IN THE LOOP





Congratulations to LNPS!

A huge congratulations to our LNPS boys' team for winning the Bilingual World Cup, competing against 11 other bilingual schools across Victoria! We are incredibly proud to bring home the cup. Our students represented Lalor North with outstanding skill, pride, and sportsmanship. We also extend our congratulations to the girls' team, who played brilliantly and made it through to the quarter finals. An amazing effort from all involved.

What an amazing win. We are so proud of you?

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 8, Term 4

Monday 24th November – School Captain Selection Speeches
Tuesday 25th November – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
Tuesday 25th November – November School Council Meeting
Wednesday 26th November – Prep Orientation Week 3
Wednesday 26th November – Grade 5-6 Camp Campaspe Downs
Wednesday 26th November – Playgroup 9am–10am
Thursday 27th November – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am

Week 9, Term 4

Tuesday 2nd December – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
Wednesday 3rd December – Prep Orientation Week 4
Wednesday 3rd December – Playgroup 9am–10am
Wednesday 3rd December – Funfields Grade 6 Excursion
Wednesday 3rd December – Grade 3-4 Camp returns
Thursday 4th December – Choir Xmas Performance Bethal Aged Care
Thursday 4th December – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am
Friday 5th December – Newsletter
Friday 5th December – Assembly

Week 10, Term 4

Christmas Activities Begin

Monday 8th December – Greek Christmas Carols 2.30pm Monday 8th December – Macedonian Christmas Carols Tuesday 9th December – Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition Day Tuesday 9th December – Whole School Step Up 9.15-11am Wednesday 10th December – Grade 6 Graduation Wednesday 10th December – Playgroup 9am–10am Thursday 11th December – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am Thursday 11th December – Grade 6 Graduation Lunch Friday 12th December – Final Assembly & Awards 9am

Week 11, Term 4

Wednesday 17th December – Reports Go Live
Thursday 18th December – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am
Thursday 18th December – Newsletter
Thursday 18th December – Final Day 2025 - Students Finish
1.30pm

Friday 19th December – Curriculum Day, Planning for 2026

Our School Values



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.



As we move through the final part of the year, it's hard to believe we have **only four weeks of school left**. Time has passed quickly, and our students continue to amaze us with their growth, their energy, and their commitment to learning. We look forward to celebrating these final weeks together as a community as we prepare our students for the new school year.

We are also finalising our grade structure for our school. We are almost there and will be sharing this with you all in our next newsletter. As our school has three curriculum programs, we have extra layers to consider when creating the best possible model for our school. All staff contribute to this process and school leaders then make the final adjustments.

PLANNING FOR 2026 STUDENT PLACEMENT

Over the past week, our teachers have been working thoughtfully and collaboratively on student placement for 2026. This is a comprehensive process that considers each child's academic progress, social connections, wellbeing needs, and the importance of creating balanced and supportive class groups. We appreciate the trust our families place in us, and we are committed to ensuring every student begins next year feeling confident and ready to learn.

If You Are Leaving LNPS in 2026, Please Inform Us NOW

As we finalise staffing and class structures for next year, it is vital that we have accurate enrolment numbers. If your child **will not be returning to Lalor North Primary School in 2026**, please contact the office as soon as possible. Early notification helps us plan effectively and supports smooth transitions for all students.

It's Time for our Campers to Start Packing!

The next fortnight will be an exciting one for our senior students, with our **camps for Years 3–6** just around the corner. Camps are a wonderful opportunity for students to build independence, strengthen friendships, and participate in rich learning experiences outside the classroom. We thank our dedicated staff for the time and organisation involved in preparing these memorable events.





BILINGUAL WORLD CUP - A CELEBRATED COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT

We are incredibly proud of our students who represented LNPS at the **Bilingual World Cup**, competing against 11 bilingual schools from across Victoria. It was a vibrant, fun and competitive event that showcased teamwork, pride and community spirit across the state.

A huge congratulations to our boys' team, who brought home the cup after an outstanding performance, and well done to our girls' team, who made it through to the quarter finals. Thank you to the families who came along to support, your encouragement made the day even more special.

A special thank you to Newlands Primary School for organising the event.



Enrolments are completed online at www.theircare.com.au and usually takes approx. 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

TheirCare Registrations for 2026 - Now Open

We are pleased to share that

TheirCare registrations for 2026 are
now open. Families who will require
before- or after-school care next year
are encouraged to register early to
secure their place. Our partnership
with TheirCare continues to support
our community by providing a safe,
engaging and caring environment for
students outside school hours.

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



Grade 6 Graduation - Coming Soon

We are getting closer to celebrating our wonderful Grade 6 students as they prepare to finish their primary school journey. Graduation preparations are well underway, and we look forward to sharing this memorable milestone with our students and their families. The ceremony will take place in our school foyer on Wednesday 10th December. We can't wait to acknowledge the achievements, growth, and leadership of our 2025 graduating class!

Lost Property Pile-Up!

Our lost property area is overflowing once again with school jumpers, hats, lunchboxes and drink bottles. If your child has misplaced an item, please check the lost property collection located in the foyer before the end of term. We encourage all families to clearly label belongings, as it allows us to return items to students quickly and helps reduce the growing pile.

Christmas Raffle & Hamper Donations

Our much-loved **Christmas Raffle** has officially launched! Each class is creating a festive hamper, and we warmly invite families to contribute an item if they are able to. These hampers are always a highlight of our end of year celebrations and bring great excitement to students and families. Raffle tickets have been sent home, and all funds raised will go directly towards our schools learning opportunities and school resources.





Don't forget to donate to the classroom Christmas hampers all donations will go into each class hamper and one child from each room will be a winner and take it home!



Mobile Phones in Schools



This is a friendly reminder that all students bringing a mobile phone or smart watch to school must sign this in at the school office each day. This is in line with mobile phone policy and guidance introduced by the Victorian Government in 2020. Students are not to store mobile phones or other devices in their bags and are not to use these devices across the day. Any contact you need to make with your child across the school day can be directed through our friendly administration team by calling 9465 4922. Once mobile phones are presented at the office, these are stored securely.



Look what we achieve together this year!

A SCHOOL BBQ
THE AMAZING SAND PLAY AREA
OUR POPULAR GASA PIT
OUR NEW BIKE PARKING AREA
THE NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM &
PLAY SPACE
EXTRA GARDEN BEDS
NEW GARDEN SHED FOR OUR TOOLS



| SO FAR HERE IS THE RUN DOWN ON OUR | efforts |
|---|--------------------|
| LAST YEAR FUNDS NOT SPENT CARRIED FORWARD | \$5156 |
| CHOCOLATE Drive | \$6189 |
| COLOUR FUN RUN | \$3982 |
| Easter raffle | \$2583 |
| MOTHER'S DAY AND SPECIAL PERSON STALL | \$1654 |
| PIZZA SPECIAL LUNCH | \$1722 |
| рујама рау | \$193 |
| Father's day | \$2487 |
| BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE | \$2606 |
| DISCO FUNDraiser | \$267 |
| FOOTY LUNCH DAY | \$1938 |
| CHISTMAS RAFFLE | <mark>?????</mark> |



This year we have raised a total of \$28,777 and spent \$24,581

All money left over will be carried forward to 2026.

We will include the fundraising from our Christmas Raffle for our final total for the 2025 school Year!

FUNDRAISING FOR A NEW MULTI-SPORT SURFACE IN 2026!





We are thrilled to announce that our major fundraising focus for 2026 will go towards transforming our old, uneven asphalt area into a safe, vibrant and modern multi-sport space for our students. We will soon be gathering quotes to resurface the area with new basketball and netball courts, using high-quality synthetic surfaces that can be enjoyed all year round.

This rejuvenation will breathe new life into a well-loved area of our school and provide students with an inspiring space to learn, play and compete. With your support, we can bring this vision to life for our LNPS community!





Student Free Days for 2025

Our final student free day for 2025 is on Friday 19th December. The final day for students in Term 4 will be Thursday 18th December, finishing early at 1.30pm.

New OSHC Provider for 2026

Our new OSHC Provider for 2026, TheirCare, now has Enrolments Open for next year, online at www.theircare.com.au which takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete. Interested families can check the FAQs on website theircare.com.au/families

2026 Grade 6 Polo Top Orders

Our current Grade 5 students can now place an order for a Grade 6 polo top for 2026, these can be made through the Lowes Schools Online Portal: https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-

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online-landing Orders must be submitted by today, Friday 21st November as no late orders can be accepted.

Christmas Raffle

The LNPS Christmas Raffle is well under way, thank you to all the families who have already purchased tickets and have donated items for the classroom raffles for our students. Donations of

festive goodies such as chocolates, decorations, small toys or treats are welcome to make up the hampers for each classroom.



Our Grade 6 students are ready to celebrate their primary school
Graduation with a visit to Funfields, a special lunch and Graduation evening. Notices with
consent and payment for Funfields must be returned by Friday
28th November and Graduation by Monday 1st December.

Diana, Liz and Barbara

LNPS PREP-6 CHOIR PERFORMS AT EPPING RSL'S REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE





On Tuesday 11th November, our Prep-6 Choir were honoured to sing the Australian National Anthem at Epping RSL's Remembrance Day service. Our students sang beautifully and proudly displayed our school values of Respect and Unity at the service. Thank you to our wonderful Choir, Filiz Karakaya, parent volunteers and to our Choir families for attending the service. From Mrs Teresa Damjanic - Choir Leader















From Frank Torcasio ANZAC Commemorative Committee, Epping RSL: The ANZAC Commemorative Committee would like to extend a big thanks to you and the LNPS Choir. We have received nothing but compliments and praise from attendees (and also from the Official party).





LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL'S ITALIAN



WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 2025





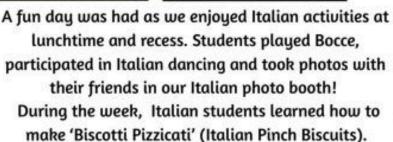












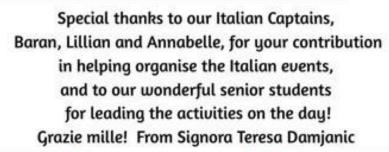
















Healthy Harold at Lalor North Primary School

This week our school had the special privilege of the Life Education program visiting our school.

Each class got the opportunity to experience Harold the Giraffe face to face and engage in activities that reinforced the benefits of looking after their health and wellbeing.

The Preps learnt
about the importance of
personal hygiene,
choosing between
everyday foods and
sometimes foods and
the benefits of physical
activity and sleep.



The Year 1/2's got to explore how to build positive relationships and grow their friendships in a way that would benefit their health and wellbeing. They participated in problem solving scenarios, through role play, that would lead to a positive result.



The 3/4 students worked on the benefits of healthy food for energy, the function of different body systems and factors that influence physical health.



In 5/6 the students discussed ways in they could respect themselves and others as well as maintaining positive relationships. The were also engaged in looking into strategies they would use when responding to unsafe or disrespectful behaviour both online and offline.





It was an exciting week, where students got to discuss important health and wellbeing issues and engaged in meaningful activities which culminated in a visit by Senior Harold himself!



WATTLE 5'S

PERSUASION



As part of our persuasive writing unit this term, students explored issues around the school that they felt strongly about and wanted to see changed. They brainstormed ways to make a positive difference and used their persuasive writing skills to design posters aimed at convincing their peers to do the right thing. From keeping our playground tidy to showing kindness and respect, their messages showcase thoughtful ideas and powerful persuasive techniques. Here are their fantastic creations!

How to play in the sand safely

It's more safe because other people play other games on the concrete. The sand is more safe because it is soft.







Don't throw lots of sand in the sandpit at people because it can get in their eyes.

People should be careful with rubbish when they are in the sand pit because it might be covered in rubbish and stop people going in the sand pit.

People will be happy to play with their friends in the sand pit. You will have fun in the sand pit because you can build and create whatever you want!

DON'T be bad in the sand!!!



Charlie, Ali A, Jibika



Use our bathrooms properly! Fixing the toilets costs a lat of money to repair Schools hate spending money on fixing toilets that students have ruined carelessly. If we use the toilets properly our school will save more money.

Use our bothroom properly! Its so annoying when they tock the tallets. When they tack the bothrooms you can not go to the bothroom and have to hold it. You have to wait until you get home to go to the bothroom. You do not want to wee your pants.

Use our bathrooms properly! It makes the bathroom smell horrid. People put wet toilet paper or used toilet paper on the walls which makes the bathroom stirky. Some people put the their drappings on the walls which is very disgusting People put there gum on the floor which makes it sticky and greasy, people decide to be stilly and put water on the floor and it makes it slippery.

Thank you for keeping our toilets tidy!



Justin, Granth, Prince, Savannah & Aura

WATTLE 5'S >



Rubbish is bad for school it can hurt the animals because they can mistake it for food. Rubbish is bad for the animals because they can get sick and get diseases.

Rubbish makes it look ugly so no one will come to this school. It makes the school look disgusting and smell stinky. Do not put Rubbish in school it cause birds to migrate and go to other places.

Rubbish is not clean AND MAKES US SICK because they have

germs inside.

Do not THROW RUBBISH IN THE SCHOOL YARD BECUASE it can spread bacteria by touching it.

It should not be in school yards. It should be in the bin.

People should not put rubbish in there yard because it cause illness and get animals sick. Rubbish should go in the

Use the playground safetly

Lalor North Primary School

> People can get severely injured. If you get really hurt and have to go to the docters it will be expensive. Lot's of people get hurt when playing unsafely.

You should play safely on the play. equipment. You can get hurt you will have to go to the doctors. You might of break your arm or leg.

Kids should not touch shorp objects at the park. You can get hurt and have to go to the Doctors. Sharp objects could be anything like a pin, or maybe just the bars are spicy. So make sure you look before doing anything.



Suhavya, Abraham, Lara, Elaine & Rayan



KEEP THE TOILETS CLEAN!

You must stop wasting tollet paper and making a mess in our bathrooms! When students throw toilet paper in the bathroom it makes a smelly mess. The school then has to ask the poor cleaners to spend their time cleaning your smelly mess. Do you think that's fair? Stop wasting toilet paper and keep our toilets clean!

You need to take care of the toilets! Or else they get locked and the poor people who didn't make the mess have to hold their wee's and poo's for the entire day. Also gets very uncomfortable. Then you don't feel well.

If you don't keep the toilets clean it gets smelly and dirty. It can get unhygienic and if it gets too messy the cleaners have to come every day to clean the stinky toilets. Poor teachers have to wait outside to write peoples name that go to the toilets.







Layla, Liliana, Aaruk, Fatima & Diego

Aleen, Ali Chloe, Tai, Chloe, & Samara

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Bilingual Soccer World Cup Champions!

Our amazing boys soccer team are 2025 Melbourne Bilingual World Cup Champions!

On Friday 7th November, our school participated in the first ever Melbourne Bilingual Schools Soccer World Cup at Darebin International Sports stadium in Thornbury.

Our boys and girls teams competed in a full day tournament against the 9 other bilingual primary schools in Melbourne. The tournament was a celebration of bilingualism in education and soccer. There were bilingual schools from all over Melbourne that focus on many different languages, including French, German, Spanish, & Japanese, to name a few.

Our girls team played a fantastic tournament before knocked in the quarter finals.

Our champion boys team got off to a slow start, drawing their first two pool games. Once our boys made it into the knockout stages of the tournament however, they stepped it up, winning their quarterfinal and semifinal matches convincingly. In the Grand final our boys played French speaking Camberwell Primary School. The final was a super high level game and the crowd watching were treated to fantastic soccer. Our boys came out on top 3-1 and lifted the trophy as the inaugural Bilingual World Cup Champions.

Both our boys & girls teams did a fantastic job of representing out school and exhibited all our school values.



Well done to both teams. Bring on next year when our boys team will be back to defend their title!



Student of the Week - 7th November

| Room | Student | School Value | Reason for award | |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Wattle 2 | Ava A | Success | For her confident approach to learning and independence completing all tasks. | |
| Wattle 3 | Anna A | Resilience | For showing resilience when faced with challenging numeracy tasks. You didn't give up and you showed your understanding of adding decimals with regrouping. Well done, Anna! | |
| Wattle 4 | Annabelle S | Resilience | For always being a friendly, kind, and resilient student who follows the school values. Keep it up super star I'm so proud of you. | |
| Wattle 5 | Ali H | Unity | For demonstrating unity by making new friends and settling into the classroom. You are so kind to everyone! Well done, Ali. | |
| Wattle 7 | Avlene D | Respect | Always being kind and polite to her teachers and classmates. Avlene listens carefully, uses her manners, and treats everyone with care. Thank you, Avlene. | |
| Wattle 8 | Hafsa A | Resilience | For always doing her best, never giving up, and showing strength and determination in every challenge. | |
| Banksia 1 | Anastasia T | Respect | For always showing kindness and respect to her classmates and teachers. Well done, Anastasia! | |
| Banksia 2 | Petrina G | Success | For being focused, demonstrating great listening skills and giving all tasks a go, even when faced with a challenge. | |
| Banksia 3 | Adam S | Unity | For working well with all classmates, helping others, and being a kind and caring friend to everyone. Well done! | |
| Banksia 4 | Florija L | Success | For her problem-solving mind and willingness to try different ways to complete tasks in Mathematics. Well done, Florija! | |
| Banksia 5 | Alexia R | Respect | For demonstrating all of our school values at all times. Alexia puts 100% effort in her work and is consistently respectful, honest and caring. Well done, Alexia! | |
| Banksia 6 | Emilia M | Success | For showing progress in reading and mathematics and focusing on her schoolwork to complete it successfully. | |
| Banksia 7 | Joshua S | Honesty | For always being honest and responsible in Macedonian lessons. You complete your work truthfully, admit your mistakes, and show a genuine effort to improve your language skills. Great job, Josh! | |
| Banksia 8 | Samoil N | Success | For putting so much effort into your story. You have created an awesome narrative with interesting characters and great details that makes it really fun to read. | |
| Banksia 9 | Alexander N | Success | For showing great progress in sounding out and adding better spacing when writing. Well done, Alexander! | |
| PE | Paris N Banksia 1 | Success | For her fantastic throwing skills when playing backstop in our whole class rounders game during PE lessons. Well done, Paris! | |
| ART | Mohammad K Wattle 2 | Success | For showing his understanding of warm and cool colours in his beautiful artwork. Fantastic effort! | |
| ITALIAN | Charlotte M Watte 4 | Success | For listening attentively to instructions and for correctly pinching the dough to form 'Biscotti Pizzicati'. Brava, Charlotte! | |
| STEAM | Luka B Banksia 8 | Success | For reaching the highest level on Newton Osmo Roll. You are a true STEAM star, Luka! | |

Student of the Week - 31st October

| Room | Student | School Value | Reason for award | |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|---|--|
| Wattle 2 | Shayaan | Unity | For treating everyone fairly and including others in work and play. | |
| Wattle 3 | Tala S | Success | For trying hard during STOMP rehearsals and trying new netball positions in netball skills training. Well done, Tala! | |
| Wattle 4 | Mahmoud M | | For showing his resilience during the cricket inter school match. Well done, Mahmoud! | |
| Wattle 5 | Hope P | Success | For successfully adding verbs and adverbs to the steps in your procedural writing. Wonderful writing, Hope! | |
| Wattle 7 | Melody T | Unity | For working cooperatively with her classmates, including others in games and activities, and always helping to create a positive learning environment. | |
| Wattle 8 | Fatima H | Success | For showing great effort and determination in completing your writing tasks. | |
| Banksia 1 | Jeremiah W | Success | For always working hard during numeracy and literacy sessions. Keep up the amazing work! | |
| Banksia 2 | Jamie S | Respect | For participating actively and respectfully during the Life Ed incursion. Well done, Jamie! | |
| Banksia 3 | Teodor D | Success | For independently recognising and matching rhyming words in Macedonian. Well done Teodor! | |
| Banksia 4 | Leonid B | Unity | For being equally kind and caring with everyone, making our classroom a positive learning space. Well done, Leonid! | |
| Banksia 5 | Damian B | Respect | For being a wonderful class member, always treating everyone with kindness and respect. Well done, Damian! | |
| Banksia 6 | Xavier B | Success | For completing his maths task independently and showing his working out. | |
| Banksia 7 | Martin S | Resilience | For showing excellent effort in Macedonian lessons. Your participation, focus, and willingness to improve your language skills have made a big difference. Well done, Martin! | |
| Banksia 8 | Anamarija K | Success | For listening carefully and noticing important details in the story, then retelling it in her own words. Well done, Anamarija! | |
| Banksia 9 | Anton L | Success | For participating and engaging in all activities with enthusiasm during the Life Education session. Well done, Anton! | |
| PE | Cruz E Banksia 1 | Success | For his determination to improve his bike riding skills during PE lessons. Well done, Cruz! | |
| ART | Ilias K Banksia 1 | Success | For applying great attention to the details in his work, to achieve excellent results. Beautiful work Ilias! | |
| ITALIAN | Fatima H Wattle 8 | Success | For her great enthusiasm in learning the Italian language and for her ability to recall some household objects in Italian. Brava, Fatima! | |
| STEAM | Lillian E Wattle 4 | Resilience | For creating a functional parachute with an impressive design. Your dedication and hard work make you stand out. Well done, Lilian! | |





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 Cresent, Lalor 3075



2025 Whole School Assembly Dates, held at 2.45pm

Term 4 assembly Dates:

Week 9 – Friday 5th December Week 10 – <mark>Friday 12th December – 9am</mark>



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.

| T e r m | 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 |
| T e | Week 5 Fri 23 rd May | WATTLE 4 (BRE) | BANKSIA 7 | Katina and Gabriella |
| r m 2 | Week 10 Fri 27 th June | WATTLE 8 (LINDA) | ITALIAN (TERESA) | Natalia Mateo Italian Captains |
| T e | Week 2 Fri 1 st Aug | WATTLE 2 (DAPHNE) | BANKSIA 3 (JOVANKA) | Amen and Orson |
| m 3 | Week 7 Fri 5 th Sept | WATTLE 3 (JESS) | BANKSIA 8 (HELEN) | Natalia and Mateo |
| T e | Week 1 Fri 10 th Oct | BANKSIA 7 (SONJA) | WATTLE 5 (ELAINE) | Katina and Gabriella Digi Tech Captains |
| m 4 | 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 |

Webpage to help families and students prepare for a new school year

A new school year is an exciting time for students and families, but it can be a big step – particularly for those starting Prep, secondary school or VCE.

The Department of Education has a webpage with resources and information to help you prepare for the new school year.

During the school holidays, please consider reading through the resources, which include:

- tips to help transition from kinder to Prep, primary to secondary school,
 and Year 10 to VCE
- · what to expect at school
- help with school costs and fees
- health and wellbeing guidance to support children's mental health.

Please refer to the New year of learning webpage.





SPEECH BOX

USING LEGO TO BUILD COMMUNICATION SKILLS



Lego can be used to help develop oral language and social skills!

Lego play can help children:

- Follow instructions
- Give directions and information
- Improve vocabulary (e.g., using describing words and specific names of Lego pieces)
- Speak in full sentences
- Understand and use adjectives (e.g., blue, small, big) and position words (e.g., between and behind)
- Build relationships and work as a team Narzisi et al., 2021)

How to use Lego to support communication skills

- Choose a Lego kit with instructions and all the pieces inside. Start with a simple kit and gradually move to more complex ones.
- Assign roles to players (based on LEGO®-based Therapy for Social Skills). Roles can be switched
 each play session so everyone has a turn at a different job.
 - Engineer: Reads the instructions and describes which pieces are needed and where they go.
 - Supplier: Finds the correct Lego pieces as described by the Engineer and gives them to the Builder.
 - Builder: Puts the Lego pieces together according to the Engineer's instructions.

More ideas

Speech Practice: For example, if a child has difficulty with the "L" sound, encourage them to say words like "Lego" often (e.g., "I need the blue Lego, please," or "This is a long piece").

Following instructions: Start with simple Lego instructions and gradually increase the number of steps (1, 2, or 3 steps). Use words like "next to," "on top," "before," and "after." For example, say, "Put the green Lego next to the yellow Lego."

Improve vocabulary and sentences: Help your child build their vocabulary and sentence skills by using Lego play. Introduce them to specific names for different Lego pieces and encourage them to use full, descriptive sentences when asking for pieces. For example, they could say, "Can I please have the red 2x4 plate?"

Social: A 'Lego Club' can be formed. Children can communicate with others and build friendships. Encourage skills like problem-solving, patience, asking for help, and using kind words. Help them manage emotions by taking breaks and addressing any frustrations or sensory needs.



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School Uniform





Black Fleety Straight Leg Trackpants

\$24.00 ZERO Member \$22.80



Girls Black Straight Leg Trackpants

\$28.00 ZZRO Member \$26,60



Black Fleecy Double Knee Trackpants With Cuff

\$25.00 ZERD Member \$23,75



Black/Green Hoodle With Emb

\$48 - \$51 ZERO Member from \$45.60







Bottle/White Gingham Summer Dress

\$29.00 ZERO Member \$27.55



SS Green/Black Polo With Emb LS Green/Black Polo With Emb

\$35 - \$38 ZERO Member from \$33.25



\$37 - \$40 ZERO Member from \$35.15



Black/Green Bomber Jacket With Emb

\$52 - \$55 ZERO Member from \$49,40



Black Waterproof Rain Jacket

\$52.00 ZERO Member \$49.40



Black Bucket Hat With Logo

\$15.00 ZERO Member \$14.25



Black Beanle With Emb

\$12.00 ZERO Member \$11.40



Store Location: Plenty Valley, 415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park, VIC 3082



Black Bag With Logo





Carols by Candlelight

Friday 12 December

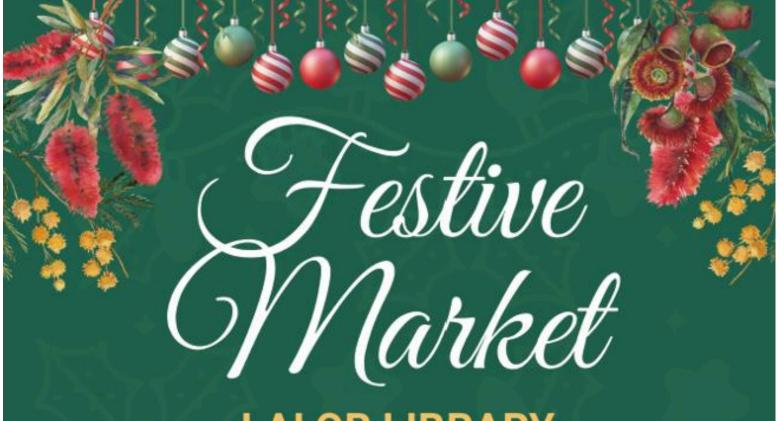
Civic Centre Lawns, 25 Ferres Blvd, South Morang

6PM 9PM









LALOR LIBRARY

Saturday 29 November 2025 10.30am – 4.00pm

- Kids Craft Activities
- Stalls: Handmade items, baked goods 10.30am - 2.00pm
- Performance: Sisters & Misters Choir 2.30pm - 4.00pm











Safe parking around schools starts with you

School zones are for safety, not shortcuts. Every parked car, every driving decision, every moment of attention counts.

Let's keep our kids safe.



Park further away on nearby streets and walk the rest: avoid crowding the school gate.



Keep the front of the school clear: for emergency vehicles, buses, and safe crossings.



Never stop in no-stopping or bus zones: even "just for a minute."



Avoid double parking: it blocks visibility and endangers kids.



Plan ahead for drop-offs and pick-ups: arrive a few minutes early or later to avoid the rush.



Use designated drop-off zones properly: quick goodbyes, then move on to keep traffic flowing.



Be alert and patient: children can be unpredictable around traffic. It's about our children's safety and our community's values.





