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IN THE LOOP



CELEBRATING 2026 NAPLAN SUCCESS

Strong & Exceeding...

YEAR 3 Writing Results
Year 5 Reading Results
Year 5 Mathematics Results
Year 5 Writing Results

Strong Growth...

From 2024 to 2026, our
students have shown medium to
strong growth in Writing,
Reading and Mathematics
Results



EXCEPTIONAL NAPLAN RESULTS FOR LALOR NORTH!

Congratulations to our amazing Year 3 and Year 5 students on their outstanding NAPLAN achievements! We are incredibly proud of the strong results our students achieved across Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Our Year 5 students performed at levels comparable with the state and our network, while our Year 3 students achieved exceptional results in Writing. These results reflect the hard work of our students, the expertise and dedication of our staff, and the wonderful partnership we share with our families. Most importantly, they demonstrate that every day at Lalor North Primary School, learning matters and every child is supported to achieve their very best.

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 3, Term 3

Monday 27th July - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am

Monday 27th July – Dental Van Visit

Tuesday 28th July – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am

Tuesday 28th July – July School Council Meeting

Wednesday 29th July – Playgroup 9am – 10am

Thursday 30th July - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Thursday 30th July – International Day of Friendship

Friday 31st July - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Week 4, Term 3

Monday 3rd August - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am

Tuesday 4th August – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am

Thursday 6th August - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Friday 7th August - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Friday 7th August – Fundraising Parent Helpers Meeting 2.30pm

Friday 7th August - Newsletter Released

Friday 7th August – Principals Day

Week 5, Term 3

Monday 10th August - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am

Tuesday 11th August – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am

Tuesday 11th August – Scienceworks Grade 5&6 Excursion

Wednesday 12th August – Curriculum Day

Thursday 13th August - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Thursday 13th August - Prep Coffee & Chat 9am to 10am

Friday 14th August - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Friday 14th August – Sausage Sizzle Special Lunch

Mistake in our Schedule!

Our next Curriculum Day is on

Wednesday 12th August.

Apologies, as it was incorrectly published.

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

Welcome back to Term 3. This term is a time when we see significant growth in our students. After establishing strong routines in the first half of the year, students return with greater confidence, maturity and readiness to learn. It is a wonderful term where learning accelerates, and students continue to build on the strong foundations established throughout Semester one.

Although we are only two weeks into the term, it has been fantastic to see our students return settled, engaged and eager to reconnect with their teachers and classmates. As expected, some students found the transition back to school after two weeks at home a little challenging, and a few arrived understandably tired and needing additional support to re-engage in learning. Our leadership team, wellbeing staff and teachers were well prepared to support these students from day one, ensuring every child felt safe, connected and ready to learn.

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements in this year's NAPLAN assessments. Our students demonstrated strong results across Reading, Writing and Mathematics, reflecting their hard work, perseverance and commitment to learning. In particular, our Year 5 students achieved results that are comparable with both the state and our network, while our Year 3 students should be especially proud of their excellent writing achievements.



Thank you to the many families who collected their child's NAPLAN report from the school office. Any reports that were not collected have now been mailed to families. Your child's NAPLAN report can be discussed with their teacher during this term's Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences, to be held on Wednesday 16 September in Week 10. If you would like to discuss your child's results before then, please contact the school office via our school email to arrange a suitable time.

100 DAYS OF PREP ~ LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION

Congratulations to our wonderful Prep students who celebrated **100 Days of School** today.

Reaching 100 days is an exciting milestone and an opportunity to reflect on just how much our youngest learners have grown since beginning school earlier this year. It is amazing to see the confidence, independence and resilience they have developed in such a short period of time.

A huge thank you to our Prep teachers and families who helped make the celebration today such a memorable and enjoyable occasion. We are incredibly proud of everything our Prep students have achieved so far and look forward to watching them continue to flourish throughout the remainder of the year. We will have a special feature in our next newsletter celebrating our prep children.



Supporting Independence at Morning Drop-Off



As students settle back into their school routines, we encourage families to continue supporting calm, confident and positive morning drop offs. Developing independence is an important milestone in every child's growth. We ask parents and carers to say goodbye at the school gates or on the asphalt outside the classroom areas, allowing students to make their way independently into class. While some children may need additional reassurance at times, brief, positive farewells generally help children settle more quickly and confidently.

Children often take their emotional cues from the adults around them. When parents confidently say goodbye and allow their child to walk into class independently, children quickly develop resilience, confidence and a sense of belonging. Some parents may not realise by lingering or having prolonged goodbyes can unintentionally increase

anxiety and make the separation more difficult for everyone.

A reminder that the school gates are locked promptly at **9:05 am** each morning. Students arriving after this time should enter through the school office to be signed in before heading to class.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week @ LNPS

NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is celebrated by all Australians and is a great opportunity to recognise and learn more about the history and culture of Indigenous communities. Students at our school learn about the culture and the importance of NAIDOC week in class to better understand the country we live in and the histories attached. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.



Its origins can be traced back to the Aboriginal rights movement, when on Australia Day 1938, protestors marched through the streets of Sydney to highlight the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Today, it is a week-long celebration held in July that consists of range of traditional and contemporary activities.

NAIDOC Week is an important event that helps build positive relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. It enables a deeper understanding of our differences and similarities. NAIDOC week is an opportunity for all Australians to eliminate bias and discrimination by reflecting and reconciling the wrongs of the past to facilitate hope and build a fairer future. Families are encouraged to join in and support young people in learning the significance of NAIDOC Week.





Winter Weather and Lost Property

With the colder weather well and truly upon us, students have settled comfortably into their winter routines. Our classrooms remain warm and welcoming, providing a comfortable learning environment throughout the day. As students are bringing jackets, jumpers, scarves and beanies to school each day, our **Lost Property** collection is growing quickly. We ask families to clearly label all clothing and personal belongings with your child's name. Named items can usually be returned quickly, while unnamed items often remain unclaimed. Families are encouraged to check the Lost Property area regularly if anything goes missing.

Year 5 & 6 Sexual Education Program

Students in Years 5 and 6 have now commenced the Sexual Education component of the Victorian Curriculum as part of the Health and Physical Education learning area and our Respectful Relationships program. This curriculum is delivered in an age-appropriate, respectful and supportive manner and provides students with important knowledge about personal development, relationships, puberty, health and wellbeing. The program supports students to develop respectful attitudes, make informed decisions and understand the importance of healthy relationships. We appreciate the ongoing support of our families as students participate in these important learning experiences.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY



We would like to remind everyone of our school's mobile phone policy, which is designed to support a positive and focused learning environment for all students. As part of this policy, all student mobile phones must be handed in to the front office at the beginning of the school day. Phones will be securely stored and returned to students at the end of the day.

This policy is in place to minimise distractions during class time and help students stay focused on their learning. Mobile phones can easily disrupt lessons and reduce opportunities for meaningful engagement with teachers and peers. By keeping phones out of classrooms, we aim to foster better concentration, face-to-face interaction, and overall academic success. We appreciate the support of parents and carers in reinforcing this message at home and encouraging students to follow the guidelines each day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us create an environment where learning comes first.

Welcome to New TheirCare – Co-ordinator

We are delighted to officially welcome **McKenzie**, our new TheirCare Coordinator, to Lalor North Primary School. McKenzie has already begun getting to know our students and families and has settled into the role exceptionally well. We look forward to working closely with McKenzie to continue providing engaging, safe and high-quality before and after school care experiences for our students. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and make McKenzie feel welcome if you see her around the school. By modelling respectful online behaviour and having regular conversations at home, we can work together to keep our students safe both online and offline.



Our Year 6 students are already beginning to look ahead to the end of their primary school journey. Please save the date for our **Grade 6 Graduation**, which will be held on **Wednesday 9th December**. Graduation is always a very special occasion as we celebrate our students' achievements, recognise their growth over the past seven years and wish them every success as they prepare for secondary school. More information regarding the event will be shared with families later this term.

Online Safety and Social Media

As technology and social media continue to be part of everyday life, it is important that we all work together to support our children's online safety. We encourage families to regularly discuss respectful online behaviour, digital responsibility and the long-term impact that comments, photos and videos shared online can have on others. Even posts made outside school hours can significantly affect friendships, student wellbeing and the broader school community. Parents are reminded that sharing photographs or videos of other children or staff without consent, or posting comments about members of our school community, may have legal implications and can cause unnecessary distress.

Outdoor Safety - Soccer Games

With the excitement of the recent soccer world events, it has been wonderful to see so many of our students embracing the game with enthusiasm during recess and lunch breaks. Soccer provides a fantastic opportunity for children to be active, build friendships and enjoy playing together.



As the popularity of soccer has grown, we have also noticed that matches have become increasingly competitive at times, leading to some students experiencing hurt bodies and hurt feelings. We ask families to please have a conversation with their children about playing safely, following the rules, avoiding rough play, demonstrating good sportsmanship and encouraging their teammates and opponents alike. Showing respect for all players, accepting decisions fairly and remembering that everyone is there to have fun helps create a positive and inclusive environment where everyone can enjoy the game.

Thank you for your support in reinforcing these important values both at school and at home.

ENROL NOW FOR 2027

International Student Enrolment

Lalor North Primary School accepts international enrolments



With high quality learning in a caring environment, Lalor North Primary School is a destination of choice for international students. We are a multicultural community who have a love of languages.

Our school offer a high-quality learning in a caring environment, a warm welcome to international students, a mix of academic programs with extra-curricular activities such as sports, music, STEAM, The ARTS and many other rich learning opportunities.

Lalor North Primary School is also geographically close to

- RMIT University
- Latrobe University
- Melbourne Polytechnics (Epping Campus)
- Several secondary schools.

Visit the Victorian Government School's International Student Program for information about the application process for international students at: www.lalornorthps.vic.edu.au/international-student-enrolment



WE OFFER 3 PROGRAMS:

- Standard Curriculum Program
- Greek Bilingual Program
- Macedonian Bilingual Program

2027 PREP – ENROL NOW!

A High Performing School That Inspires Success

- Safe, Inclusive and Welcoming School ✓
- 10 hours of Language Learning Every Week ✓
- Builds Confidence and Cultural Pride ✓
- Before and After School Care Available ✓

Lalor North Primary School

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Looking ahead, enrolments at Lalor North Primary School continue to grow strongly. We are experiencing significant interest in our school and are now approaching capacity in some programs.

Families considering enrolment for siblings or future students are encouraged to contact the office as soon as possible as it is likely that waitlists will be established for some programs.

Lalor North Primary Whole School Concert

Our 55 Years Birthday celebration

Monday 14th September 5.30pm



Concert tickets will be available for purchase from the school office very soon. To ensure as many families as possible can attend, we will initially release two tickets per family, as the venue has a capacity of 495 seats. If additional tickets become available after the initial release, we will offer these to families at a later date.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to ensure all families have a fair opportunity to attend this special event.

Student Representative Council Making a Difference

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) continues to demonstrate outstanding leadership, teamwork and community spirit. Through their enthusiasm and commitment, our student leaders have been busy organising fundraising initiatives that bring our school community together while supporting worthwhile causes and school projects.

We are incredibly proud of the positive contribution our SRC members make to our school. Their willingness to lead by example, encourage others to get involved, and give back to the community reflects the values we strive to foster at Lalor North Primary School.

Thank you to our SRC students, staff and families for supporting these fundraising efforts—every contribution helps make a difference.

Elizabeth Bryan, Amanda Lee and Kim Rotondi

SRC ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

Our Royal Children's Hospital Fundraiser, Bright Colours event, held on the last Friday of Term 2 was a great success.

As a school, we raised an impressive \$425, coming very close to our \$500 goal.

The SRC were proud of the generosity shown by our school community and discussed ways to make future fundraising events even more successful.

We were lucky enough to have our fundraising day coincide with the World Cup viewing party to watch Australia vs Paraguay. This made for a very engaging and enthusiastic event.

Thank you to all of our families who supported this important cause.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you
Lalor North Primary School SRC
for raising
\$425.00

for The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation
in your fundraising campaign
Lalor North Primary School - Student Fundraising Day

All donations are processed by myclassroom.as



UPPAREL

WASTE SMART SCHOOLS



As part of our Waste Smart Schools Program, we're excited to be partnering with UPPAREL to host a textile collection at our school!

UNTIL THE END OF WEEK 3, FRIDAY 31ST OF JULY, TWO DEDICATED 240L TEXTILE RECYCLING BINS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL FOYER FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF TO DONATE UNWANTED TEXTILES. THIS INITIATIVE SUPPORTS OUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO REDUCE WASTE AND HELPS STUDENTS PUT THE WASTE HIERARCHY INTO ACTION BY FINDING A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION FOR UNWANTED CLOTHING AND TEXTILES.

ITEMS ACCEPTED INCLUDE

- CLOTHING
- SHOES
- UNIFORMS
- LINEN AND
- OTHER TEXTILES THAT ARE CLEAN AND DRY.

WHETHER IT'S OUTGROWN SCHOOL UNIFORMS, WORN-OUT T-SHIRTS OR OLD BED LINEN, EVERY DONATION HELPS SUPPORT A MORE CIRCULAR FUTURE FOR TEXTILES.



What Happens to the Textiles?

UPPAREL IS AN AUSTRALIAN TEXTILE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING COMPANY THAT PROCESSES TEXTILES LOCALLY. COLLECTED ITEMS ARE SORTED FOR REUSE OR RECYCLING, WITH WEARABLE CLOTHING PROVIDED TO CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, AND UNWEARABLE TEXTILES RECYCLED INTO NEW MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS.

BY KEEPING TEXTILES IN AUSTRALIA, UPPAREL SUPPORTS THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND HELPS REDUCE WASTE SENT TO LANDFILL. AS TEXTILES ARE ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S FASTEST-GROWING WASTE STREAMS, THIS WASTE SMART SCHOOLS INITIATIVE GIVES STUDENTS AND FAMILIES A PRACTICAL WAY TO REDUCE WASTE AND SUPPORT A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. EVERY DONATION HELPS KEEP VALUABLE RESOURCES IN USE FOR LONGER AND CONTRIBUTES TO OUR SCHOOL'S WASTE SMART SCHOOLS JOURNEY.



Lalor North Primary School's partnership with the Whittlesea Council 'Waste Smart Schools' project in Term 2 was a great success.

Students in Grade 3/4 learned about how to reduce and reuse waste in ways that would benefit our environment.



Sustainability Outcomes

Each classroom now has a FOGO (food organics, garden organics) caddy to dispose of food waste. Each caddy is collected at the end of the day and placed in our school's new compost bin.



New recycling bins have been added to each classroom and learning space by our Sustainability Captains. These now match the colours students use at home.



Redevelopment of our kitchen garden is underway, with new planter boxes in place in preparation for spring.



**WE ARE WORKING
TOGETHER TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

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	\$1211
MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE	\$815
SPECIAL PIZZA LUNCH DAY	\$2271
CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER	TBA
SCHOOL SAUSAGE SIZZLE	TBA
FATHER'S DAY STALL	TBA
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE	TBA

\$45,000

\$40,000

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

Our New Updated Total \$22,355



Upcoming Fundraising Events

We have several exciting fundraising events planned over the coming weeks and encourage families to get involved where possible.

Upcoming events include **Father's Day Stall**, **Footy Day stall**, **Special Lunch**, **Bunnings Community Sausage Sizzle**

Funds raised through these events directly support programs, resources and opportunities for our students. Just as importantly, these events help bring our school community together and create wonderful experiences for our children.

We sincerely thank our volunteers and families for their continued generosity and support.



From the Office

Year 7 Placement Offers

Families of Grade 6 students have received their 2027 Year 7 Placement Offers. The **Placement Acceptance Slip** included with the offer **must be returned to our office by Tuesday 11th August**. Please contact the office in person or by phone on 9465 4922 with any queries. Please reach out if you need any support throughout the process.

Scienceworks Excursion

A reminder that our Grade 5 & 6 students will be attending a Scienceworks excursion on Wednesday 12th August. Please ensure the consent form and payment for this event is returned to the office **no later than Tuesday 4th August**.

NAPLAN

Our Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN results have arrived, and families were notified via Compass. Thank you to the many families who collected their child's NAPLAN report from the school office. Any reports that were not collected have now been mailed to families. Your child's NAPLAN report can be discussed with their teacher during this term's Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences, to be held on Wednesday 16 September in Week 10. If you would like to discuss your child's results before then, please contact the school office via our school email to arrange a suitable time.

Dental Van Visit

The Australian Dental Health Victoria mobile dental van will be visiting our school next week to provide free dental check-ups for students whose families registered online or returned a consent form to the school office.

Good oral health plays an important role in a child's overall wellbeing, helping to support healthy growth, confidence, speech development, and learning. Regular dental check-ups also help identify any concerns early, supporting lifelong healthy habits.

After your child's appointment, parents or guardians will be contacted by phone if any further treatment is recommended or if the dental team would like to discuss your child's oral health or answer any questions. Treatments, such as fillings, will only be carried out after secondary verbal consent has been obtained from a parent or guardian.

Following the visit, students will bring home an oral health report, and parents will also be notified that their child's appointment has taken place via a phone call or text message. If you have any questions after your child's visit, please contact Australian Dental Health Victoria's Head Office on (03) 9323 9607.

Parent Helpers – Getting Involved at School

Many parents and carers often ask how they can help in the classroom or become more involved in school life. We truly value the support of our families and know that even a small amount of time can make a big difference to our students.

We have created a **Parent Helpers List** outlining a range of ways you can assist, both in classrooms and across the school. One way is to join the Parent Fundraising group which meet several times during the term. Further opportunities may include many of the ideas in the parent helpers list here: 

If you would like to become a parent helper, please contact the school office or speak with your child's classroom teacher.

Diana, Liz and Barbara

Parent Helpers @ Lalor North PS



Resource Making

Helping in the Library

Fundraising Events

Mother's & Father's Day Stall

Excursions and Incursions

Last Property Sorting

Kitchen Garden Program

BBQ's and Sausage Sizzles

Breakfast Club

LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL RAISING A CONCERN STEPS

At Lalor North Primary School, we value open and respectful communication. If you have a concern, we encourage you to share it so we can work together to find a positive solution. This process outlines the steps for raising a concern. Working together is key to resolving concerns quickly.

Step 1

PLAN - WHAT IS YOUR CONCERN ABOUT?

the classroom or playground...
your child's learning and/or progress...
safety...
an incident...
inclusion and wellbeing...

Step 2

SEE THE CLASSROOM TEACHER FIRST

Your child's teacher may solve the problem quickly.
Ring the office to make a time to meet with the teacher.
It's important to work together to resolve the concern.

Most concerns raised are resolved with the classroom teacher.
If the concern is not resolved or requires a higher level of leadership it may be necessary to see a School Leader or an Assistant Principal.

Step 3

SEE THE SCHOOL LEADER OR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Book a time at the office to meet with a School Leader (Learnings Specialist, Leading Teacher or Wellbeing Leader) or make a time to see the Area Assistant Principal.

Step 4

SEE THE PRINCIPAL

Book a time at the office to see the Principal.
Very few concerns require a meeting with the principal.
Working together is the key to resolving all concerns raised.

Important Reminders

If you need to make a time to see the classroom teacher, you may book a time through the office.

Please do not email teachers directly.

This is not our process here at Lalor North Primary School. All emails should come through the school email:

Lalor.north.ps@education.vic.au



We value open communication and encourage families to reach out if they have a concern or complaint.

If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable time. This may be a scheduled meeting or a return phone call, depending on availability. This helps ensure that teachers can give your concern the time and attention it deserves. Please note that teachers often have meetings or appointments after school and may not always be available to speak at length at short notice.

Alternatively, you can email the school at lalor.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au with your message for a classroom teacher. The office will ensure your communication is passed on promptly.

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

Кутријата на Нели
NELLY'S BOX



Сонот на Аманда
AMANDA'S DREAM



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

Come along and join us!



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!