▶ they might not be as good at reading as other kids in the class, so they form the impression – from their own observations or feedback from others – they are not good at reading
- ▶ this may make them worry or even fear reading, particularly in front of other people so they avoid reading to simply to stop feeling bad.

But even if a child has no problems with reading, they still may not like it.

Perhaps they have other interests (for example, computing, sport or music). Or they can't see the point of reading ("what does it do for me?").

The most important thing to consider here is talking to your child about their attitudes to reading and keep the discussion positive. We all want our children to be good readers but we all should want them to like or even love it.

#### **What can you do at home?**

First, help your child find books or articles on topics that genuinely interest them. Perhaps take them to the local library or bookshop so they can choose their own book. Show an interest in their interests.

Second, help your child find a meaningful goal for their reading. Are they determined to read all the books in a series? Or do they have more practical goals ("I need to learn how to fix my bike")? Show an interest in how they are tracking towards their goal.

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### ***From the Acting Principal (continued)***

Third, support your child's reading self-efficacy, which is their perception of themselves as readers. Having a positive self-efficacy has a dramatic positive effect on a student's academic performance. Try to avoid showing disappointment if their progress is not what you believe it should be.

#### **A final consideration**

At some point, you might find your child is discouraged because they have chosen a text that is too easy (which is boring) or too hard (which is demoralising).

In the first case, you can say their reading is "far too good for this book, so let's find something more interesting tomorrow".

In the second case, you can offer to help them read every second page, or the bits they feel they cannot manage. That way you can get through the book together.

In time, you will both learn how to find texts that are not too easy and not too hard.

### ***EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS***

On Monday, 5/6M and 4/5N headed down to Reservoir High School to embrace the musical Matilda. Reservoir High School has a proud musical history going back many decades, so it is great to see the value they put into their Performing Arts is still high today. It was a great show and hopefully inspires our students in some way to take their passions and share it with a broader audience.

On Tuesday most of the students in 5 and 6 headed off to Bundoora High school to participate in their excellent STEM program. STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Through STEM, students develop key skills including: problem solving. Creativity and critical analysis. Considering students attending this event are doing science this semester, this was a perfect excursion to supplement our program.

### ***EGG DROP CONTEST***

In the coming weeks we will have our Egg Drop contest. Like Book Week, we look forward to inviting the community to this event to see who can save the googy egg from an untimely scrambling. We will send the exact date via compass in the coming weeks. We again will be recognising effort and participation. It will be fun.

### ***STAFFING CHALLENGES***

We are currently facing significant challenges in finding casual replacement teachers (CRTs), a situation that many schools across Victoria are experiencing due to staffing shortages. With an increase in staff illnesses and a shortage of available CRTs, we have occasionally had to split students across different classes. While we do not take this decision lightly and understand the disruption it may cause, it is sometimes necessary to ensure all students are supervised, supported a continue to receive learning opportunities. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work through these challenges.

***Kind regards,  
Shaun Bishop  
Acting Principal***

Term 3 | Week 7 at..



# KINGSBURY THEIRCARE



## WEEK 7 - 'FATHER'S DAY'

What a special week to celebrate, all of the incredible fathers, grandfathers, uncles, guardians and so many other important people in our lives! We absolutely loved celebrating this week and creating some amazing things to gift our father figures, as well as having many discussions and realising how important and grateful we are for those people in our lives!

### ACTIVITIES

- Sandwich sushi - This activity was DELICIOUS! We love practicing our cooking skills during our cooking activities here at the service, and this one was simple and easy to do, a great Father's Day snack idea! We rolled out pieces of bread and filled it with some fresh and healthy fillings such as lettuce, carrots, cucumbers and hams, and rolled them up to make delicious looking sandwich sushi! Although the rolling was quite tricky for some, we loved giving it a go and trying our best, plus we had a pretty delicious outcome!
- Father's day card making - a classic activity that encourages us to think deeply about the impact people in our lives have, and how grateful we are to them. We loved thinking about our special person and thinking of their favourite colours, activities and foods, and decorating thoughtful cards with them! We discussed so many amazing activities that many children shared with their dad's, and it was amazing to hear about how happy it makes everyone to share time with family!



### NOTICE

When possible, please ensure you are booking as early as you can!  
Booking in advance supports us to staff the program adequately in line with our 1:15 ratio.

Also, if your child is away from school or if plans change, a friendly reminder to give us the heads up via a text or call!

### FEEDBACK!

We would love to hear what you think of our program!

If you can spare 5 minutes, please fill out this Feedback Form and give us your feedback/suggestions!

<https://forms.gle/tVqQnmmYcDGPbZSO>

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**Contact us:**

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Last Friday, we celebrated Book Week, and it was a blast! Everyone had the chance to dress up as their favourite book characters, and even some of the teachers joined in on the fun. Mr. Bolton and Mr. Bishop got a lot of laughs as they dressed up as Thing 1 and Thing 2—sorry, I mean Prin One and



Prin Two!



The day started with a special assembly for the Book Week Parade. Ms. Anne kicked things off with a speech and then called up each class, one by one, to show their fantastic costumes. A few lucky students from each class even won prizes for their outfits!

After the parade, the teachers did a class swap to read different books to us. It was a fantastic day, filled with fun and creativity—an experience everyone enjoyed!

**Alexis & Jasmine**





Join Us! **Cameron Cricket Club** welcomes new players, men, women & juniors, to join us for the 24/25 season.



Encouraging all abilities and experience to come and have a go! We have senior mens and womens squads and an ever expanding junior program for 10 - 15 year olds.

Find Us at JE Moore Park, South Oval - Corner Henty & Spratling Streets Reservoir


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Pre-Season  
Aug 25 - Sept 25  
Season  
Oct 5 - Apr 6

## HOLIDAY HOCKEY PROGRAM



**SEPTEMBER 23-24-25**

9am to 3pm (EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE)

AGES 6-12 - BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

**\$100/DAY OR \$250 FOR FULL 3 DAYS**  
(EARLYBIRD & FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE)

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# HOME RUN HEROES

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY T-BALL & SOFTBALL PROGRAM



Northern Softball  
@ Mill Park

WHO?

JUNIORS 5-12 YRS  
All ability levels

COST

\$60



FUN & INCLUSIVE  
SKILL BASED ACTIVITIES AND MODIFIED  
GAMES OF T-BALL & SOFTBALL  
DELIVERED BY QUALIFIED COACHES  
PATHWAY TO JUNIOR SOFTBALL

**6 SESSIONS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

WEEK ONE MON 23 SEP - WED 25 SEP & WEEK TWO MON 30 - WED 2 OCT 10AM - 12PM

VENUE: NORTHERN DISTRICT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, MILL PARK RECREATION RESERVE, 41 MORANG DRIVE, MILL PARK

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**FREE EVENT**  
Bring family & friends

## OPEN DAY

SAT 7 SEPT | 10AM-1PM

- Butterfly House
- Petting Zoo
- Spring Menu Sampling
- Rhythm & Moves
- Face Painting

PLUS  
Sausage Sizzle  
Coffee Van



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