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IN THE LOOP

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2026

Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for All

Science begins with curiosity.
Every seed planted. Every pollinator observed.
Every question asked.
Together, we grow scientific understanding.

Curiosity and Learning Together

Explore. Investigate. Grow. Together. ♥

Hands-on STEM kits that bring Australian science to life.



Science Week – Learning, Discovering and Exploring!

Science Week is an exciting opportunity for our students to learn, explore and discover the world around them. Through engaging activities, hands-on investigations and fascinating experiments, students will develop their scientific thinking, ask questions, test ideas and make new discoveries. It's all about building curiosity and a love of learning while showing students just how exciting science can be!

Our students know when they think like a scientist there is always something new to discover!



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 7, Term 3

Book Week – Symphony of Stories

Monday 24th August - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am

Tuesday 25th August – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am

Tuesday 25th August – School Council Meeting

Wednesday 26th August – Playgroup 9am – 10am

Wednesday 26th August – Book Character Day

Thursday 27th August - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Friday 28th August - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Friday 28th August – Assembly, Learning Showcase

Friday 28th August – LDSSA Girls Futsal

Week 8, Term 3

Monday 31st August - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am

Monday 31st August – Greek Community Promotions 7pm

Tuesday 1st September – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am

Wednesday 2nd September – Playgroup 9am – 10am

Wednesday 2nd September – Emergency Drill

Thursday 3rd September - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Thursday 3rd September – Fathers' & Special Person Day Stall

Friday 4th September - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Friday 4th September - Fathers' & Special Person Day Stall

Friday 4th September – Parent Helpers Fundraiser Meeting 2.30pm

Friday 4th September – Newsletter Released

Week 9, Term 3

Monday 7th September - Greek Storytime 9am – 10am

Tuesday 8th September – Macedonian Storytime 10am – 11am

Tuesday 8th September – Macedonian Independence Day

Tuesday 8th September – District Athletics

Wednesday 9th September – Playgroup 9am – 10am

Thursday 10th September - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

Thursday 10th September – LDSSA AFL Gala Day

Friday 11th September - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am

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...

What A Wonderful Time of Year at Lalor North! There is so much happening across our school, and of course, our students continue to make us proud through their enthusiasm, curiosity and participation in school life. It is hard to believe that we are already moving towards Spring and we can already see that there is great excitement and anticipation around our Kitchen Garden Program which continues to be a hive of activity! With the weather beginning to warm, students are enjoying getting their hands into the soil and learning about growing, sustainability and caring for our environment.

Also very new, is our greenhouse which has been built, and now gardening is well underway with students involved in planting, watering and caring for new seedlings. There are plenty of exciting activities planned for the coming weeks as our garden begins to come alive. It is wonderful to see students learning outdoors and developing a genuine appreciation for where our food comes from and how we can care for our environment.

Science Week

This week, we celebrated Science Week with our students. This year's theme, **"Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for All,"** provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to be curious, ask questions and explore the world around them. Through engaging activities, students investigated, experimented, and thought like scientists. We hope they continue to wonder, explore, and discover the science in everyday life. Science Week has been a great opportunity for our students to explore, investigate, question and discover. Classrooms have been buzzing with exciting experiments, hands-on activities and scientific thinking. It has been fantastic to see students engaging so enthusiastically and developing their curiosity about the world around them.

Bullying 'No Way' Week

This week, we also recognised Bullying 'No Way' Week with the theme **"Small Acts, Big Impact."** Students explored how everyday choices, such as including others, speaking kindly, standing up for others and being a good friend can make a big difference. We encouraged students to be upstanders, support one another and help create a school community where everyone feels safe, respected, included, and valued. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate kindness, inclusion, and respect across our school.

Moving House? Please let us know....

If your family is planning to leave Lalor North at the end of 2026, please let us know as soon as possible. Having the most accurate enrolment information allows us to plan our classes, staffing and programs carefully and ensure we are well prepared for the year ahead.



Celebrating Book Week 2026

We are excited to celebrate
Children's Book Week 2026 from
**Saturday 22nd August to Friday 28th
August.** This annual celebration,



coordinated by the Children's Book

Council of Australia (CBCA), is a wonderful opportunity to foster a love of reading and celebrate the stories, authors and illustrators who inspire young readers.

Throughout the week, students will participate in a range of engaging literacy activities, including shared reading, classroom experiences inspired by the CBCA shortlisted books, library displays and opportunities to discover new authors and genres. These experiences help build a lifelong love of reading while developing students' vocabulary, comprehension and imagination.

As part of our celebrations, we invite all students to join in the fun by dressing up as their favourite book character on **Wednesday 26th August**. We can't wait to see the creativity and enthusiasm on display as our school comes together to celebrate the joy of books and reading. Parents are welcome to attend the Book Character Parade in the Gym at 9am as part of our annual celebration



Menstrual Health and Period Pain Incursion

Following the successful completion of our Sexual Education lessons for all Grade 5/6 students, this week students also participated in a Menstrual Health and Period Pain Incursion. This was provided free of charge by the Department of Education and delivered by an experienced educator. This session provided students with age-appropriate information about menstruation, menstrual health, and period pain, helping them to understand the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty, learn practical strategies for managing period pain and develop confidence in seeking support when needed. Importantly, all students, including boys, benefited from this learning, developing greater understanding, empathy, and respect for the experiences of others and helping to create a supportive and inclusive school environment. We thank the Department of Education for providing this valuable learning opportunity for our students.

Student Support Group Meetings

For students requiring support, Student Support Group (SSG) meetings will be held in Week 7, to review progress on individual learning goals, and current support needs. These meetings provide an important opportunity for families and school staff to work together, celebrate progress, and identify areas where further support may be beneficial. By regularly reviewing learning goals, we can ensure that support remains individualised, purposeful, and responsive, helping students build confidence, develop their skills, and make meaningful progress in their learning.

Volunteers Needed - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Saturday 5th September

Our **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle** is coming up, and we are looking for volunteers from our wonderful school community to help make the day a success. These fundraising events are always a fantastic way for families to come together, have some fun and support our school. If you can volunteer, please **add your name to the roster at the school office** or contact the office to let us know your availability. There are several shifts to choose from.

We would love to see lots of our Lalor North families getting involved!





School Concert Tickets

Our school concert is fast approaching, and we are excited to share that tickets are now available for purchase through the PRACC website.

To ensure fairness and allow all families the opportunity to attend, tickets will initially be limited to **two tickets per family** and more may be released a week before the concert.

The ticket costs include student travel to and from the venue with 4 buses booked for the day of the concert, as a school excursion for our rehearsal.

We have now locked in a videographer to film the event. Many parents approached requesting this and we will now have pre orders of the concert available for sale soon.

Our 55th Anniversary Concert is getting closer and closer! This birthday celebration is an important milestone for Lalor North Primary School, and the concert will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our school, our history and the many generations of students and families who have been part of our community.

Rehearsals are well underway, and it has been wonderful to see the excitement building across the school. Our students are working hard, learning their performances and, most importantly, having fun along the way. There is a wonderful energy during rehearsals, and we are looking forward to sharing this very special celebration with our families and community.



Planning for 2027

While we are busy planning for the remainder of this year, we have also begun looking ahead to **2027**. This is an important time of year for schools as we begin the annual process of considering possible class structures, planning our workforce and identifying any positions that may need to be advertised later in the year. It is a complex puzzle that takes many months to work through. We are, however, beginning from a very positive position. We are particularly excited about the continued interest in our bilingual programs.

We thank our families who recommend Lalor North to friends, neighbours and other families; to our staff who proudly promote our school and bilingual programs; to those who attend kindergarten events, community activities and information sessions; and to everyone who speaks so positively about Lalor North within our local community. School promotion is rarely the result of one big campaign. It happens through hundreds of small conversations, positive experiences and connections over many years. Every time someone shares what they love about Lalor North, recommends our school or talks about the opportunities we provide for children, they are helping to build our community. It is wonderful to see these efforts reflected in our growing enrolments.

Respectful Behaviours within the School Community

When families and school staff work together as one team, our students do better. Everyone at school, particularly staff and parents/carers, play a role in making school a better place for learning and work.

Parents, carers and school staff have a relationship that can last many years. This is an opportunity to work together to create a positive relationship in the best interests of your child. When this relationship is built on respect and trust, students learn better and feel like they belong in the school.

Every member of our school community has a right to feel safe and be protected.

The Department's [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#) describes the positive behaviour expected from parents, carers, and other adults in Victorian school communities. The policy sets clear standards of behaviour to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for students, staff and adults.

There are also resources to support safe and respectful relationships in our school community, including information about getting involved in the school, advice on how to raise a concern or complaint, and parenting support resources. You can find the policy and these resources [here](#).

Lalor North Primary School acknowledges that the behaviour of staff, parents, carers and students has an impact on our school community and culture. We acknowledge a shared responsibility to create a positive learning environment for the children and young people at our school.

Shared expectations of staff, parents, carers and students to support positive student behaviour are set out in the [Respectful, safe, engaged: shared expectations to support student behaviour statement](#). It is worth a look at the resources available and I encourage you all to read them.

You may also see the new posters up around our school, promoting positive behaviour.

For more information on how to engage positively with our school, please contact us through our school email at Lalor.nporth.ps@education.vic.gov.au

School staff have a right to be safe at work

Safe and respectful school communities create a healthy and safe workplace for school staff and a better environment for students to thrive.

Professional, collaborative relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



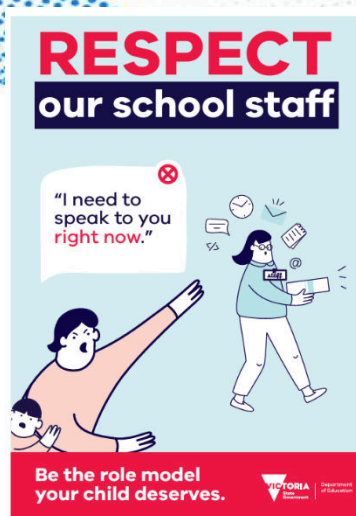
Fair and reasonable expectations by all

The following behaviours are **not** acceptable in our school:

- Threats
- Violence
- Rudeness
- Harassment
- Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- Aggression
- Intimidation
- Threatening gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online platforms.

If you experience any of these behaviours, or are concerned about the risk of this occurring, please report in eduSafe Plus and inform your elected Health and Safety Representative:



We thank our school community for the positive thoughts, energy, support, and engagement they bring to our school. We want our school to be the positive place our students, staff and families deserve. Working collaboratively makes our school a great place to be learning together.

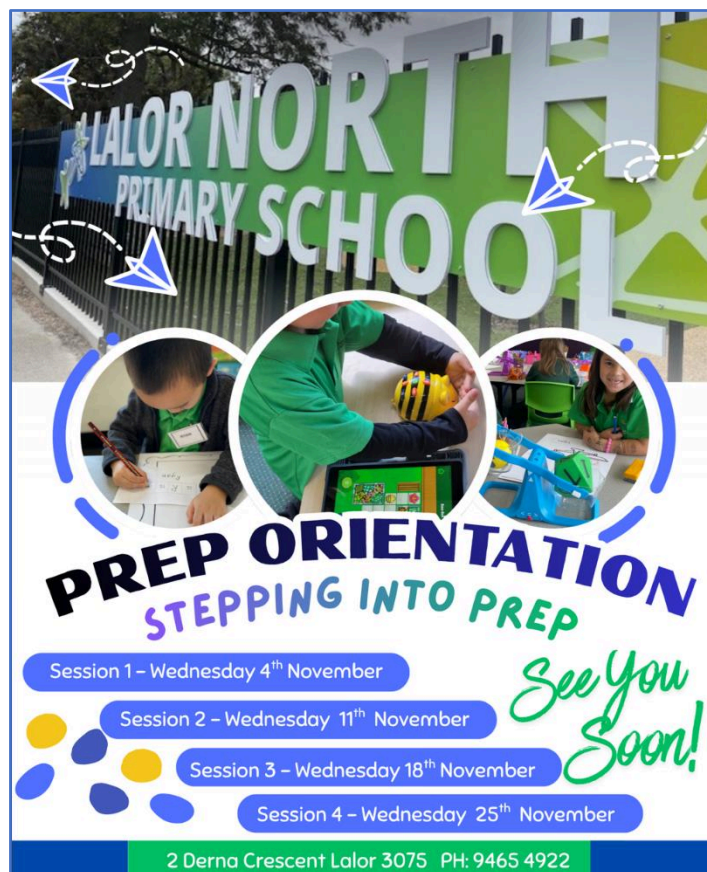
Elizabeth Bryan, Amanda Lee and Kim Rotondi

2027 Prep Students Orientation Program

We are excited to welcome our newest Lalor North Primary School students and families as part of our **2027 Prep Orientation Program**.

Orientation sessions provide children with the opportunity to become familiar with our school environment, meet teachers, build confidence and begin forming connections before they officially start school. We look forward to welcoming our future Preps and sharing what makes Lalor North Primary School such a wonderful place to learn.

Our Orientation Program Dates are now confirmed and will be communicated to new families soon.



LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

PREP ORIENTATION
STEPPING INTO PREP

Session 1 – Wednesday 4th November

Session 2 – Wednesday 11th November

Session 3 – Wednesday 18th November

Session 4 – Wednesday 25th November

See You Soon!

2 Derna Crescent Lalor 3075 PH: 9465 4922

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




2027 PREP – ENROL NOW!

A High Performing School That Inspires Success

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

Lalor North Primary School

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

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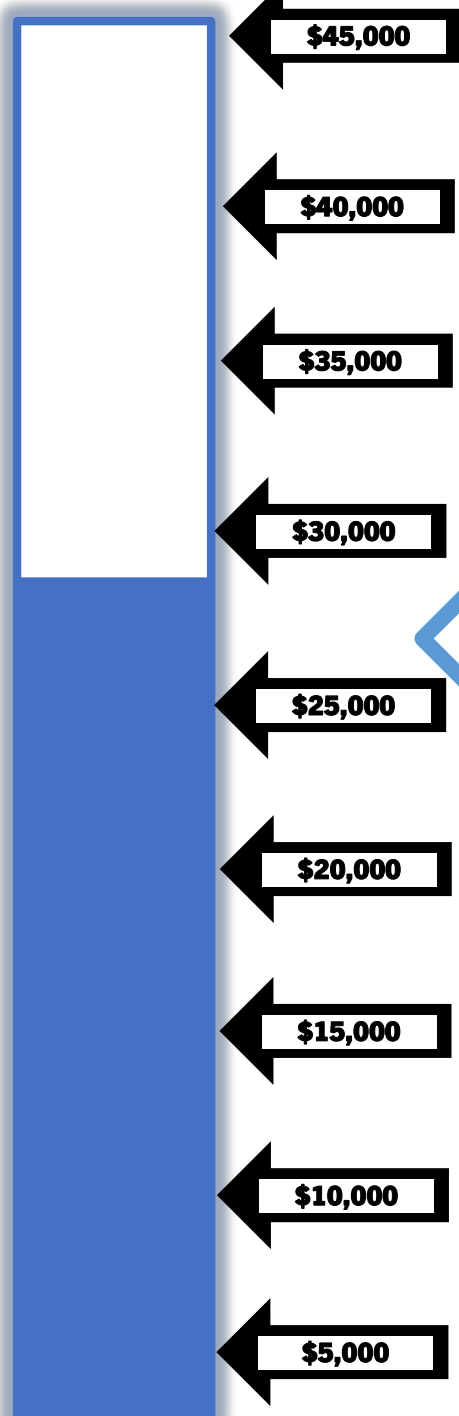
2 Derna Crescent, Lalor 3075

Lalor.north.ps@education.civ.gov.au

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.

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	\$1512
CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER <i>(still counting)</i>	\$5495
SCHOOL SAUSAGE SIZZLE <i>(still counting)</i>	\$904
FATHER'S DAY STALL	TBA
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE	TBA

Our New Updated Total \$27,995



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

STOMP Incursion Grades 5 & 6

In Term 4, the 5 & 6 students in **Banksia 1, Banksia 4, Wattle 9 and Wattle 10** are exploring the elements of dance, skills, techniques and processes through the practices of choreography, performance and appreciation with Stomp Dance Company. This incursion will be held over a period of 5 Weeks on: Thursday 15th October, Thursday 22nd October, Thursday 29th October, Thursday 5th November, Thursday 12th November. **It is essential that all Grade 6 students participate in this incursion, as this is how they will be learning their Graduation dance.** Payment and consent are to be received by **Wednesday 2nd October** to secure your child's attendance at this activity.

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings

Lalor North Primary School will be holding a fundraising Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Epping on Saturday 5th September, any family members who can volunteer to assist on this day between 7.30am – 4.30pm, please contact the office.

Father's & Special Person's Day Stall

Our Fathers & Special Persons Day stall will be held on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. Prices of items will range from \$1 up to \$10.

Family Statements

Family statements will be distributed next week and sent home with your child. Your statement will show the balance of CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) funding or remaining funds from the School Saving Bonus. Your balance will show one of the following:

- Amount owing: If the balance shows \$50.00, this means you owe the school \$50.00.
- Money available: If the balance shows -\$50.00, this means you have \$50.00 available in your family account. This credit can be used towards future excursions, incursions or other approved school activities.

If you need assistance reading or understanding your statement, please contact the school office. We are happy to help.

Are you leaving our school in 2027?

Please ensure that you inform the office if you are leaving our school so that we can plan our grade structures, update our records and organise the transfer of information to your new school. It is important to have this conversation with us as soon as you know.

Diana, Liz and Barbara

Save the Date
Grade 6 Graduation
Wednesday 9th December



Lalor North
Primary School



KITCHEN GARDEN UPDATE

Students in Grade 3/4 have been learning about what makes soil healthy in preparation for planting during the upcoming warmer weather. We have been layering our new garden beds with cardboard, soil and food scraps that will ensure our plants thrive this spring.

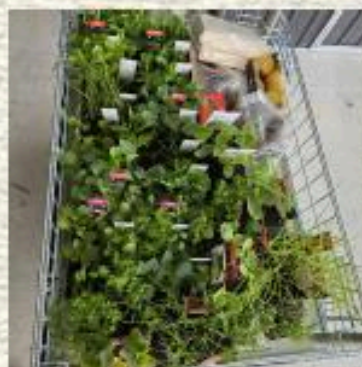
NEW GREENHOUSES

A group of Grade 6 leaders assisted in building our 2 new Greenhouses. We have already started to grow our own button mushrooms that students in Wattle 3 are helping to care for each day.



PLANTING

Now that we have created a number of garden beds with rich, nutrient soil, we are ready to begin planting. We have a range of flowers, fruits and vegetables ready to be planted into our garden. Students are looking forward to taking care of these new plants over the coming warmer months.



YEAR 1/2 MAD ABOUT SCIENCE

A fantastic incursion full of lots of amazing experiments

Students learned how planes and other flying objects stay in the air. They explored how moving air can push objects and create spinning patterns. Students also investigated static electricity and simple electrical circuits, learning how electricity flows to power lights and other devices.



The Science man used air to blow the toilet paper up towards the ceiling.

IT WAS AWESOME



The Science man used a plastic bag to create a force to push the smoke out of the bucket.



Ms Matschke's hair went up when she touched the electric ball.





Every day counts

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape their future.

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.

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!





MILL PARK ★ SOUTH MORANG
Little Athletics Club
ESTABLISHED 1980

MILL PARK ★ SOUTH MORANG

— LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB —

Join us for our

INFORMATION DAY!

RUN ★ JUMP ★ THROW ★ MAKE FRIENDS ★ HAVE FUN



SATURDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER



10:00AM – 12:00PM



MEADOWGLEN INTERNATIONAL
ATHLETICS STADIUM
176 McDonalds Road, Epping

Everyone Welcome!



A welcoming information day for
children aged 5 to 17 of all abilities
who want to learn more about
Little Athletics.



MEET OUR
FRIENDLY TEAM



TRY ATHLETICS
ACTIVITIES



LEARN ABOUT
THE SEASON



MAKE FRIENDS
& HAVE FUN



ASK QUESTIONS



FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

*Bring the
whole family!*

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Kinder is
FREE



Have you applied for kinder in 2027?

PLACES ARE AVAILABLE YOU CAN STILL APPLY!

Applications open for:

- Three-year-old kindergarten in 2027 and
- Four-year-old kindergarten in 2028

Give your child the best start with free 3 and 4 year old
kindergarten by preparing children for school and
encourage a lifelong love of learning.



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whittlesea.vic.gov.au/kinder



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LALOR WARRIORS JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY!

KICK OFF THE SEASON WITH FUN,
FRIENDS & CRICKET!



SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER



11AM – 2PM



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LALOR

JOIN THE
WARRIORS
FAMILY!

FUN
ACTIVITIES
& GAMES!



WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?



BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 5-17



ALL SKILL
LEVELS
WELCOME



FUN ACTIVITIES
& GAMES



BUILD FRIENDSHIPS
& TEAM SPIRIT



**FREE SAUSAGE
SIZZLE!**



**JUMPING
CASTLE!**

FREE



FREE REGISTRATION



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FOR NEW
PLAYERS!

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