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IN THE LOOP



WE OFFER 3 PROGRAMS:
Standard Curriculum Program
Greek Bilingual Program
Macedonian Bilingual Program

2027 PREP – ENROL NOW!

A High Performing School That Inspires Success

At Lalor North Primary School, we are committed to inspiring success in every child through high-quality learning, strong relationships, and a caring, inclusive community. We encourage students to be curious, confident and resilient learners who are supported to achieve their personal best. Places are filling quickly so we encourage families to contact the school and enrol early to secure their child's place in our unique and connected learning community.

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 5, Term 2

Education Week

- Monday 18th May - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am
- Tuesday 19th May – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am
- Wednesday 20th May – Playgroup 9am – 10am
- Wednesday 20th May – Biggest Morning Tea 11am
Supporting Cancer Research Fundraiser
- Thursday 21st May - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
- Friday 22nd May - Interschool Sports
- Thursday 22nd May – Emergency Drill Practice
- Friday 22nd May – Pizza Special Lunch Day
- Friday 22nd May - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Week 6, Term 2

Reconciliation Week

- Monday 25th May - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am
- Monday 25th May – Greek Community Catch-Up 7pm
- Tuesday 26th May – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am
- Tuesday 26th May – Reconciliation Date
- Tuesday 26th May – May School Council Meeting
- Wednesday 27th May – Playgroup 9am – 10am
- Wednesday 27th May – Lalor District Cross Country
- Wednesday 27th May – National Simultaneous Story Time
- Thursday 28th May - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
- Friday 29th May - Interschool Sports
- Friday 29th May – Newsletter Released
- Friday 29th May – Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Week 7, Term 2

- Monday 1st June - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am
- Tuesday 2nd June – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am
- Tuesday 2nd June – Prep Fire Education Visit 10am
- Wednesday 3rd June – Playgroup 9am – 10am
- Wednesday 3rd June – School Photo Day
- Thursday 4th June - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
- Friday 5th June – Report Writing Day – Student Free Day

Save the date!
Wednesday 3rd
June



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.

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.

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.

Principals' Message

Dear Families,

As we move further into Term 2, it has been wonderful to enjoy the beautiful autumn weather and the sunshine across our school grounds. The warmer days have created a lovely atmosphere for learning, play and outdoor activities, with students making the most of every opportunity to be active and engaged.

There has been a strong sense of positivity throughout Lalor North Primary School, with students continuing to demonstrate enthusiasm, kindness and a commitment to learning. Our classrooms and playgrounds have been full of energy, and it has been fantastic to see our community working together to support every child to engage in our child safe school environment. Our teachers and leaders are proactive in supporting our students solve problems quickly and learn from all of these experiences.



Curriculum Day – A Great Day of Learning!

On Wednesday 13th May, staff at Lalor North Primary School participated in a Curriculum Day focused on strengthening teaching and learning across the school through the focus on the updated Victorian Curriculum 2.0.

Throughout the day, staff worked collaboratively to deepen their understanding of the updated curriculum, with a strong focus on developing meaningful cross-curricular links and embedding the Victorian Curriculum capabilities into everyday learning experiences. These capabilities include critical and creative thinking, personal and social capability, ethical capability and intercultural capability, all of which support students to become confident, capable and engaged learners.

Teachers also began the important work on developing an Inquiry Scope and Sequence to ensure a consistent and engaging approach to inquiry learning across all year levels. This work will help strengthen connections between subject areas and provide students with rich opportunities to explore real-world concepts, ask questions, think deeply and apply their learning in purposeful ways.



The Importance of Respect in Our School Community



At Lalor North Primary School, our values guide the way we learn, grow, and connect with one another. One of the most important values we share is Respect – a value that helps create a safe, inclusive, and positive environment for every member of our school community.

Respect means treating others with kindness, fairness, and understanding. It is shown in the way we speak to one another, listen to different ideas, care for our school environment, and support those around us. When students demonstrate respect, they help build strong friendships, encourage teamwork, and create classrooms where everyone feels valued and ready to learn.

Respect is not only important in the classroom, but also in the playground, at home, and within the wider community. By learning to appreciate each person's unique background, experiences, and opinions, our students develop empathy and become thoughtful, responsible citizens.

Our staff work hard to model respectful behaviours every day, and we are proud of the many ways our students show respect through their actions, whether it is helping a friend, including others in games, listening carefully during lessons, or taking pride in our school grounds.

Families also play an important role in reinforcing this value. By working together as a school community, we can continue to nurture a culture where respect is at the heart of everything we do.

When respect is present, everyone feels welcome, supported, and empowered to achieve their best. Together, we can continue making Lalor North Primary School a place where kindness, understanding, and respect shine every day.



Attitudes to School Survey - Student Voice in Action!

The Department of Education's Attitudes to School Survey will be completed at our school during Weeks 5 and 6, starting on Monday the 18th of May.

All students in Grades 4 to 6 will participate in the survey during one scheduled session. The survey provides students with an opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences about school, including their learning, wellbeing, engagement and relationships.

Student participation is important, as the feedback helps the school understand what is working well and identify areas for improvement to support all students. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the survey, please notify the school via email at lalor.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Australian Education Union Protected Industrial Action – Update for Families

We would like to provide our school community with an important update regarding the current Australian Education Union protected industrial action affecting Victorian schools.

The planned stop-work action is suspended as earlier this afternoon, the Australian Education Union and Joint Primary and Secondary Sector Council, **endorsed an in-principle agreement.**



As a result, there will be no stop-work action on the morning of Tuesday 19th May. All students may attend school as it will be a normal school day and programs will run as per usual.

Thank you for your understanding and support during the Protected Industrial Action, it has been great to see our families support our school.

Swimming

This week marked the conclusion of our swimming program, and we are very proud of the



enthusiasm and effort shown by all students throughout the lessons. This year, students attended lessons at Y Leisure City, which provided an excellent learning environment and high-quality instruction. Learning to swim is an important life skill that supports student safety, confidence and physical wellbeing, while also encouraging participation in healthy and active lifestyles. We are pleased that the program was offered to families at a reduced cost through funding support provided by the Victorian Department of Education.

Thank you to our families for supporting their children with the organisation required each day and helping ensure students arrived prepared and ready to participate. A big thank you also to Keith and the Office Admin team for their organisation and coordination of the swimming program and for ensuring everything ran so smoothly. Thank you to all staff who attended the swimming program and to those who remained at school to deliver important water safety learning activities for students who did not attend the lessons at Y Leisure City.

Mobile Phone



We would like to remind all families and students about the importance of following our school's Mobile Phone Policy. Mobile phones can be a valuable tool for communication before and after school; however, during school hours they can become a distraction to learning, social interaction, and student wellbeing.

Our policy is in place to help create a positive learning environment where students remain focused, engaged, and connected with those around them. Limiting mobile phone use during the school day also supports respectful behaviour, reduces interruptions in class, and encourages students to build strong face-to-face relationships with their peers. We ask families to support the school by reinforcing these expectations with students and ensuring that mobile phones are used appropriately and stored as required during the school day.

Breakfast Club Update

We are pleased to let our school community know that Breakfast Club will now be available every **Thursday and Friday morning.**

Breakfast Club begins at **8:15am** and provides students with the opportunity to enjoy a healthy breakfast in a welcoming and relaxed environment before the start of the school day. It is a wonderful chance for students to connect with friends, settle into the day, and ensure they are ready to learn.



All students are welcome to attend. We encourage families to remind children that they can join us for breakfast, conversation, and a positive start to their morning.

We thank our staff and volunteers for their ongoing support of this valuable program and look forward to seeing many students at Breakfast Club each week



Lalor North Primary Whole School Concert

Our 55 Years Birthday celebration

Monday 14th September 5.30pm

Save the Date



We Are Hosting!

Biggest Morning Tea

Wednesday 20th May

I'm very pleased to share that we will be hosting Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at Lalor North Primary School on Wednesday 20th May in our staffroom...

I know that this is more than just a morning tea for us.... as over the past few years, our school community has been directly impacted by illness (cancer) in so many ways on multiple occasions. Many of us have also been touched by it in deeply personal ways, through our colleagues, families, friends, and even our students. These experiences have been emotional, heart breaking and powerful reminders of the importance of connection, compassion, and standing together.

As the Principal of the Lalor North Primary School community, I feel compelled to do something meaningful, and I believe that this event is one way we can come together to support a cause that has affected us all.

I warmly invite everyone to be involved. Please plan to bring a plate to share, whether homemade or bought and help create a welcoming, generous space for all. More importantly, it is an opportunity to pause, connect with one another, and show our collective care and support for those impacted by cancer.

There will also be an opportunity to make a donation on the day, with all funds going towards vital cancer research and support services. I sincerely hope everyone can be a part of this heartfelt event. It is an important one for me personally as I'm sure it is also one that is meaningful to you.



Parent Helpers @ Lalor North PS



Resource Making

Helping in the Library

Fundraising Events

Mother's & Father's Day Stall

Excursions and Incursions

Lost Property Sorting

Kitchen Garden Program

BBQ's and Sausage Sizzles

Breakfast Club

At Lalor North Primary School, we greatly value the support of our parent and family volunteers. Parent helpers play an important role in enriching our school community by assisting in many ways. We really enjoy collaborating with our parent community.

While some parents may wish to volunteer in classrooms, we also recognise that there can be challenges associated with classroom-based volunteering. Working in classrooms may unintentionally expose volunteers to confidential information relating to students' learning, behaviour, wellbeing, or family circumstances. Protecting the privacy and dignity of all students is a priority, and maintaining confidentiality is essential in creating a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

There are also many benefits to supporting the school in ways outside the classroom setting. These opportunities allow families to contribute positively while ensuring teaching and learning routines remain focused and consistent for students. These contributions strengthen the partnership between home and school and help create a positive environment for all of our students.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a positive difference to our students and school community. We sincerely thank all families for the ongoing support, partnership, and care they show towards Lalor North Primary School.

Our next Parent Helpers /Volunteer Annual Induction – Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 2.30pm

Many thanks for your positive contributions to our school community to all our volunteers.

Elizabeth Bryan, Amanda Lee and Kim Rotondi

Child Safety Standards

At Lalor North Primary School, we believe that all children have the right to feel safe as well as be safe and protected. Our school has policies, procedures and practices to keep children safe. If you would like to know more or provide feedback relating to these policies and practices, please contact the school.

There are eleven Child Safe Standards:

- 1 Standard 1: Culturally safe environments – Establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.
- 2 Standard 2: Leadership, governance and culture – Ensure that child safety and wellbeing are embedded in school leadership, governance and culture.
- 3 Standard 3: Child and student empowerment – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.
- 4 Standard 4: Family engagement – Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.
- 5 Standard 5: Diversity and equity – Equity is upheld and diverse needs are respected in policy and practice.
- 6 Standard 6: Suitable staff and volunteers – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.
- 7 Standard 7: Child-focused complaints processes – Ensure that processes for complaints and concerns are child focused.
- 8 Standard 8: Child safety knowledge, skills and awareness – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.
- 9 Standard 9: Physical and online environments – Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.
- 10 Standard 10: Review of child safety practices - Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.
- 11 Standard 11: Implementation of child safety practices – Policies and procedures that document how schools are safe for children, young people and students.

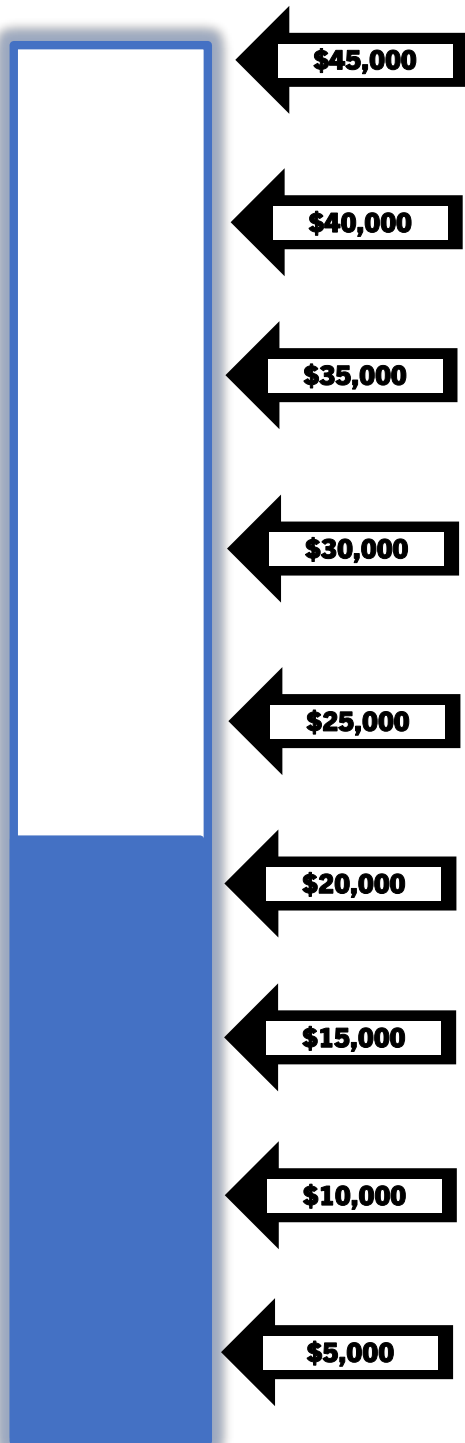
Further information about child Safe Standards is available from the Department of Education website

FUNDRAISING



SO FAR HERE IS THE RUN DOWN ON OUR EFFORTS

LAST YEAR FUNDS NOT SPENT CARRIED FORWARD	\$8226
SAUSAGE SIZZLE	\$844
COLOUR FUN RUN	\$5927
EASTER RAFFLE	\$3061
MOTHER'S DAY AND SPECIAL PERSON STALL	\$1906
MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE	\$815



Our New Total \$20,779



A very special thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who continue to give their time, energy, and support to our fundraising efforts. Your dedication and generosity make such a difference to our school community, and we truly appreciate everything you do.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who supported our Mother's Day Stall fundraiser. Thanks to your kindness and support, the stall was a great success! Most importantly, our students absolutely loved the opportunity to choose special gifts for their loved ones, making the event a memorable and joyful experience for everyone involved.

From the Office



Breakfast Club

We are very excited to announce that our Breakfast Club will now be available 2 days a week! Starting from Week 5, students who have submitted permission slips to attend our **free of charge** Breakfast Club can now join in every Thursday **and Friday** during the school terms between 8.15am – 8.45am. Permission slips are available from the office, all students are welcome!

School Attendance

If your child must be absent due to illness or an unavoidable issue, parents/carers are requested to enter this information on Compass or by contacting the office staff who can record this information on your behalf.

Our office staff check the student non-attendance list daily and will attempt to contact families as soon as practicable on the same day of any student's unexplained absence.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.



School is better when your child is there!

Why it's important – We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Boxes for the LNPS Chocolate Fundraiser are due to be distributed to families on Tuesday 9th of June. If any family wishes to opt out and not receive a box, please contact the office by the 1st of June on 9465 4922.

Diana, Liz and Barbara

Lalor Districts Cross Country Race 2026

On Wednesday the 13th of May, 24 students represented our school at the annual Lalor District Cross Country Championships at Epping Recreation Reserve in Epping.

Our LNPS students raced against students from the twelve other schools in our Lalor District in under 10, under 11 & under 12-year-old races. Under 10s raced over a 2-kilometre course, while under 11 & under 12s raced over a 3-kilometre course.

Congratulations to all our students who represented our school and completed the gruelling long-distance race!

A special mention & congratulations to the following students for finishing their race in the top 10 & now qualify for the Whittlesea Divisional Cross Country finals on June 4th at Kilmore Racetrack:

Darian T – 12 yr boys

Venia G – 11 yr Gilrs

Tala S – 12 yr Girls

Arlene D – 10 yr Girls

Hope P – 10 yr Girls

A special mention to Aleksia R for winning the gold medal finishing first in her 10 yr old Girls race. A great achievement that the whole school is proud of!



LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE 2026

Orders can now be made through your Compass Portal via your email link or under the **COMMUNITY** tab

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW TO ENSURE OUR BEST PRICES!

FAMILY PHOTOS



Family/Sibling photos are available for students attending school. Orders must be placed by **11:59PM** the day before photo day.

Parents with 3 or more children can receive a concession with our **Premium** or **Classic** packs. To take up this offer, please contact us prior to photo day.

GROUP STYLE



We're here to help.

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TERM 2

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 DANCE CLUB

11:15am
with Ms Teresa



THURSDAYS STEAM CLUB

11:15am STEAM Room
with Mr Chris



MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

GARDEN CLUB

11:30am with Ms Laura



Lalor North Primary School

Respect Honesty Unity Success Resilience

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

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		

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!

