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## IN THE LOOP





## Thank you for a wonderful year!

Wishing all members of our Lalor North Primary School community a joyful and peaceful Christmas. May this special time be filled with happiness, laughter and precious moments with family and friends. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for a wonderful new school year.

#### **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 11, Term 4

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last Newsletter for the Year
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Final Day 2025 - Students Finish 1.30pm
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Curriculum Day, Planning for 2026

#### 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.

#### Start of the 2026 School Year

Tuesday 27th January – Curriculum Day, No Students Wednesday 28th January – Curriculum Day, No Students Thursday 29th January – All Students Return to School



## 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.



Dear Families,

As we share our final newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a very full, joyful and memorable end to the school year for our students and families.

Our Grade 5/6 students recently enjoyed their anticipated Funfields excursion, a wonderful celebration of their final year of primary school. It was fantastic to see the excitement, teamwork and friendships on display as they marked this important milestone together.

We have also been fortunate to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our school through music and performance. Our Macedonian Bilingual students sang Christmas Carols at the senior citizens club in Barry Road and Greek Bilingual Students showcased their Concert and students' talents, allowing us to come together in the spirit of the season. Thank you to our students, staff and families who supported these special events.

Preparing students for the year ahead has also been a key focus. Our Step-Up Day and Meet the Teacher sessions provided students with valuable opportunities to become familiar with their 2026 classrooms, teachers and manage the change process. These experiences play an important role in building confidence and excitement for the new school year.

For our graduating students, the Grade 6 to 7 transition activities have been an important part of preparing them for secondary school. We are incredibly proud of the way our Grade 6 students have approached this next chapter with maturity and enthusiasm, and we wish them every success as they move forward.

Finally, our school has been filled with festive cheer through a range of Christmas activities, bringing a sense of joy, togetherness and celebration to the end of the year.

Thank you to our staff for their dedication, to our students for their enthusiasm and effort, and to our families for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you all a safe, restful and happy holiday season and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year.





We warmly welcome our new staff members to the Lalor North Primary School community. We are delighted to have you join our team and look forward to the skills, enthusiasm and fresh perspectives you bring. We wish you every success as you begin your journey with us and know you will be a valued part of our school community.

#### We warmly welcome to the following new staff members for 2026:

Kim Sharpe who will join our Leadership Team.

Elena Kalantzis as our new Prep Teacher.

Simone Rafferty and Louise Taylor will be joining the grade 1/2 Team.

Reine Ismail and Tayla Gaspari will be joining our grade 3/4 Team.

Melanie Oliviera will be joining the grade 5/6 Team.

Laura, Nikolina and Daniella will be joining the Education Support Team.



Our final weeks together have been filled with truly special moments that we will cherish for many years to come.

Graduation was a wonderful celebration of growth, resilience and achievement, as we proudly celebrated our Grade 6 students and reflected on their journey at Lalor North Primary School. The event was filled with pride, joy and a few happy tears.

We farewell our Year 6 students as they take this important next step in their learning journey. Your teachers, leadership team and the entire school community are incredibly proud of you. You are well prepared for what lies ahead, and we look forward to seeing all that you will achieve.

Thank you to the staff for all the preparation and decoration that led up to this event. It's a wonderful time to reflect on all the growth and change across the primary school years.



### Leadership Roles at Lalor North Primary School

Leadership roles play an important part in the growth and development of our Grade 6 students. Through these roles, students are given opportunities to build confidence, responsibility and teamwork, while learning how to lead by example and support others. Taking on leadership helps our grade 6 students develop valuable life skills such as communication, problem-solving and resilience.

We are proud of the way our Grade 6 leaders embrace these responsibilities and contribute positively to the culture and community of Lalor North Primary School.





### 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 afterschool 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.

#### Thank you to our School Improvement Team & School Leadership Team

Thank you to our School Improvement Team and Leadership Team who are a dedicated and highly effective group who maintain a strong focus on learning and continuous improvement. Their leadership ensures Lalor North Primary School remains a calm, orderly and safe environment for all students, while driving high-quality teaching and learning across all curriculum areas.

#### Thank you to our Staff

To every member of our Lalor North Primary School staff, leaders, teachers, education support staff and casual relief teachers, thank you. Each of you plays a vital role in our school, working together to create positive learning experiences and shape a strong future for our students.

#### Thank you to our Students

Your enthusiasm, resilience, determination, curiosity, courage and a willingness to learn and achieve your personal best are what make Lalor North Primary School such a special place. It is a privilege to watch you learn, grow and achieve success. Thank you for being so remarkable.

To the families leaving our school, thank you for the contribution you have made to our community. To those joining Lalor North Primary School in 2026, we warmly welcome you.

#### Elizabeth Bryan, Amanda Lee and Kim Rotondi



# 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY AT BETHEL AGED CARE HOME

Prep-6 Choir Christmas visit







On Thursday 4th December, our Prep-6 Choir, accompanied by our School Captains and Vice-School Captains, once again returned to visit the residents of Bethel Aged Care Home to celebrate Christmas together.



Special thanks to Mrs Lorena Mascia and our Grade 3-6 students for creating beautiful Christmas poster gifts for the residents, on behalf of our school community. The residents were delighted to receive these -with smiles all round!















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### Mary Folevski is Retiring...





## Look what we achieve together this year!

A SCHOOL BBQ
THE AMAZING SAND PLAY AREA
OUR POPULAR GAGA 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
CHI'ISTMAS 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!



#### **Getting Organised for 2026**



Ensure your child has a hat...

Parent Payments for 2026

Uniform items labelled with clear name.

Lunch Box & Drink Bottle purchased ready.



#### Term 4

Monday 2nd November - Report Writing Day

Friday 18th December – Curriculum Day (2027 Planning Day)

#### 2026 Prep School Start Timetable

#### **Curriculum Day - TEACHERS ONLY** Tuesday 27th January Wednesday 28th January **Curriculum Day - TEACHERS ONLY** Thursday 29th January 9.00am - 1.00pm (early finish) Friday 30th January 9.00am - 1.00pm (early finish) Week 2 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 9.00am - 3.30pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 9.00am - 3.30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February Prep Assessment - No School 9.00am - 3.30pm Thursday 5th February Friday 6th February 9.00am - 3.30pm Monday 9th February 9.00am - 3.30pm 9.00am - 3.30pm Tuesday 10th February Wednesday 11th February Prep Assessment - No School Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am – 3.30pm Friday 13th February 9.00am - 3.30pm Week 4 Monday 16th February 9.00am - 3.30pm Tuesday 17th February 9.00am - 3.30pm Prep Assessment - No School Wednesday 18th February Thursday 19th February 9.00am - 3.30pm Friday 20th February 9.00am - 3.30pm 9.00am – 3.30pm Monday 23rd February 9.00am - 3.30pm Tuesday 24th February Wednesday 25th February Prep Assessment - No School Thursday 26th February 9.00am - 3.30pm Friday 27th February 9.00am - 3.30pm

#### **DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT!**



# School Uniform





Black Fleecy Straight Leg Trackpants

\$24.00 ZERO Member \$22.00



Girls Black Straight Leg Trackpants

\$28.00 ZZRO Member \$26.60



Black Fleecy Double Knee Trackpants With Cuff

\$25.00 ZKRO 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



\$45.00 ZERO Member \$42.75