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IN THE LOOP

Look...Our Garden is Growing!

It's time to harvest now!



It is so exciting to see our garden grow and produce herbs, vegetables and even fruit. Our students are watering the garden and exploring what is growing.

Acknowledgement to Country

We are learning on Wurundjeri Country and in the spirit of reconciliation, Lalor North Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are learning. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Important Dates

Week 4, Term 4

Monday 28th October – Lady Northcote Camp

Monday 28th October – Oxi Day (Greek)

Monday 28th October – Greek Community Catch Up 7pm

Tuesday 29th October – Lady Northcote Camp

Tuesday 29th October – Dawali (29th Oct – 3rd Nov)

Wednesday 30th October – Lady Northcote Camp

Wednesday 30th October – Playgroup

Thursday 31st October – Breakfast Club

Friday 1st November – Interschool Sport

Friday 1st November – 2025 Parent Payments Released

Friday 1st November – Assembly

Week 5, Term 4

Monday 4th November – Professional Practice Day, Student Free Day

Tuesday 5th November – Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 6th November – Playgroup

Wednesday 6th November – Grade 3 & 4 Sustainability Incursion

Wednesday 6th November – Prep Transition Session 1

Thursday 7th November – Breakfast Club

Friday 8th November – Interschool Sport

Friday 8th November – Newsletter

Week 6, Term 4

Monday 11th November – National Recycling Week

Wednesday 13th November – Playgroup

Wednesday 13th November – Prep Transition Session 2

Thursday 14th November – Breakfast Club

Friday 15th November – Interschool Sport

Friday 15th November – Assembly

Our School Values

Honesty

We communicate openly and work together to solve problems. By demonstrating honesty and acting with integrity we build trust, which enables us to collaborate, to take greater risks with our learning and to be more resilient when things go wrong.

Respect

We respect ourselves, our school and each other, and understand that our attitudes and behaviour have an impact on the people around us.

Unity

We have many languages, come from many backgrounds and are a school of many differences, but we speak with one voice, as one school. We develop a sense of connection and belonging within each part of our school, and across the whole school.

Success

We help each other learn so that everyone experiences success every day. Success means doing new things, learning new skills, finding new ways of thinking and solving interesting, complex and challenging problems.

Resilience

We know trying new things, experiencing challenges and bouncing back from adversity are central to life and to learning. Only by building our resilience can we experience strong levels of growth.

Principal's Message

As we approach week four of this term, it does make you wonder... how quickly time goes by...

During this term we have many wonderful experiences to look forward to and opportunities to create memories filled with important milestones and events. Our students will be working hard as we approach the end of the academic year, and our teachers will be especially focusing on final assessments and preparing for the upcoming reporting period.

We're also excited to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Kim Rotondi. She has settled in and is getting to know everyone quickly. We have several special events, including our graduation ceremony, where we will celebrate our graduating classes and their remarkable accomplishments. It really is a time for reflection, joy, and looking forward to new beginnings for our year six cohort of students.



Bundoora Farm

The Prep to Grade 2 students visited the Bundoora farm for a Farm Tour, wildlife ride, garden activity, and education session called 'Going Green on the Farm'. There was a lot of excitement and happy children on each of the excursion days. Our Prep to Grade 2 students also enjoyed a free visit to our school from the Yarra Valley Water Education Program this week to continue learning about Earth's Resources, with a focus on how we should care for our environment and its natural resources.

Lalor Secondary School 'Spring Concert'

Grade 6 students had the opportunity to enjoy the Lalor Secondary School 'Spring Concert', providing another opportunity to experience a secondary school environment, to help prepare them for their Year 7 transition. Senior students participating in the STEM Young ICT Explorer Competition participated in presenting their projects for judging online in Week 2. While this Thursday saw our STEM Expo, where 4/5 Banksia 3 and 5/6 Banksia 4 students welcomed students and teachers from Dallas Brooks Primary School to our school. All the students from both schools had the chance to share their work with each other and explain what they did to create their Smart Cities.

Music Festival

Our students performed magnificently at the Music festival. They sang their little hearts out. They looked amazing with their new uniforms and collectively there were so many in attendance. The song they sang was a perfect choice and the confidence they exuded was so impressive for everyone that was in attendance. Everyone loved it and we were all so impressed. Our school was one of the standout performances... and of course we were so proud of them. Well done to all the students who performed and a big thank you to Teresa for her preparation.



Preparations for ...



As we look ahead to 2025, I want to share some exciting plans and preparations underway to ensure our school continues to thrive and meet the needs of our students.

Our commitment to academic excellence remains strong, and we are currently reviewing our curriculum delivery to align with emerging educational standards and best practices. This includes integrating new technologies and innovative teaching methods that will better prepare our students for the future. In addition, we are focusing on reading and strengthening our phonics approach.

Together, we can create an even more vibrant and supportive learning environment for our students. Thank you for your continued involvement and dedication to our school community as we prepare for a bright future in 2025 and beyond!

Prep Transition

It's almost that time of the year where we prepare for the upcoming Prep Transition. We are excited to welcome our new Prep students! Our Prep Transition program is designed to support a smooth and joyful entry into school life for both children and their families.

Throughout the transition period, we will host a series of orientation sessions and playdates, allowing our new students to explore the school environment and meet their teachers and future classmates. These activities aim to build confidence and ease any concerns about starting school.

We encourage parents to attend these sessions to connect with staff and other families, fostering a sense of community right from the beginning. Your involvement is vital in making this transition a positive experience.

Parent Payments

I want to take a moment to discuss parent payments for the upcoming school year. Your contributions play a vital role in enhancing our educational programs and resources, ensuring that we can provide the best possible learning experiences for our students.

This year, just like last year... we are implementing the streamlined payment process to make it easier for families. We appreciate your understanding and prompt attention to these payments, as they directly support essential activities, materials, and facilities as well as providing devices that are now one to one.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding payments, please feel free to reach out to our administration team. We are here to assist you and ensure that every child can access the resources they need to succeed.

A vertical poster for 2025 school enrolments. At the top, it says '2025 SCHOOL Enrolments' in white text on a green circular background. Below this is a photo of a group of children in school uniforms. To the right of the photo, it says 'ENROL NOW!' in bold white text. Below the photo, a blue banner reads 'Our School Offers 3 Curriculum Programs'. Underneath, three programs are listed: 'Standard Curriculum Program', 'Greek Bilingual Program', and 'Macedonian Bilingual Program'. The bottom section features the school's name 'LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL' in large white letters over a photo of the school building. At the very bottom, a green banner contains the text 'Call Us Today on 9465 4922', the website 'www.lalornorthps.edu.vic.au', and the email 'lalor.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au'.

School Improvements

I am thrilled to share some recent improvements that are enhancing our school environment for our students and staff.

First, we have installed a new fence around the school grounds on Monash Street. This upgrade not only enhances security but also creates a more welcoming atmosphere for our students and community.



We have also added new drinking fountains for our students in two areas. These fountains provide easy access to fresh water, encouraging our students to stay hydrated throughout the day. Promoting healthy habits is a priority for us, and this addition is a step in that direction. Our fundraising has certainly helped. I thank you all for helping this happen sooner than planned.

Additionally, we are developing our play areas to create engaging spaces where students can explore, play, and learn. These improvements will foster creativity and active physical activity, contributing to a well-rounded educational experience.

Together, these enhancements reflect our commitment to providing a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment for all students. I encourage everyone to take pride in our fantastic school as we continue to grow and improve. We have a wonderful school, and I am certainly proud of our school and community.

2024 School Camp

The Lalor North Primary School Camp for Grade 4/5/6 students begins next week and runs from Monday to Wednesday (28–30 October). This year's camp is at the YMCA Lady Northcote Adventure Camp, which is located in Glenmore, Victoria. At camp, students will have the opportunity to participate in a range of adventure activities, such as climbing walls, the challenge rope courses, abseiling, parkour and cycling under the supervision of qualified YMCA camp instructors and LNPS staff.

At camp, our students will be provided with experiences that involve solving problems and facing challenges to build their confidence. They develop their social skills, while taking advantage of the beautiful environment and the natural spaces around the site. Students will need to be at school no later than 8:50am on Monday and will return to school by 3.00pm on Wednesday.

Have a wonderful time, Campers!!!

The word "RESPECT" is written in large, colorful, 3D block letters. The letters are arranged in a slight arc. A hand is shown from the side, palm up, holding the letters. The background is white.

RESPECT –

A must for all school communities.

This is timely and an important reminder to all members of our school community about the value of RESPECT and being kind. We certainly understand that at times there are frustrations and concerns to be raised.

Always remember to raise concerns in a calm manner to ensure all people feel safe and respected.

At Lalor North Primary School, we recognise and value the importance of the partnership between schools and parents to support student learning, engagement, and wellbeing. We share a commitment to, and a responsibility for, ensuring inclusive, safe and orderly environments for children and adults.

Respect should be shown for students, adults and all members of the school community by:

- treating everyone in a considerate, fair and courteous manner
- maintaining confidentiality and treating private information properly
- recognising the achievements of others and sharing team success
- listening and encouraging everyone to explain ideas and actions
- ensuring that everyone has the right tools to do their work
- collaborating and engaging constructively with each other working towards a common goal.

Discrimination, sexual and other forms of harassment, bullying, violence, aggression and threatening behaviour are unacceptable and will not be tolerated in this school.

Scholarships to support students

Scholarships are available for students who complete Grade 4 to Year 11 in 2024, and for students enrolled in Year 12 in 2024 who plan to do tertiary studies in 2025.

Student scholarships

The Department of Education administers a number of scholarships available to eligible students who are enrolled in Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2024.

Applicants for these scholarships will be evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic achievement.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course or annual study.

Many of these scholarships have specific eligibility criteria, so please refer to individual applications for more information. Applications are now open, and close on Saturday 1 February 2025.

For information on how to apply, refer to [Student scholarships](#).

Elizabeth Bryan, Kim Rotondi and Amanda Lee

GREEK OHI DAY

This Monday, the 28th of October is the anniversary of Ohi Day, a significant day in Greek history, which is commemorated by Greeks around the world. The word 'ohi' means no in Greek.

On this day, in 1940, the Greek Prime Minister Ioannis Metaxas answered with a firm NO to the ultimatum made by the Italian dictator Benito Mussolini to enter Greece. This marked the beginning of Greece's participation in the Second World War.

It serves as a reminder of the Greek people's courage, resilience and love for their country. Let us honour those who fought for Greece's freedom, many of whom were Australian soldiers.

Our students will learn about the significance of this day during Greek classes through various reading and writing activities.

ZHTΩ TO OXI!



Introducing our new Assistant Principal – Kim Rotondi

I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new assistant principal of Lalor North Primary School! I am thrilled to be joining such a dedicated staff and community that make Lalor North a great place for students to learn and grow.

Allow me to share a bit about myself. My name is Kim Rotondi, and I bring with me many years of experience in education, with a strong passion for academic excellence, personal growth, and a safe and inclusive learning environment. Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working in various educational roles, including as a classroom teacher, various middle school leader roles and acting Assistant Principal. Each of these experiences have provided me with valuable insights into the diverse needs of students, parents, and educators.

Over the past year, I have been working on becoming an accredited multisensory structured language practitioner. I am currently going through the process of receiving specialist membership with the Australian Dyslexia Association. This is all learning based on the science of reading. I am excited to bring evidence-based initiatives into our work together to help our students achieve their best.

At Lalor North, my goal is to build upon and continue the existing culture of excellence and achievement, and to work collaboratively with our exceptional staff to provide an enriching educational experience for all students. I believe in fostering a positive and inclusive school culture that celebrates student success in all areas, promotes positive citizenship, and values the unique talents and contributions of every individual.

I firmly believe that open communication and collaboration are essential to student success, and I encourage parents and guardians to actively engage in their child's education and participate in the vibrant school community at Lalor North Primary School.

I am truly excited to embark on this journey with all of you and look forward to getting to know each and every one of our students and families. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to introduce yourself.

Kim Rotondi

Assistant Principal

FUNDRAISING @ Lalor North PS

Our school is working together with our student representative council as well as with the school council to raise funds for lots of exciting projects and improvements....

So far here is the run down on our efforts:

- Colour Fun Run 2024 raised was \$4086
- Easter Raffle funds raised was \$2618
- Mother's Day and Special Person Stall
– total funds raised were \$852
- Fathers' & Special Person Day Stall
– total funds raised \$54
- Chocolate Drive funds raised \$3878
- Footy Day Lunch \$1021



Here are our results.....



Here is our balance....



UPDATE

Our Student Representative Council has chosen to purchase outdoor table tennis (\$3901) which has arrived!

The table tennis table will be set up soon.....watch this space!

We have purchased and have had installed 2 fabulous new water fountains! Each water fountain with installation cost \$8026, one paid from Fundraising, the other was paid for from our wonderful Yarra Valley Community Grant!

Plus we won \$500 from Shop for Your School – spent on board games for wet days.



From the Office

2025 Grade 6 Tops

Orders can now be made for our current Grade 5 students for a Lalor North Primary School Grade 6 top for 2025. The cost of these tops are \$52-\$56 each, depending on the size ordered. Sample sizes are available to try on at our front office. Please see order information further in this newsletter.



Grade 6 Funfields Excursion

To celebrate a wonderful year of learning and the final year of primary school, the students in Grade 6 will be going to Funfields on Wednesday 4th December. Consent forms and payment for this event are required to be returned to the office by **Friday 29th November**.



Sustainability Incursion

On Wednesday 6th November, students in **Banksia 1, Banksia 5 and Wattle 5** will participate in an incursion with the company Urban Upcycle. Consent forms and payment for this event is required to be returned to the office by **Wednesday 30th October**.

Are you leaving our school in 2025?

Please ensure that you inform the office if you are leaving our school so that we can plan our grade structures, update our records and organise the transfer of information to your new school. It is important to have this conversation with us as soon as you know.

Some Important Dates & Reminders....

School Council Dates

Our School Council Meetings will be held on the following dates...

- Tuesday 29th October 2024
- Tuesday 26th November 2024
- Tuesday 10th December 2024
- Tuesday 18th February 2025
(final meeting before new council meets in March)

Student Free Days 2024

Term 4

Monday 4th November – Common Professional Practice Day (Day before Cup Day)

Save the date!

Wednesday 11th December – Year 6 Graduation

BUNDOORA FARM EXCURSION

At the beginning of this term our junior students visited Bundoora Park and participated in the Farm Education Program. They learnt about waste reduction and had hands-on garden experience about composting and planting. The students enjoyed their ride through the Wildlife Reserve and the guided farm tour. The day was filled with lots of learning and fun.



Bundoora Farm Excursion

1/2

Our excursion to Bundoora Farm with the Year 1/2 students was an adventure filled with hands-on learning and fun! The children had the opportunity to explore and learn about various animals, observing kangaroos and emus in their natural habitat. They enjoyed feeding friendly goats, sheep, and chickens, which sparked their curiosity and excitement.





Throughout the day, students engaged in activities that taught them about sustainability and the importance of caring for our environment. Overall, it was a delightful and educational experience that brought our lessons to life!

The highlight for many was getting to pat the guinea pigs, allowing for gentle interactions with these small animals.

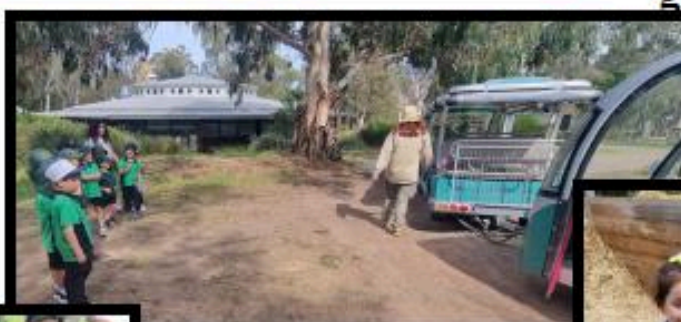


Bundoora Farm Excursion

B2 Our recent excursion to Bundoora Farm was nothing short of an adventure! The Foundation students embarked on a safari train ride, spotting kangaroos and emus up close—what an incredible sight!



The fun didn't stop there; the kids delighted in feeding the goats and sheep and had the chance to cuddle adorable guinea pigs.



Each moment was filled with laughter and joy as they interacted with the animals.





In addition to all the hands-on experiences, our students learned about sustainability and how we can make a positive impact by utilising our waste.



It was an engaging and educational day that sparked curiosity and enthusiasm for the environment.



This excursion was a perfect blend of fun and learning, creating memories that will last for a long time!

BUNDOORA FARM EXCURSION

Wattle 8



As a part of our Inquiry unit, Chemical, Earth and Space sciences we visited the Bundoora Park to participate in the farm Education Program. We learnt about Earths resources, Sustainability, Reducing, Recycling and Reusing. This was a educational and fun expierence.



Spring Concert at Lalor Secondary College

On Tuesday 15th October, our Grade 6 students attended the 'Spring Concert' at Lalor Secondary.



It was a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful spring sunshine as we walked to the high school to then thoroughly immerse ourselves in the highly entertaining music performances delivered by the high school students amongst which were a number of former LNPS students.



We sat in the audience bursting with excitement and pride.

This excursion most certainly excited and helped our students, as they prepare for their transition to secondary schools next year.



LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

TERM 4

YOU'RE THE STAR

Talent Show

IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE!

PERFORM SOLO OR WITH FRIENDS!

EVERY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME
Outdoor Stage Area

ENTERTAIN OUR AUDIENCE BY SHOWCASING YOUR AMAZING TALENT IN ANY LANGUAGE!

Sing! Dance! Play a musical instrument!
Perform comedy! Perform magic tricks!

TO REGISTER: SEE OUR STUDENT LEADERS & MS TERESA AT THE BEGINNING OF LUNCHTIME

HOW TO MAKE FAIRY BREAD



Students in Wattle 7 & 8 have been learning about procedural texts and writing. During class time, students made their own fairy bread. This fun and educational activity assisted students in writing their own fairy bread procedural text.



Step 1: Get all your ingredients ready (butter, bread, sprinkles, a knife and a plate) - Tai W8



Step 2: Put butter on your knife, ready to spread on the bread - Rayan W7



Step 3: Start spreading butter on the bread, remember to evenly spread around - Granth W8



Step 4: Get your 100's & 1000's and then sprinkle them on the bread - Justin W7



Step 5: Enjoy your piece of yummy fairy bread - Henry W8



Lalor North Primary School Choir performed at the 2024 Music Festival!



On Thursday 17th October, our P-6 Choir represented our school and performed at the annual Music Festival, held at Lalor North Secondary College. This evening showcased musical groups from local schools and it was wonderful to share our Choir's amazing talents with our local community.



Congratulations to our Choir students for their passionate performance of 'We are the World'. They certainly impressed their audience as they sang from their hearts and gave it their all!

We are so proud of you!

We sincerely thank the parents/carers and families of our Choir for your support and for attending this wonderful event!

Thank you to our wonderful staff member, Ms Julie-anne Tran and parent helpers for your support on the night!



Thank you to Lalor North Secondary College for hosting this annual event!

From Mrs Teresa Damjanic - Choir Leader

How to order on Book Club



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school

2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read



3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)



4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

- 1.** If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
- 2.** Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
- 3.** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- 4.** Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
- 5.** Make payment via credit card.

Update

School Saving Bonus Information



Dear parents and carers

As shared with you previously, parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support.

In the coming months, the Department of Education will send you 2 email communications for each of your children enrolled in Victorian government schools.

By Friday 18 October 2024, please ensure that your child's 2025 enrolment is completed and that your contact information is up to date.

The 2 emails from the Department of Education will:

1. Confirm your email address between mid-October and late-November.
2. Provide you with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code by the end of November.

If you do not receive a confirmation email from the department by late-November, please check your spam or junk folders and contact Lalor North Primary School if needed.

You can read more about the School Saving Bonus on the Department of Education website, with key information now available in 14 different languages.



Prep 2025 Enrolments

Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2025

Important reminder for families who have a child due to commence Prep in 2025, Please contact our office for an enrolment form.

Our numbers are rising, and we need to have all enrolments accounted for to organise staffing for our school for 2025.



Prep Transition Begins Soon....Letters coming your way

Our Transition Dates for Prep Students Starting School in 2025

- Transition session 1 - Wednesday 6th November**
- Transition session 2 - Wednesday 13th November**
- Transition session 3 - Wednesday 20th November**
- Transition session 4 - Wednesday 27th November**

Are you leaving our school in 2025?

Please ensure that you inform the office if you are leaving our school so that we can plan our grade structures, update our records and organise the transfer of information to your new school.

It is important to have this conversation with us as soon as you know.

YEAR 6 2025 PRINTED V NECK TOP



Top with student name

STUDENTS NAME _____

PERFERED NAME TO BE PRINTED ON THE TOP _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN CONJUNCTION WITH ORDERING ON-LINE

Sizes C4 - C16 \$52.00

Sizes A14 - A26 \$56.00

Orders can be placed through our On-Line Website or through our Retail Shop.

Purchase Your Polos using our On-Line Website

www.aplusschoolwear.com.au

Date the money has to be in by Friday 15th November 2024.

Ref: "Child's full name and class – Year 6 Top"

GRADE 6 TOPS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL FIRST WEEK OF TERM 1

Student of the Week – 11th October

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
Wattle 2	Allana L	Unity	For always making everyone feel welcomed, safe and cared for in the classroom and playground.
Wattle 3	Ivy C	Success	For showing her enthusiasm for learning when working with her partner on their writing task. Fantastic start to Term 4!
Wattle 4	Stella J	Success	For always challenging herself and extending her learning. Well done, Stella!
Wattle 5	Diego D	Success	For showing pleasing improvement with his Maths work and moving up a group. Well done, Diego!
Wattle 7	Lara A	Respect	For demonstrating the value of respect by actively participating in all activities during our visit to Bundoora Farm.
Wattle 8	Liliana K	Success	For showing our school values and participating in all activities on the excursion to Bundoora Farm. Well done!
Banksia 1	Mia A	Success	For making a consistent effort in her learning and having a great start to Term 4. Well done, Mia!
Banksia 2	Anastasia T	Success	for her consistent effort in all classes. For striving to do her best. We are so proud of you, Anastasia!
Banksia 3	Oliver G	Resilience	For his great start to Term 4, trying hard in all areas of his learning and becoming more independent. Keep up the great effort, Oliver!
Banksia 4	Niko B	Success	For making responsible decisions about his learning in class.
Banksia 5	Florija L	Success	For being able to write her opinion on a topic and back it up with a well expressed valid reason. Wonderful work Florija!
Banksia 7	Julian P	Success	For working well during small group instructions and applying his knowledge of letters-sounds to improve his writing in Macedonian. Well done Julian!
Banksia 8	Illy A	Resilience	For his resilience and being an absolute superstar at our farm excursion
Banksia 9	Luka B	Success	For making an effort to follow instructions during our excursion to Bundoora Farm and for taking part in the activities with enthusiasm. Keep it up, Luka!
PE	Brajden J (Banksia 5)	Success	For his excellent baseball striking skills and ability to hit home runs during PE lessons. Well done Brajden!
ART	Darko P (Banksia 7)	Success	For identifying dot paintings as part of Indigenous Australian art and creating a kangaroo inspired painting using dot patterns and earth coloured paints. Great work!
ITALIAN	Aleen M (Wattle 7)	Success	For listening attentively to instructions and for reading and writing simple sentences to describe objects by their size in Italian. Brava, Aleen!
STEM			
Digital Technology (Bi-lingual)	Adrian C (Banksia 7)	Resilience	For showing resilience when attempting challenging tasks using the iPad. You kept trying until you found the answer. Well done, Adrian!

Student of the Week – 18th October

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
Wattle 2	Wattle 2	Respect	For their excellent behaviour on our excursion and for especially treating all of the animals with respect when petting and feeding them. Well done, Grade Preps!
Wattle 3	Aria G	Success	For putting such great effort into building a narrative on Minecraft. It looks fantastic!
Wattle 4	Jagger C	Success	For attending school every day so far this term and your outstanding dedication and effort in the classroom. Keep up the good work Jagger!
Wattle 5	Niah F	Respect	For always being polite and respectful in class. Well done, Niah!
Wattle 7	Issa A	Success	For actively participating in class discussions and trying his best to finish his work both in reading and maths. Well done!
Wattle 8	Hope P	Success	For always being a polite, helpful and hardworking student. Great work on always taking initiative in the classroom. Keep it up Hope!
Banksia 1	Luciana Z	Resilience	For taking risks in her learning and challenging herself to do better. Well done, Luciana!
Banksia 2	Giovanni S	Respect	for actively participating in all activities, contributing positively to our group experience with his enthusiasm and respect, during our excursion. Well done, Giovanni!!
Banksia 3	Jordan D	Success	For his success in his reading assessments and showing huge improvements in his learning. Well done Jordan and keep it up!
Banksia 4	Leo P	Success	For his fantastic effort and success as he developed a deeper understanding of decimal numbers. Great work, Leo!
Banksia 5	Sofi M	Success	For being able to display a deeper understanding of the texts through analysing the author's purpose. Excellent work Sofi!
Banksia 7	Samuel J	Success	For successfully learning all 26 letters and sounds of the English alphabet. You have worked hard to achieve your goal! Well done!
Banksia 8	Samuel P	Respect	For being a wonderful classmate, treating everyone with respect and kindness. Thank you, Samuel!
Banksia 9	David A	Resilience	For trying to put in more effort during the maths sessions and getting some work done on patterns successfully. Keep trying, David!
PE	Reyanshdeep (Wattle 5)	Success	For his big hitting cricket batting skills during PE lessons. Well done, Reyansh!
ART	Amena I (Wattle 8)	Success	For identifying dot paintings as part of Indigenous Australian art and creating her own inspired painting. Beautiful work Amena!
ITALIAN	Aayansh K	Success	For recognising the names of 2D shapes in Italian. Bravo, Aayansh!
STEM			
Digital Technology (Bi-lingual)	Lukas R (Banksia 1)	Success	For using Google search phrases and quotation marks to narrow his searches and get great results. Well done, Lukas!

Student of the Week – 25th October

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
Wattle 2	Hafsa A	Success	For staying focused during learning time and more confidently contributing her ideas during discussions.
Wattle 3	Ali A	Success	For his excellent knowledge and effort in calculating multiplication of decimals. Superstar!
Wattle 4	Jonisa H	Success	For your active participation during maths lessons and willingness to seek help and clarification when needed. Excellent work Jonisa!
Wattle 5	Anna A	Honesty	For being an honest and reliable person who always tries her best in class. Well done, Anna!
Wattle 7	Zoe R	Success	For always challenging herself in her schoolwork everyday. Keep going superstar!
Wattle 8	Henry W	Success	For creating an amazing narrative and giving his personal best. Keep up your great ideas!
Banksia 1	Angelo A	Resilience	For making a great start to Term 4 in your new classroom Banksia 1. You have settled in and made new friends. Well done, Angelo!
Banksia 2	Paige Z	Respect	For consistently showing respect towards her teachers and peers, setting a wonderful example for everyone around her. Well done, Paige!
Banksia 3	Katina P	Success	For showing success in all her learning. In particular, making great connections in her reading and demonstrating her comprehension by asking questions. Keep up the great work, Katina!
Banksia 4			
Banksia 5	Jana G	Success	For putting an enormous effort into maths and showing an improved understanding of fractions. Excellent work Jana!
Banksia 7	Clement K	Respect	For being a five star student both in and out of the classroom. Well done, Clement!
Banksia 8			
Banksia 9	Pavel N	Resilience	For adjusting very well to our school, making new friends and having a very positive attitude towards learning. Well done, Pavel!
PE			
ART	Suhavya C (Wattle 8)	Success	For identifying dot paintings as part of Indigenous Australian art and creating her own inspired painting. Beautiful work Suhavya!
ITALIAN	Mason P (Wattle 3)	Success	For working diligently when exploring how to read, write and pronounce times in Italian. Bravo, Mason!
STEM	Amen M (W4)	Resilience	For doing a great job presenting his YICTE project to 3 judges by himself. Amazing confidence Amen. Well done!
Digital Technology (Bi-lingual)	Portia A (B3)	Resilience	For trying hard during Digital Technology lessons to learn and practise new skills. Well done, Portia!

Interschool Sports Results

Friday 11th October we played against St Clare's Primary School

Sport	Results	Awards
Cricket	Lalor North PS lost to St Clare's PS 78/1 to 79/4	Star Performer – Maryam Encouragement Award – Viraj
Rounders (Boys)	Lalor North PS defeated St Clare's PS 3 runs to 2 runs	Star Performer – Makary Encouragement Award – Jagger
Rounders (Girls)	Lalor North PS lost to St Clare's PS 1 run to 10 runs	Star Performer – Samvrata Encouragement Award - Natalia
Bat Tennis (Boys)	Lalor North PS defeated St Clare's PS 3 sets to 2 sets	Star Performer – Teodor Encouragement Award – Tyler R
Bat Tennis (Girls)	Lalor North PS defeated St Clare's PS 3 sets to 1 set	Star Performer – Sienna H Encouragement Award – Emilia M



Last week, Friday 18th October, no interschool sports

Interschool Sports Results

This week we played against Meadowglen Primary School

No sports results due to inclement weather, the games were a wash out



Let's pull together for the final school term!



Term 4 has arrived! So bring on the sunny skies, blooming flowers, and reliable on-site Outside School Hours Care with VillageOSHC!

We're tying up the school year with a great collection of arts and crafts, outdoor games, science experiments, role-play and dress up, and lots of opportunities to laugh and play together!

Enrol and book your sessions at VillageOSHC.com.au and get roped into an unforgettable Term 4 today!



Save up to **90%** on your sessions in Term 4 with the Child Care Subsidy!

Social Media Safety



Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online and on social media. You can help your children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences. You can explore websites, games, apps and social media together and set some rules and boundaries.

Your support and guidance can give your children the knowledge to make sound decisions online and confidence to ask for help when they need it. It is also important to stay informed about online safety.

The Department of Education recognises this important issue and has developed fact sheets about supports to help keep students safe online and what to do if they are involved in an online incident.

The fact sheets contain links to evidence-based information on supporting positive and safe online experiences, signs a child or young person might need support, what to do if something unsafe happens online, and where to reach out to for more support.

To access the fact sheets, refer to the [Safe Socials webpage](#). The fact sheets are available in 19 community languages.

The government is also launching public consultation on age limits for social media.

You and your children can share your experiences to inform proposed changes via an online survey, before 5 pm on Friday 1 November 2024. For more information on the survey and to take part, refer to [Proposed changes to social media age limits](#) on the Engage Victoria website.

If you have any queries about this information, you can contact the department by email: bullystoppers@education.vic.gov.au

E-SAFETY

Tips to help protect your child online

BUILD TRUST AROUND TECHNOLOGY
Keep communication open and supportive so your child knows they can come to you if something goes wrong or does not feel right online.

SET TIME LIMITS
Balance time spent in front of screens with offline activities – a family technology plan can help you to manage expectations around where and when technology use is allowed.

BUILD GOOD HABITS
Help your child to develop digital intelligence and social and emotional skills – such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience – and practice being good online citizens.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
On the games and apps your child is using make sure their profiles are turned on to the strictest privacy setting. Restrict who can contact your child or ask them to check in with you before accepting new friends.

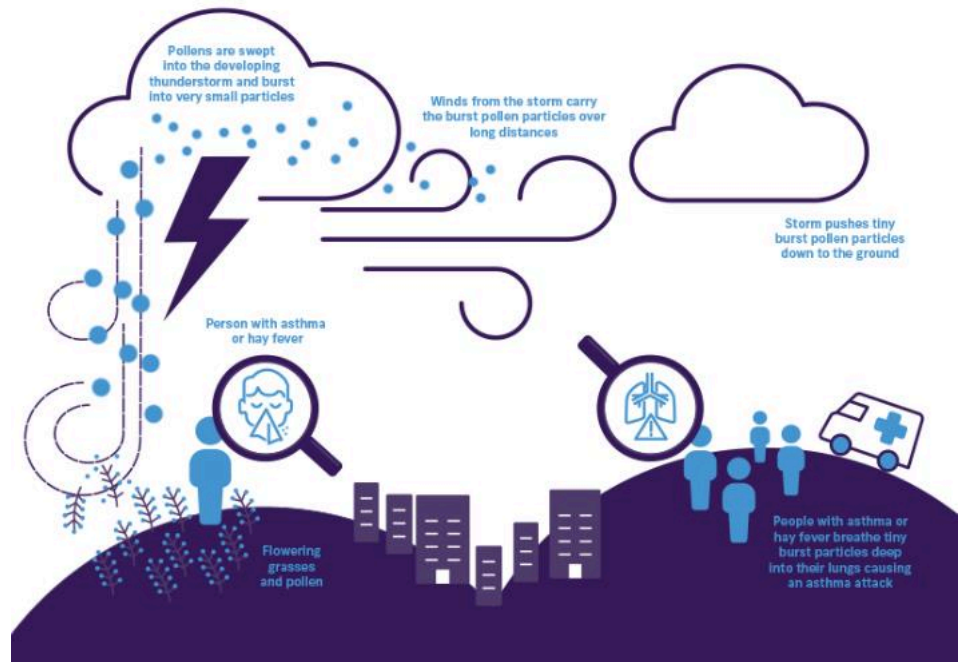
CO-VIEW AND CO-PLAY
Play with your child online. This will help you better understand what they are doing and why they enjoy an app, game or website, as well as providing a great opportunity to start conversations about online safety.

EMPOWER YOUR CHILD
Wherever possible, help your child make wise decisions for themselves, rather than telling them what to do. Try to provide them with strategies for dealing with negative online experiences that will build their confidence and resilience.

For more information visit: www.esafety.gov.au

ASTHMA – BE PREPARED THIS POLLEN SEASON

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of [thunderstorm asthma](#). For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.



Lalor North Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.

During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

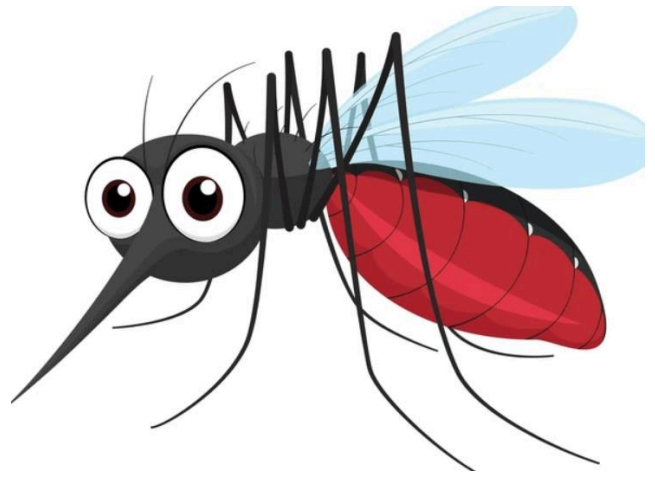
- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

[Find out more](#)

For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also visit the [Better Health Channel](#) website.

Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases



Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and increased risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone [NURSE-ON-CALL](tel:1300606024): 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines are available to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

The Victorian Department of Health encourages eligible people who live or work in high-risk local government areas to get vaccinated.

For more information, including what is considered a high-risk area and eligibility for a free vaccine, refer to the Department of Health's [Japanese encephalitis webpage](#).

Find out more

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- [Mosquitoes can carry diseases](#)
- [Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease](#), including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and [resources translated into other languages](#)



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Become a foster carer today!**

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Volunteer with our Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS)

Provide friendship and companionship to people at risk of social isolation and loneliness.

What is the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme?

The Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme (ACVVS) is funded by the Australian Government and plays a vital role in providing friendship for older people living in Aged Care Homes or living in their own homes and receiving or waitlisted for a Home Care Package.

What does a Volunteer Visitor do?

There are many older Australians who are lonely and in need of a friend to spend time with. In some cases, Volunteer Visitors are the only social connection the older person may have.

There are many ways to share time when visiting, including:

- sharing stories
- reading or listening to a book
- helping with a hobby, interest or activity
- sharing a cup of tea and a chat
- enjoying a walk or going out
- watching a TV show together
- taking a family pet or child to visit

Apply to become an ACVVS volunteer

Are you committed to building and sustaining a friendship with an isolated older person, and can commit to visits once a week or fortnight for 12 months or more?

Contact us to find out more:

T: 03 9845 2729

E: volunteer@msplus.org.au

W: msplus.org.au/ACVVS

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Item		Sizes Available	Price
	Summer Dress <i>Bottle green & white</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$29.00
	Cotton Back Short Sleeve Polo <i>Emerald with black panels, white piping and black collar with emerald and white stripes (embroidered logo)</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$35.00 \$38.00
	Rugby Knit Shorts - Unisex <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$21.00
	Microfibre Shorts - Unisex <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Sml - Med - Lge - XL	\$30.00 \$33.00
	Cotton Back Long Sleeve Polo <i>Emerald with black panels, white piping and black collar and cuffs with emerald and white stripes (embroidered logo)</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$37.00 \$40.00
	Hooded Top <i>Black with green sleeves and green insert in hood with black bands with green and white stripes on bands (embroidered logo)</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$48.00 \$51.00
	Bomber Jacket <i>Black with green sleeves and black bands with green and white stripes on bands (embroidered logo)</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$52.00 \$55.00
	Straight leg Track Pants <i>Cotton/Polyester Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$28.00
	Fleecy Double knee trackpants with cuff <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25.00
	Fleecy straight leg trackpants <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$24.00
	Waterproof Jacket Fleecy Lined <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$52.00
	Bucket Hat <i>Black</i>	XSm 53cm Sm 55cm Med 57cm Lge 59cm XLg 61cm	\$12.00
	School Bag <i>Black</i>	One size	\$45.00
	Warm Beanie <i>Black</i>	One size fits all	\$12.00
	Grade 6 Cotton Back S/Sleeve Polo Top - Green/White/Black Special Order Available only Oct/Nov	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$52.00 \$56.00



Lalor North Primary School Uniform

The purposes of the school uniform are to distinguish the school in public, build a school identity, help build an inclusive environment and to provide parents with cost effective and convenient clothing for school.

Lalor North Primary School has a compulsory school uniform. It must be worn at school, on excursions, at sporting activities and any other special occasions where students represent the school. It's important that every student feels comfortable and has a sense of belonging to our learning community while feeling pride about being a member of our school community each school day.

A PLUS SCHOOLWEAR

Northern Regional Uniforms Shop

Address: Unit 3 /30 Heaths Court Mill Park

Contact: [03 9436 4005](tel:0394364005)

Email: info@northernregionaluniforms.com.au

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Tuesday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

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Thursday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

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Website Details: www.aplusschoolwear.com.au

Children's Week

Saturday 19 – Sunday 27 October

2024



Children have the right to a clean and safe environment.

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