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IN THE LOOP



Sustainability.....our learning journey continues.....



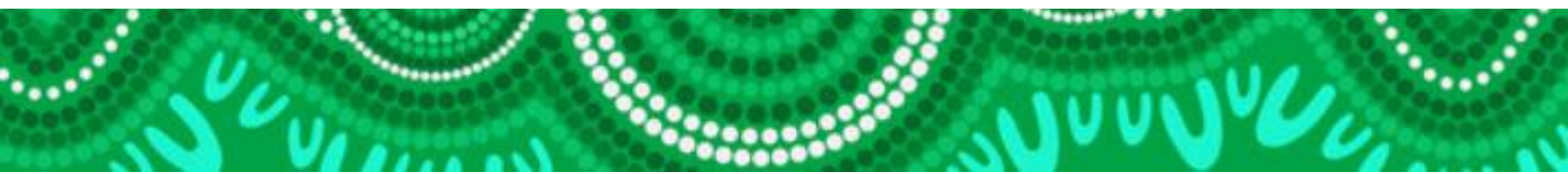
Learning with Respect, Growing with Responsibility, Sustaining with Resilience.

Spring has arrived at Lalor North Primary School, and with it comes new growth, fresh ideas, and a renewed focus on sustainability! Our gardens are growing and our student's plant, water, and care for our growing spaces. From flourishing veggie patches to our new outdoor learning areas, students are embracing hands-on opportunities to learn about nature, responsibility, and environmental care.



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 2, Term 4

- Monday 13th October – Education Subcommittee @5pm
- Monday 13th October – Confident Girls Netball Program G5&6
- Tuesday 14th October – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
- Wednesday 15th October – Playgroup 9am-10am
- Wednesday 15th October – Finance Subcommittee @4.45pm
- Wednesday 15th October – Parent G3&4 Camp Information Evening 5pm
- Thursday 16th October – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am
- Thursday 16th October – Facilities Subcommittee 10am
- Thursday 16th October – Grade 5&6 STOMP Incursion
- Friday 17th October – Interschool Sports

Week 3, Term 4

Children's Week

- Monday 20th October – Confident Girls Netball Program G5&6
- Tuesday 21st October – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
- Tuesday 21st October – School Council Meeting
- Wednesday 22nd October – Playgroup 9am-10am
- Wednesday 22nd October – Parent G5&6 Camp Information Evening 5pm
- Thursday 23rd October – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am
- Thursday 23rd October – Grade 5&6 STOMP Incursion
- Thursday 23rd October – SHON Lalor North Filming Day
- Friday 24th October – Interschool Sports
- Friday 24th October – Newsletter Released

Week 4, Term 4

- Monday 27th October – Confident Girls Netball Program G5&6
- Tuesday 28th October – OHI Day
- Tuesday 28th October – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
- Wednesday 29th October – Prep MOPA Excursion
- Wednesday 29th October – Playgroup 9am-10am
- Wednesday 29th October – Evacuation Drill
- Thursday 30th October – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am
- Thursday 30th October – Grade 5&6 STOMP Incursion
- Friday 31st October – Interschool Sports

Week 5, Term 4

- Monday 3rd November – Professional Practice Day – Student Free Day
- Tuesday 4th November – Melbourne Cup Day, Public Holiday
- Wednesday 5th November – Italian Celebration Day
- Wednesday 5th November – Playgroup 9am-10am
- Wednesday 5th November – World Teachers Day
- Thursday 6th November – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am
- Thursday 6th November – Grade 5&6 STOMP Incursion
- Friday 7th November – Interschool Sports
- Friday 7th November – Bilingual Schools Soccer World Cup
- Friday 7th November – Newsletter
- Friday 7th 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

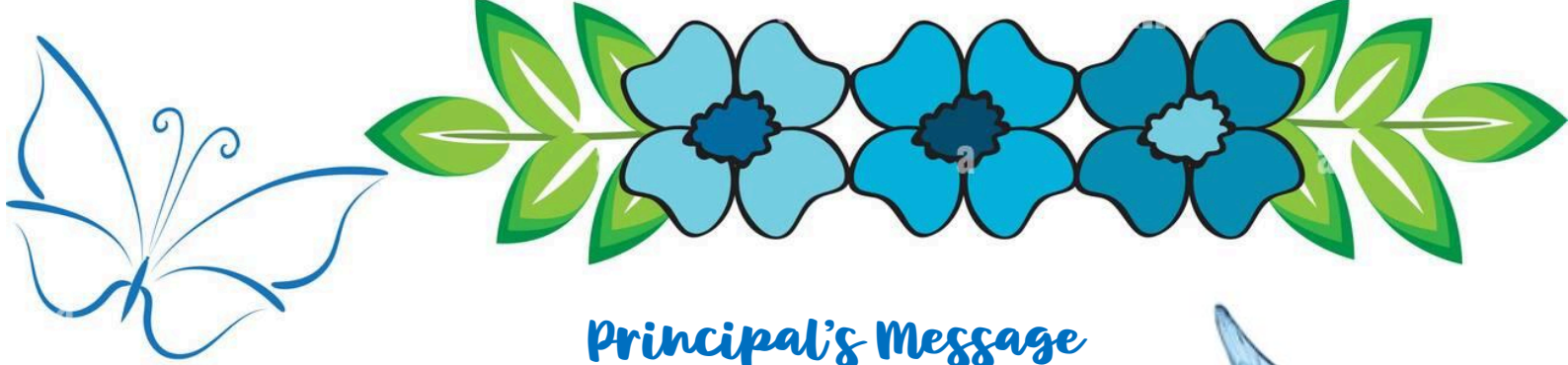
We have many languages, come from many backgrounds and are a school of many differences, but we speak with one voice, as one school. We develop a sense of connection and belonging within each part of our school, and across the whole school.

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

Welcome Back to Term 4!



Welcome back to all our Lalor North Primary School community!

We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing break and is ready for an exciting final term. The year is flying by, and our school is already buzzing with learning, creativity, and plenty of outdoor fun.

Planning for the 2026 school year is already well underway! We are currently very busily working through:

- **Employing new staff** to support our growing enrolments,
- **Planning grade structures** to best meet student needs,
- **Ordering new furniture and learning resources**, and
- **Developing additional classroom spaces** to ensure all students have access to engaging, well-equipped learning environments.



It's an exciting time for our school as we continue to grow and improve our facilities and programs for every student. This week we also welcomed Karina Matschke to our school as our newest staff member as the classroom teacher of Wattle 8. In 2026, we will have many more new faces as our staffing profile will grow significantly.

Parent Payments 2026

As we prepare for 2026, we have just finalised our Parent Payments with the school council, and plan to be distributing these to families on Monday. This year, Parent Payments will be organised per program...the Greek Bilingual Program, the Macedonian Bilingual Program, and the Standard Program. Each program has its own unique needs and points of difference, and this structure ensures that resources directly support the learning experiences of every child in the specific programs they learn in every day.

To make these programs as rich and successful as possible, we rely on the support of all our families. Your contributions help us provide high quality resources, cultural events, and learning opportunities that make Lalor North Primary School such a special place to learn. Together, we can continue to grow and strengthen the programs that set our school apart.

New Outdoor Spaces



We're thrilled to see students enjoying our new outdoor classroom, sand play area, inclusive playground, and Gaga pit. These spaces have quickly become favourites during recess and lunchtime!

Students have been reminded to play safely and respectfully in these new areas. Our Student Representative Council (SRC) is currently designing **Safe Play posters** for each play zone to encourage positive behaviour and care for our school environment.

Sun Smart Reminders

Our **Sun Protection Policy** is now in full swing as UV levels rise. All students must wear their school hats when outdoors. Please check that your child's hat is clearly named and brought to school each day. UV rays can still be strong even on cool or cloudy days, so thank you for helping us keep everyone safe. For more information, please see our Sun Protection Policy. All school are expected to enforce the policy as per the Department of Education directives.



High-Ability Learning

We're very proud to announce that **ten more students** have been selected to participate in the **High Abilities Program**, focusing on **numeracy enrichment**. This program provides students with opportunities to extend their thinking and problem-solving skills beyond the regular curriculum. Congratulations to these students on their hard work and enthusiasm! We will list them in our next newsletter.

Prep 2026 Orientation Dates

To support our newest students, we offer a comprehensive *Kinder to Prep Orientation Program*, designed to help children feel confident and excited about starting school. This program includes a series of four orientation sessions held during Term 4, across November and December.

Parents and carers will also have the opportunity to learn more about our school, the Prep program, and how to best support their child as they begin their school journey. At LNPS, we believe that a smooth and enjoyable start to school sets the tone for future success and we're here to support every step of the journey.



Our orientation sessions occur on...

Session 1: Wednesday 12th November

Session 2: Wednesday 19th November

Session 3: Wednesday 26th November

Session 4: Wednesday 3rd December

Prep 2026 Orientation Dates



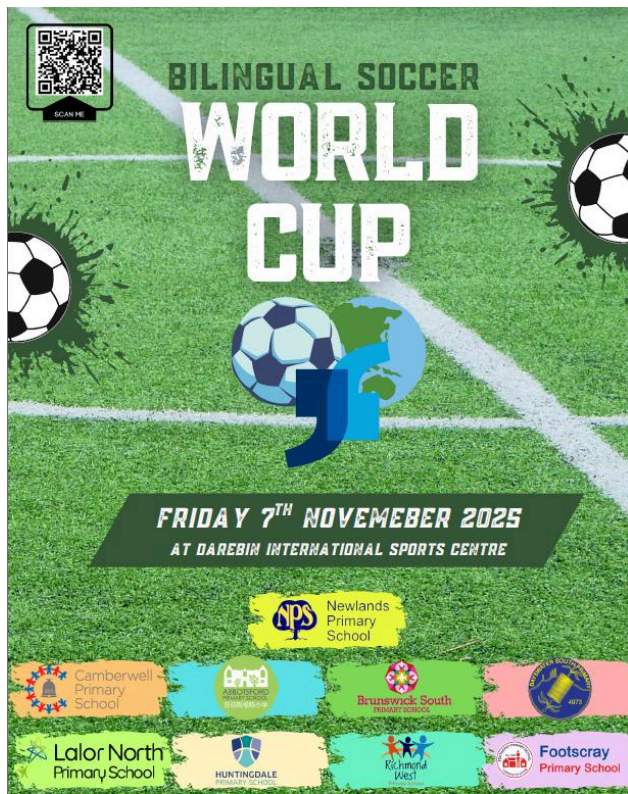
New Lunch Provider – Tuckshop

Some exciting news for our families! This term we began using our new outsourced lunch provider, **Tuckshop**, which will be available every Thursdays. This service will offer fresh, healthy, and tasty options for our students. It went smoothly on Thursday with many lunches ordered.

Parents will need to download the App and ensure all orders are submitted by 8am on the day of service...this is **THURSDAYS** for our school. It is really easy to use, and the food seemed really great.

We are looking forward to seeing how our community continues with this new initiative, and we welcome feedback as we trial it together in term 4.





We are super excited about competing in the first ever Bilingual World Soccer Cup this term. We will be competing against the following Bilingual Schools across the state:

Brunswick South PS – Italian Bilingual
 Footscray PS – Italian Bilingual
 Camberwell PS – French Bilingual
 Huntingdale PS – Japanese Bilingual
 Bayswater PS – German Bilingual
 Abbotsford PS – Chinese Bilingual
 Richmond West PS – Chinese Bilingual
 Newslands PS – Spanish Bilingual

The competition is on!
 We are pumped and ready to GO!

COMING SOON

Looking ahead, we are pleased to share that Lalor North Primary School will have a new Outside School Hours Care provider from 2026. The successful provider will be beginning in January 2026 offering....

Before School Care
After School Care
Student Free Day Care
School Holiday Care

This decision follows a very thorough and carefully considered process, which has taken place over an extended period. Our School Council, along with two parents who currently use the program, played an important role in the selection process. Their input and perspectives ensured that the needs of families were front and centre when selecting the provider.

Our NEW 2026 Outside School Hours Care



Thunderstorm 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.

We will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases. All our staff are trained in asthma first aid. We will monitor the Vic Emergency 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'.

Thunderstorm Asthma

WHAT IS THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA?

Rapid spikes in asthma attacks associated with thunderstorm events during high pollen seasons

WHAT HAPPENS?

- 1 Whole pollen grains (e.g. rye grass) taken up into storm clouds
- 2 Moisture bursts pollen grains into small particles
- 3 Pollen particles spread by dry outflow of air in front of storm

CAN CAUSE:

- Severe asthma symptoms
- Hospital attendance / admissions
- Death

Note: Other aero-allergens have also caused thunderstorm asthma events in other areas

WHO IS AFFECTED BY THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA?

Anyone can be affected, even people without an asthma diagnosis

POPULATIONS MOST AT RISK

- People with asthma not prescribed or taking controller medication
- People with pollen allergy and/or hay fever

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

TO REDUCE RISK

- Maintain asthma control with regular use of controller medication (consider use during pollen season if not indicated year-round)
- Effective allergic rhinitis management including intranasal corticosteroids through pollen season
- Develop knowledge of asthma first aid
- Update written asthma action plan including thunderstorm asthma advice

DURING THUNDERSTORMS

- Carry reliever inhaler throughout grass pollen season
- Stay indoors with windows closed during storms
- If you have symptoms, seek immediate medical care and seek medical advice

References: Hen et al. 2017, Thien et al 2018, NAC 2017

Developed as part of the SEVERE ASTHMA TOOLKIT toolkit.severeasthma.org.au



Lalor North Primary School welcomes...

PREP ENROLMENTS

Step into the Future:
An exciting learning journey awaits!



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BOOK A TOUR NOW

Parent Guide

WHAT THE SOCIAL MEDIA DELAY MEANS FOR YOUR CHILD

Why is this happening?

The Australian Government has announced that from 10 December 2025, children under 16 will no longer be able to create or maintain accounts on social media platforms such as YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, and X.

This change aims to protect young people from:

- Harmful or unsafe content
- Addictive algorithms
- Mental health impacts such as anxiety, sleep disruption, and self-esteem issues

How will this affect my child?

- Positive impact: More focus in class, reduced distractions, and stronger protection from unsafe content.
- At home: Platforms will be required to prevent under-16s from creating or maintaining accounts from 10 Dec 2025.

Parents still play a key role in reinforcing healthy digital habits.

Tips for Parents (from eSafety guidance)

- Talk early, talk often: Ask your child how they feel about these changes.
- Model positive use: Show balance in your own device habits
- Offer safe alternatives: Encourage educational platforms and family activities.
- Set clear boundaries: Agree on times and places for device use.
- Watch for wellbeing signals: Be alert to changes in sleep, mood, or social withdrawal.

The social media ban is about creating a safer, more focused learning environment. Lalor North Primary School is committed to ensuring your child continues to have access to engaging, high-quality digital resources.



Scan this QR Code to find out more from the eSafety website

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



Children's Week 2025 18-26 October

Theme: Everyone should know about Children's Rights



Artwork Winner: Keiko Prasetyo (9YO) 'Bubble Rights' - "I love to play with bubbles. This drawing is about children's rights to be safe and grow. They need to have a family, to have a safe home, a warm bed and to eat. They need to have a school, to play, to talk or to say what they want and to be listened to - even with a book (PECS) if they can't talk."



childrenweek.org.au



Celebrating Children's Week

Children's Week is a national celebration. It recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. The event takes place in October every year, with thousands of Victorian children taking part in the festivities. Children's Week 2025 will be held between 18th October – 26th October 2025.

The Children's Week theme for 2025 is: "Everyone should know about Children's Rights".

The theme is a simplified version of Article 42 of the UNCRC which states: "Parties undertake to make the principles and provisions of the Convention widely known, by appropriate and active means, to adults and children alike."

This year at LNPS, we will be celebrating Children's Week with some activities in classrooms and outside games.

Celebrate and Support Diverse Learners

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month and ADHD Awareness Month
Developmental Language Disorder Day on 17th October

October 2025 is an important month to recognise and celebrate our diverse learners. It's Dyslexia Awareness Month and ADHD Awareness Month, and 17 October marks Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Day. These awareness events give us a wonderful opportunity to learn more about how these conditions affect learning and how we can work together to support all students—both at school and at home.

What are diverse learners?

Diverse learners include students who may have characteristics of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism, developmental language disorder (DLD), or specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia. These students may learn and communicate in different ways, and they benefit greatly from tailored support and understanding.

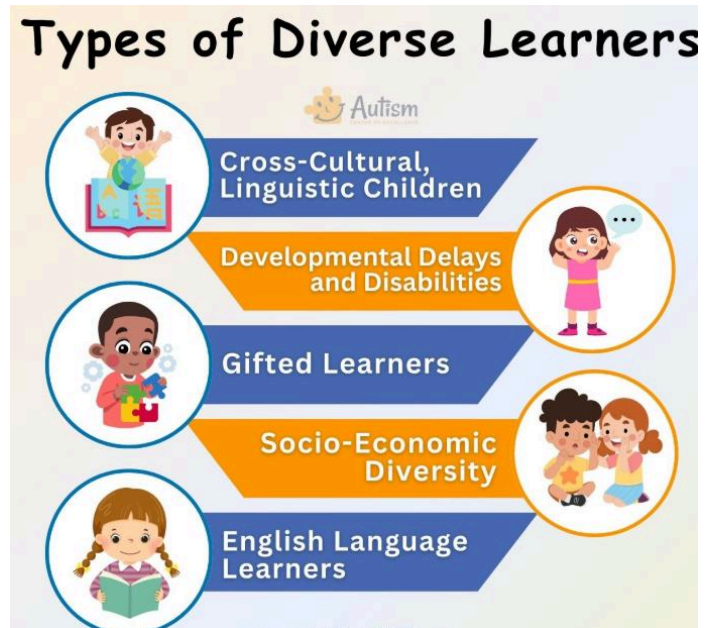
Our commitment at Lalor North Primary School

At Lalor North Primary School, we are proud of our inclusive approach to education. We are committed to supporting *all* students to thrive, especially our diverse learners, through evidence-based teaching strategies and personalised support.

Here are just some of the ways we support diverse learners at our school:

- **Differentiated instruction** in classrooms to meet students where they are and help them move forward in their learning.
- **Targeted literacy and numeracy support programs**, including small group and one-on-one interventions.
- **Use of visual supports and hands-on learning tools** to help students engage with the curriculum.
- **Close collaboration with families**, including regular student support group meetings and individualised education plans where needed.
- **Professional development for staff** on inclusive teaching practices, neurodiversity, and supporting specific learning needs.
- **A strong wellbeing team and program** to support emotional and social development, with a focus on student strengths and resilience.

We celebrate the unique strengths and talents that all children bring to our school and are committed to creating a learning environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and capable of achieving success.



Elizabeth Bryan, Amanda Lee and Kim Rotondi



From the Office

As we head into the final term of the year, the Office Team would like to share a few important reminders and updates to help us plan and support all families.

2026 Enrolments and Student Movements

If you have a child starting **Prep in 2026** and haven't yet submitted an enrolment form, please do so as soon as possible. If your family is **moving or transferring to another school** in 2026, please inform the office at your earliest convenience. This helps us plan our classes, staffing, and resources for next year.

Lost Property

Our **Lost Property** area is filling up again! Please check for any missing jumpers, jackets, or lunchboxes. Clearly naming your child's belongings helps us return lost items quickly.

Parent Payments 2026

Parent Payment information for 2026 has been improved based on family feedback. These notices will be sent home on **Monday**, with a translated version also emailed to families. Each payment is linked directly to learning programs and classroom needs.

CSEF and School Saving Bonus

Families eligible for the **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** or the **School Saving Bonus** are encouraged to contact the office for assistance. Our friendly staff can help you access and use these funds based on your balances to support your child's education. Take advantage of these funds.

Attendance Matters

A reminder that **every day counts!** Please notify the school if your child is absent by calling or using Compass. Regular attendance ensures your child stays connected to their learning and classmates.

Student Free Days for 2025

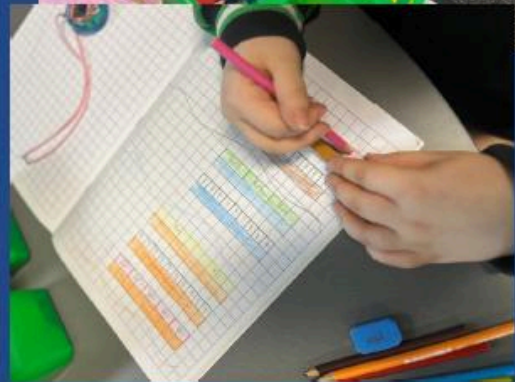
A reminder that there are two student free days this term:

[Monday 3rd November - Professional Practice Day](#) and [Friday 19th December – Curriculum Day](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation, as it helps us keep everything running smoothly for our wonderful school community. We are here to help whenever you need assistance.

Diana, Liz and Barbara

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Fun with Fractions

Cuisenaire rods are a fantastic tool for making fractions engaging and comprehensible for students. These colourful rods, each representing different lengths, allow students to visually explore the concept of fractions. Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ students in **Banksia 4** and **Banksia 5** are having so much fun exploring and discovering various fraction combinations using the rods.





**Behind the wheel?
Wait for everyone
to cross.**

SAFE CROSSINGS, SAFE KIDS.
transport.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings

Macedonian Storytime



Macedonian Teacher's Association of Victoria
in collaboration with

Lalor North Primary School

is organising reading sessions for preschool children
aged 1-5 year.



These sessions are free and
will take place at Lalor North
Primary School,

Tuesday's 10am – 11am

2 Derna Cresnet, Lalor 3075



Lalor North
Primary School



2025 Whole School Assembly Dates, held at 2.45pm

Term 4 Assembly Dates:

Week 1 – Friday 10th October
 Week 5 – Friday 7th November
 Week 9 – Friday 5th December



2025 LEARNING SHOWCASE TIMETABLE (AT FRIDAY WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES)

Our Learning Showcases are opportunities for all classes and Specialists to share the amazing learning and achievements that is happening in our classrooms with our school community. Showcases (presentations) can involve your whole class, a small group of students, or individual students –it's entirely up to you! Two showcases per assembly.

Term 1	Week 7 Fri 14 th Mar	PE (KEITH)	B1, B2, B6 (MARIA K)	Natalia and Mateo & Sport Captains
	Week 9 Fri 28 th Mar	B1, B6 (CONNIE/YIOTA)	ART (LORENA)	Amen and Orson Art Captains
Term 2	Week 5 Fri 23 rd May	WATTLE 4 (BRE)	BANKSIA 7 (LIZ G)	Katina and Gabriella
	Week 10 Fri 27 th June	WATTLE 8 (LINDA)	ITALIAN (TERESA)	Natalia Mateo Italian Captains
Term 3	Week 2 Fri 1 st Aug	WATTLE 2 (DAPHNE)	BANKSIA 3 (JOVANKA)	Amen and Orson
	Week 7 Fri 5 th Sept	WATTLE 3 (JESS)	BANKSIA 8 (HELEN)	Natalia and Mateo
Term 4	Week 1 Fri 10 th Oct	BANKSIA 7 (SONJA)	WATTLE 5 (ELAINE)	Katina and Gabriella Digi Tech Captains
	Week 5 Fri 7 th Nov	WATTLE 7 (OLIVIA)	BANKSIA 4 & 5 (LIZ K & MARIA V)	Amen and Orson
	Week 9 Fri 5 th Dec	BANKSIA 9 (MIRJANA)	STEAM (NERINA)	Katina and Gabriella

New Uniform Provider as of 14th July



LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Lalor North
Primary School**

**UNIFORM AVAILABLE IN STORE
14TH OF JULY**

1st July to 13th July – During this period, families will not be able to purchase school uniforms while we transition the school into its new store.

Any existing back orders will continue to be fulfilled and delivered to the school by Aplus Schoolwear.



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STORE TRADING HOURS

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TUESDAY	10:00 - 17:00
WEDNESDAY	09:00 - 17:30
THURSDAY	09:00 - 21:00
FRIDAY	09:00 - 21:00
SATURDAY	09:00 - 17:00
SUNDAY	10:00 - 17:00



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