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IN THE LOOP



Cultural Diversity Week



Many Cultures, One Community

Lalor North Primary School proudly celebrated **Cultural Diversity Week**, embracing the rich cultures, languages, and traditions that make up our vibrant school community. Throughout the week, students engaged in a range of meaningful learning experiences, exploring different cultures through stories, art and language. Classrooms were filled with curiosity as students shared their own backgrounds and learned from one another. Our bilingual programs were a highlight, showcasing the strength of learning through language and cultures.

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

Our School Values

Week 9, Term 1

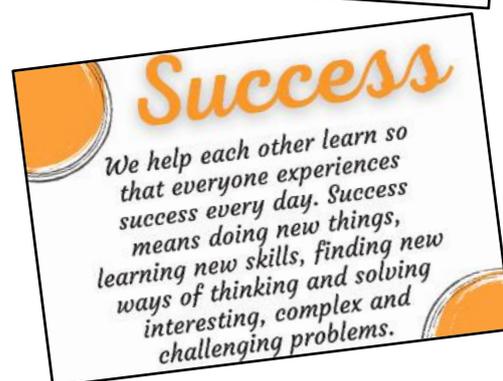
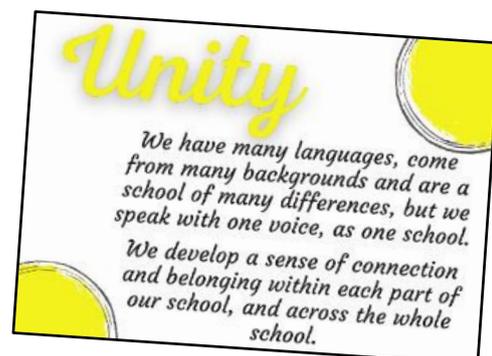
- Monday 23rd March - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am
- Tuesday 24th March – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am
- Wednesday 25th March – Playgroup 9am – 10am
- Wednesday 25th March – Greek Independence Day Performance
- Thursday 26th March – Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am
- Thursday 26th March – Bethel Aged Care Choir Visit
- Friday 27th March - Interschool Sports
- Friday 27th March – Prep Coffee & Chat 9am
- Friday 27th March – Berry Street Playgroup 9am-12pm
- Friday 27th March – Whole School Assembly 2.30pm

Week 10, Term 1

- Monday 30th March - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am
- Monday 30th March – Emergency Drill
- Tuesday 31st March – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am
- Tuesday 31st March – Greek Easter Baking Prep – G6
- Tuesday 31st March – School Council Meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 1st April – Playgroup 9am – 10am
- Wednesday 1st April – Easter Raffle Draw
- Wednesday 1st April – Colour Fun Run
- Wednesday 1st April – Sausage Sizzle Lunch
- Thursday 2nd April – Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
- Thursday 2nd April – Newsletter
- Thursday 2nd April – End of Term, 2pm Finish

Week 1, Term 2

- Monday 20th April - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am
- Tuesday 21st April – World Earth Day
- Tuesday 21st April – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am
- Wednesday 22nd April – Swimming Program Session 1
- Wednesday 22nd April – Playgroup 9am – 10am
- Wednesday 22nd April – District Athletics
- Thursday 23rd April – Swimming Program Session 2
- Friday 24th April – ANZAC Service 9.10am – 10am



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As we move into autumn, we begin to notice the subtle changes in our environment and weather. The days are becoming shorter, mornings are cooler, and the crisp air reminds us that the seasons are shifting.

Across our school, students are observing these changes in nature, leaves beginning to turn shades of red, orange, and gold, and the playground feeling a little different as we transition away from the warmer summer months.

Autumn is a wonderful time for learning, reflection, and settling into routines. It also provides opportunities for students to explore seasonal changes through science, writing, and outdoor learning experiences.

We encourage families to ensure children come to school prepared for the changing weather, with layers to keep warm during cooler mornings while still being comfortable throughout the day.

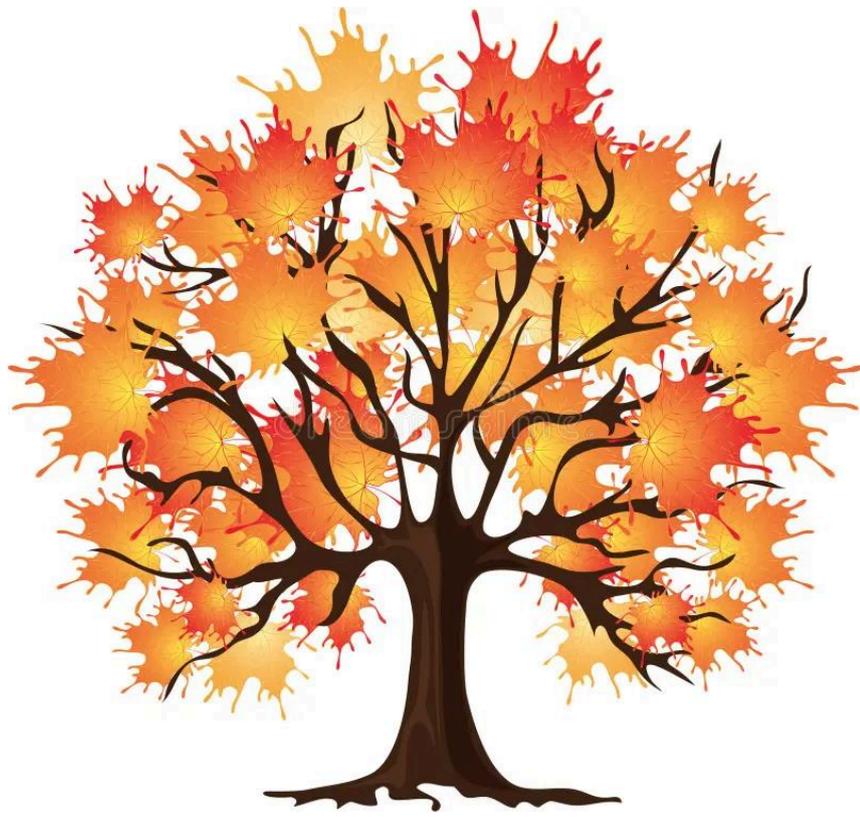
Celebrating Cultural Diversity Week

This week, Lalor North Primary School acknowledged **Cultural Diversity Week** through a range of activities that helped all students learn about different cultures. Students embraced the opportunity to share and celebrate the many cultures represented within our school. We then created a whole school mural in the foyer.

Throughout the week, our classrooms were filled with activities exploring culture and traditions from around the world. Students participated in a special collaborative projects that highlighted the richness of our bilingual programs and the unique backgrounds of our families in the standard program.

It was inspiring to see students engage with curiosity and respect, learning not only about others' cultures but also about their own. Cultural Diversity Week reminded us that our differences are our strength and that celebrating them helps us grow as a connected and inclusive school community.

A big thank you to our teachers, support staff, for supporting a memorable week. We look forward to continuing to embrace diversity, understanding, and inclusion at Lalor North Primary School every day.



Bilingual Teachers Network Collaboration

This term, many of our language teachers from Lalor North Primary School had the wonderful opportunity to attend a professional learning session at Richmond West Primary School as part of the Bilingual Teachers Network.



The session focused on collaboration, sharing best practice teaching strategies, and exploring ways to further engage students in bilingual learning programs. Our teachers worked alongside colleagues from other bilingual schools, exchanging ideas and resources, and reflecting on innovative approaches to language teaching.

Participation in networks like this ensures our bilingual programs continue to grow in quality and impact, providing students with meaningful, engaging learning experiences in Greek and Macedonian. We are proud of our teachers' commitment to ongoing professional learning and collaboration, which ultimately benefits all our students.

School Council Update – First Meeting on Tuesday 31st March 2026

Our Lalor North Primary School 2026 School Council

Elizabeth Bryan (Executive Officer)
Kim Rotondi (Department of Education Representative)
Amanda Lee (Department of Education Representative)
Elaine Loizides (Department of Education Representative)

Maria Pejovski-Aleksovski (Parent Representative)
Constantina Pilakis (Parent Representative)
Stephanie Karevska (Parent Representative)
Tina Theoharopoulos (Parent Representative)
Peter Petrovski (Parent Representative)
Daniel Gjiriti (Parent Representative)
Betty Galanis (Community Member)
Ruz Spasevska (Parent Representative)
Stamatia Rigas (Community Member)



Industrial Action – Stop Work Notice

We wish to update our school community that there will be Industrial Action on **Tuesday 24th March**.

A significant number of staff will be participating, which means that due to very limited staff availability, students from those classes will not be required to attend on this day. Families are advised to make alternative arrangements for their children.

Today you would all have received the information regarding which classes are impacted via Compass. Students will also come home with written letter with information regarding the Stop Work.

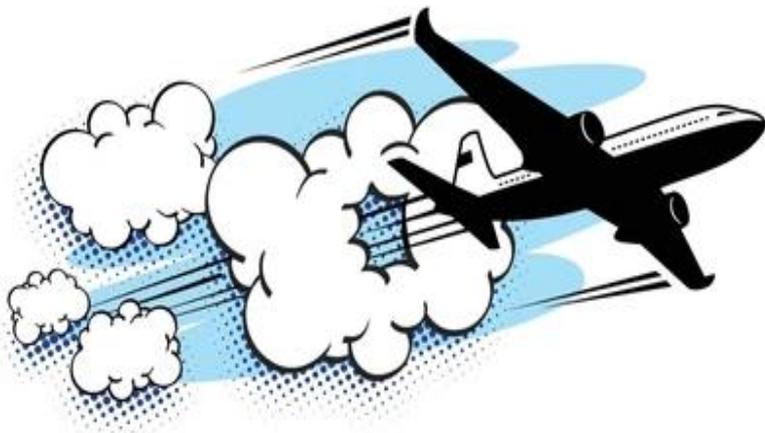
We thank you for your understanding and support during this time. Further updates will be communicated if there are any changes.



Important Travel Advice for Families

We would like to inform our school community that the Australian Government has recently updated travel advice for several destinations.

There are currently widespread airspace closures, flight cancellations, and other travel disruptions across the region, which may also impact travel to surrounding destinations. Families with upcoming travel plans are encouraged to closely monitor the situation and consider how this may affect their arrangements. For the most up to date information, please refer to the Smart traveller website. We encourage all families to stay informed and prioritise safety when making travel decisions.



For the latest travel advice, refer to the [Smartraveller](#) website.

2026 Fundraising Plan

We are excited to share our 2026 Fundraising Plan which has been endorsed by School Council, setting a positive and purposeful direction for the year ahead. This plan reflects our strong commitment to providing student opportunities and improving our learning environments, while bringing our community together in meaningful ways. We look forward to a range of engaging and inclusive fundraising activities throughout the year and thank our families in advance for their ongoing support in helping us make a difference for every student.

The graphic features a central title '2026 FUNDRAISING PLAN' in bold blue letters. Above the title is the Lalor North Primary School logo, which includes a stylized star and the text 'Lalor North Primary School'. Below the title is an illustration of a line of colorful figures holding hands, with the text 'Coming together is beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success.' below it. The plan is organized into four terms, each in a blue box with a yellow border. Term 1 includes a Colour Fun Run, Easter Raffle, Sausage Sizzle, and Lunch. Term 2 includes a Mother's Day Stall, Special Lunch Day, Charity Fundraiser (TBD), and Chocolate Drive - Week 8. Term 3 includes a P-2 School Disco 2pm, Footy Lunch Day, Father's Day Stall, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Stall. Term 4 includes a Christmas Raffle, 55 Years Celebration, Whole School Concert, and BBQ. The graphic is decorated with various icons: a magnifying glass, a lightbulb, a laptop, and a checklist.

Lalor North Primary School

2026 FUNDRAISING PLAN

Coming together is beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Colour Fun Run Easter Raffle Sausage Sizzle Lunch	Mother's Day Stall Special Lunch Day Charity Fundraiser (TBD) Chocolate Drive - Week 8	P-2 School Disco 2pm Footy Lunch Day Father's Day Stall Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Stall	Christmas Raffle 55 Years Celebration Whole School Concert BBQ

~ Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences ~

Lalor North Primary School recently held our **Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences**, providing a valuable opportunity for students, families, and teachers to come together and discuss learning progress, goals, and achievements.

It was wonderful to see students actively participating in conversations about their own learning, sharing their successes, and reflecting on areas for growth. Parents and teachers collaborated closely to support each student's learning journey, strengthening the home/school partnership that is so important to student success. We had 92% of our families attend the conferences this year.

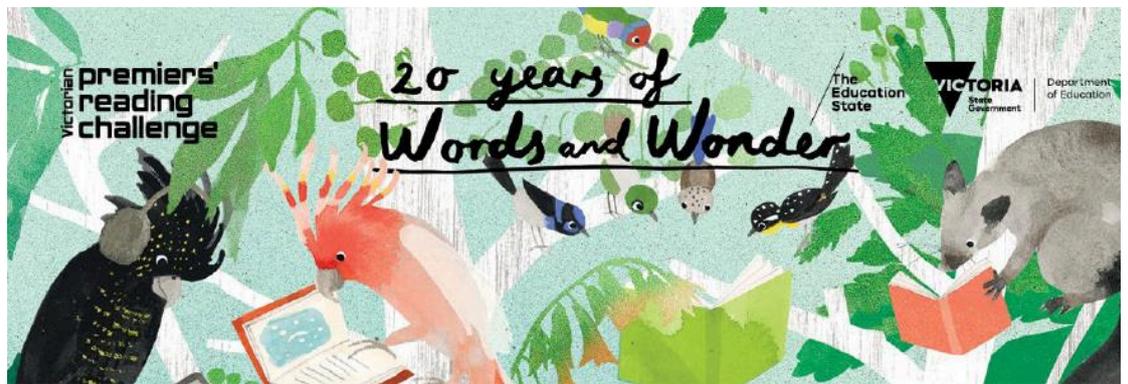
Thank you to all families and staff for making these conferences meaningful and engaging. Your involvement continues to inspire and motivate our students to achieve their best.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2026

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and we're excited to be taking part!

All children from birth to Year 10 are welcome to join in.

This year's Challenge theme is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Stories can inspire and challenge us, and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking. The number of books read can be varied for everyone's needs. All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers. To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)



NAPLAN 2026 - Celebrating Effort and Commitment

Now that **NAPLAN** has concluded, we would like to acknowledge the fantastic effort shown by our students. Throughout the assessment period, our children demonstrated commitment, perseverance, and a positive attitude, approaching each task with focus and determination.

We are incredibly proud of the way students gave their best and supported one another during this time. NAPLAN is just one part of each child's learning journey, and it was wonderful to see the resilience and confidence our students displayed.

A special thank you goes to our school leaders, **Jae Dickinson** and **Amanda Lee**, for their exceptional guidance, support, and organisation throughout the NAPLAN period. Your dedication ensures that both students and staff are well-prepared and confident, and we truly appreciate all that you do.

Elizabeth Bryan, Amanda Lee and Kim Rotondi



From the Office

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

For our first fundraiser for the year, we will be holding a Sausage Sizzle for students on Wednesday 1st April. Please complete the order form that has been sent home, **ensuring you add your child's name and class**, and return it to the office with payment by Friday 27th March.

Secondary School Placement

This week, enrolment information for each Grade 6 student was sent home for families to check and update us with any changes. Please read through the information, note down any updates and return it to the office ASAP. This is in preparation for year 7 transition.

Families of Grade 6 students can expect to receive information on Year 6 to 7 Placement for 2027 early in Term 2.

The Department of Education has useful information for Parents and Carers on how to enrol and support their child moving from Primary to Secondary School at <https://www.vic.gov.au/moving-primary-secondary-school-information-parents-and-carers>

Easter Raffle - Help Us Fill the Hampers!

Our Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 1st April, and this year there will be one winner per class! We are inviting families to help make these hampers extra special by contributing donations. Items can be placed in the collection boxes at reception. We need lots more donations to make our hampers.

Some ideas for donations may include chocolate eggs, Easter-themed treats, small toys, stationery, books, craft kits, or gift vouchers. A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated – your generosity is greatly appreciated!



With your support, we can ensure that every class has a wonderful prize to celebrate, making this Easter Raffle exciting and fun for all our students. Let's work together to create hampers full of treats and surprises for our students here at Lalor North Primary School.

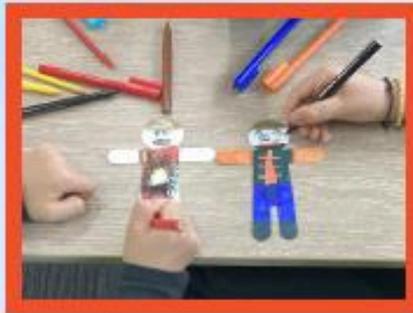
Diana, Liz and Barbara

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

CULTURE CONNECTS US ALL



On Tuesday 17th March, our Prep-6 students participated in 'mixed class' activities to celebrate the many cultural backgrounds of our families. Students recognised aspects of foods and cultural dress of each culture and made connections to their own cultural backgrounds. They created a model of themselves, which will be displayed as a whole school mural in the office area.



Monty the Monster Fun Run Wednesday 1st April

Get ready to run wild with Monty!

It's here - Monty the Monster Fun Run!

Jump in now! Set up your child's My Profile Page – it's quick, easy and super fun. We also have some amazing bonuses up for grabs:

- Every student gets rainbow sunglasses and a headband!
- The class with the most profiles at the end of week one will win an ice block party!
- Receive donations on four different days and go into the draw to Slime a teacher!
- Raise \$20 and go into the draw to win a tuckshop voucher!

Together, we can achieve amazing results for our school!

Australian Fundraising

START FUNDRAISING TODAY!

FORGIVE ME MONTY THE MONSTER!

REGISTER NOW AND GET STARTED!

SHARE IN \$200,000 OF EXTRA PRIZE CREDIT

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MONTY THE MONSTAR FUN RUN

Interschool Sports Results

Round 3 of Interschool sports, we played against Lalor Gardens Primary School

Sport	Results	Awards
Cricket	Lalor North PS defeated Lalor Gardens PS 37/2 to 34/3	Star Performer – Oliver P Encouragement Award – Emily
Rounders (Boys)	Lalor North PS defeated Lalor Gardens PS 12 runs to 9 runs	Star Performer – Abbas Encouragement Award – Azim / Xavier
Rounders (Girls)	Lalor North PS defeated Lalor Gardens PS 15 runs to 0 runs	Star Performer – Mila Encouragement Award - Fiona
Bat Tennis (Boys)	Lalor North PS defeated Lalor Gardens PS 36 games to 2 games	Star Performer – Jeremiah Encouragement Award – Jordan
Bat Tennis (Girls)	Lalor North PS defeated Lalor Gardens PS 31 games to 13 games	Star Performer – Chrysoula Encouragement Award – Amanda



Round 4 we played against Lalor East Primary School

Sport	Results	Awards
Cricket	Lalor North PS defeated Lalor East PS 52/4 to 46/4	Star Performer – Jerome Encouragement Award – Binesh
Rounders (Boys)	Lalor North PS defeated Lalor East PS 15 runs to 2 runs	Star Performer – Xavier Encouragement Award – Prince
Rounders (Girls)	Lalor North PS defeated Lalor East PS 11 runs to 1 run	Star Performer – Rosil Encouragement Award – Isabella
Bat Tennis (Boys)	Lalor North PS defeated Lalor East PS 35 sets to 13 sets	Star Performer – Vasilij Encouragement Award – Stathis
Bat Tennis (Girls)	Lalor North PS lost to Lalor East PS 20 sets to 22 sets	Star Performer – Kasiyana Encouragement Award – Theodora

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Student Free Days for 2026



Term 1

Tuesday 27th January – Curriculum Day 1
 Wednesday 28th January – Curriculum Day 2
 Tuesday 10th March – Parent Teacher Meetings 11–8pm (Student Free)

Term 2

Wednesday 13th May – Curriculum Day 3
 Friday 5th June – Report Writing Day

Term 3

Wednesday 5th August – Curriculum Day 4
 Wednesday 16th September – Parent Teacher Meetings 11–8pm (Pupil Free)

Term 4

Monday 2nd November – Report Writing Day
 Friday 18th December – Curriculum Day (2027 Planning Day)

Please Note:
 The Days were selected that would pose the least amount of disruption to the student teaching and learning focus. Consideration of spreading things out evenly across the school. Also maintaining our ability to report to parents each term of the year as follows:

- Term 1: Parent Teacher Student Meetings
- Term 2: Mid-Year Reports released
- Term 3: Parent Teacher Student meetings
- Term 4: End of Year Reports released

Book Club

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

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.

SCHOLASTIC

Epping Secondary College

OPEN NIGHT

Take the opportunity to connect with our passionate staff, be guided by our student leaders and experience the spirit of the ESC community.



THURS MARCH 26TH
5:30PM – 7:30PM

 McDonalds Rd, Epping VIC 3076



What's Happening:

Join us at 5:30pm for our Welcome Presentation and school tour. Stay to enjoy our famous ESC woodfired pizza and coffee served by our wonderful VM students.



- [RSVP & Dietary Advice form](#)
- [Directions](#)
- [Interpreter details](#)
- [Enrolment information.](#)

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Cultural Diversity Week

21 - 29 March 2026

Get involved

Culture connects us all

#CDW2026



Victorian Multicultural Festival 27-29 March 2026

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strengthening our community

VICTORIA
State Government

GRAZELAND

Greek Storytime

EVERY MONDAY 9AM TO 10AM



Lalor North Primary School has reading sessions in Greek for preschool children aged 1 to 5 years.

These sessions are free and will take place at Lalor North Primary School at 2 Derna Crescent Lalor 3075

Come along and join us!

MACEDONIAN STORYTIME

Macedonian Teachers Association of Victoria in collaboration with Lalor North Primary School has reading sessions for preschool children aged 1 to 5 years.

Every Tuesdays 10am to 11am



THESE SESSIONS ARE FREE AND WILL TAKE PLACE AT LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 2 DERNA CRESCENT LALOR 3075

Come along and join us!



TERM 1 CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS ART CLUB
11:15am Art Room with Ms Mascia

TUESDAYS FUTSAL
2:00pm Hall with Mr Mac

TUESDAYS P-6 CHOIR
11:15am Italian Room with Ms Teresa

WEDNESDAYS TALENT SHOW
11:15am Stage area Hosted by students

THURSDAYS STEAM CLUB
11:15am STEAM Room with Mr Chris

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS GARDEN CLUB
11:30am with Ms Laura

2026 WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - LEARNING SHOWCASE TIMETABLE

	DATE	SHOWCASE 1	SHOWCASE 2	SHOWCASE 3
Term 1	WEEK 5 Friday 27 th Feb	WATTLE 7 & 8	BANKSIA 1	
	WEEK 9 Friday 27 th Mar	BANKSIA 7	STEAM	ART
Term 2	WEEK 4 Friday 15 th May	WATTLE 7 & 8	WATTLE 9	ACACIA 1 & 2
	WEEK 8 Friday 12 th June	WATTLE 4	BANKSIA 3	ITALIAN
Term 3	WEEK 2 Friday 24 th July	PREPS 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL	BANKSIA 9	
	WEEK 7 Friday 28 th Aug	BANKSIA 4	BANKSIA 5	WATTLE 3
Term 4	WEEK 3 Friday 23 rd Oct	WATTLE 5	BANKSIA 6	BANKSIA 8
	WEEK 6 Friday 13 th Nov	ACACIA 1 & 2	WATTLE 10	BANKSIA 2
	Week 10 Friday 11 th Dec	FINAL WHOLE ASSEMBLY AND END OF YEAR AWARDS		