

Edition 16 - 9th October 2026

IN THE LOOP



RESPECT

We respect ourselves, our school and each another, and understand that our attitudes and behaviours have an impact on the people around us.



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.



UNITY

We have many languages, come from many backgrounds and are a school of many differences, but we speak with one voice, as one school. We develop a sense of connection and belonging within each part of our school, and across the whole school.



SUCCESS

We help each other learn so that everyone experiences success every day. Success means doing new things, learning new skills, finding new ways of thinking and solving interesting, complex and challenging problems.



RESILIENCE

We know trying new things, experiencing challenges and bouncing back from adversity are central to life and to learning. Only by building our resilience can we experience strong levels of growth.



Our School Values. Who we are. How we live.

In 2018, our Lalor North Primary School values were developed by our school community, for our school community. Each value was carefully chosen because it reflects who we are, what we believe in and, most importantly, how we live and learn together at Lalor North.

Our values are more than words displayed on walls. They are the language we use, the behaviours we model and the expectations we hold for ourselves and each other.

Our values belong to everyone — students, staff and families. They provide a shared language and a strong foundation for the way we build relationships, approach learning, respond to challenges and contribute to our school 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 2, Term 4

- Monday 12 October** – Greek Storytime 9am-10am
Tuesday 13 October – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
Tuesday 13 October – Parent Helper Volunteer Induction
Tuesday 13 October – Finance & Fundraising Subcommittee
Wednesday 14 October – Playgroup
Thursday 15 October – Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Thursday 15 October – STOMP Incursion Grade 5&6 Week 1
Thursday 15 October – Education Subcommittee
Friday 16 October - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Friday 16 October – Interschool Sports
Friday 16 October – Parent Fundraising Committee Meeting 2.30pm

Week 3, Term 4

- Monday 19 October** – Greek Storytime 9am-10am
Tuesday 20 October – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
Tuesday 20 October – Bundoora Farm Prep Excursion
Tuesday 20 October – October School Council Meeting
Wednesday 21 October – Playgroup
Wednesday 22 October – Parent Payment Information Released
Thursday 22 October – Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Thursday 22 October – STOMP Incursion Grade 5&6 Week 2
Friday 23 October - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Friday 23 October – Interschool Sports
Friday 23 October – Newsletter
Friday 23 October – Assembly

Week 4, Term 4

Children's Week

- Monday 26 October** – Greek Storytime 9am-10am
Monday 26 October – OHI Day
Tuesday 27 October – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
Wednesday 28 October – Playgroup
Wednesday 28 October – World Teachers Day
Thursday 29 October – Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Thursday 29 October – STOMP Incursion Grade 5&6 Week 3
Friday 30 October - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Friday 30 October – Interschool Sports

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Principal's Message



Welcome Back to Term 4!

A very warm welcome back to all our students, families and staff for Term 4.

It was wonderful to see our students return to school this week, reconnect with their friends and teachers and settle back into the routines of school life. We hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break and had an opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

Term 4 is always a special time at our school. It is a time to celebrate the learning, growth and achievements of our students, while continuing to build strong foundations for the year ahead. There will be many exciting learning opportunities, events and activities throughout the term, and we look forward to sharing these experiences with our school community.

As we enter the final term, our focus remains on high expectations, positive relationships, learning and wellbeing. Every day is an opportunity for our students to learn something new, challenge themselves and finish the year with a strong sense of achievement.



Strong Routines Support Successful Learning

The return to school after a holiday break is a great opportunity to re-establish positive routines.

Consistent routines help children feel secure, organised and ready to learn.

When students know what to expect, they are better able to focus their attention, manage their emotions and engage positively with their learning.

We encourage families to support their children by maintaining regular sleep routines, arriving at school on time, eating breakfast and ensuring school bags, uniforms, hats and other equipment are ready each morning.

At school, our teachers will continue to reinforce clear and consistent classroom routines and learning expectations. These routines help create calm and purposeful classrooms where students can concentrate, participate and achieve their best.



Small routines make a big difference to learning.

Our School Values

Our school values play an important part of our school community. We use our values to demonstrate behaviours, in conversation, to learn and to model.



RESPECT



HONESTY



UNITY



SUCCESS



RESILIENCE



Our Student Toilets Have Been Upgraded!

We are delighted to share that our student toilet facilities have been upgraded over the school holidays.

The toilets will be **ready for use on Monday**, with some **finishing touches still being completed**.

We can now have **two sets of toilets** – one for Prep to Grade 4 and one for Grade 5 and 6.

The upgrades include new tiles, fresh painting, new floors, new taps and a number of other improvements to create brighter, cleaner and more welcoming spaces.

The toilets are cleaned daily by our Department of Education cleaning contractor, Tradeflex, **after 3.45pm**.

Let's Look After Our Facilities

These facilities belong to our whole school community. We ask all students to **use their values and respect the space** by:



Keeping the toilets clean and tidy



Using them respectfully



Looking after the new facilities



Reporting any issues to staff



SunSmart Hats Every Day

With the warmer weather approaching, it is important that we continue to make sun protection a priority.

All students are required to wear a school-approved hat when outdoors.

This is a Department of Education policy and is an important part of our commitment to keeping our students safe and healthy.

Please make sure your child brings their hat to school **every day**. We encourage families to also reinforce other SunSmart habits, including seeking shade, wearing appropriate clothing and applying sunscreen.

Sun protection is particularly important during Term 4 as UV levels increase. By working together, we can help our students develop positive habits that will protect their health now and into the future.



**SEEK
SHADE**



**WEAR
APPROPRIATE
CLOTHING**



**APPLY
SUNSCREEN**



Mobile Phones and Personal Devices

A reminder that our school follows the Department of Education's mobile phone requirements.

Our school is committed to creating an environment where students are able to be **fully present, connected and engaged in learning**. During the school day, students should not be accessing mobile phones or using them as a distraction from learning and social interactions.

Where students need to bring a mobile phone to school, it must be managed in accordance with the Department's requirements and stored in the school office as per our school procedures.

We appreciate families supporting us by talking with their children about responsible device use. Reducing distractions helps our students focus on what matters most – learning, building relationships and enjoying their time at school.

Why It's Important



Helps students focus on learning



Supports strong friendships and face-to-face connection



Creates a positive and safe school environment

Grade 6

Graduation and Special Events



Families will be preparing for the important Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony to be held on **Wednesday the 9th of December 2026**.

Here is the Graduation timeline to assist your planning:



5.45pm

Students only, arrive from 5.45pm and meet in the Eucalyptus Foyer for pre graduation drinks and platters.



6.45pm

Families and guests are arriving from 6.45pm and enter the gym hall through the back door of the gym, near the Monash Street playground.



7.00pm

The Graduation ceremony is starting at 7pm and will end by 8.30pm approximately.



Grade 6 Funfields Excursion



Wednesday
the 2nd of December 2026
(the week before Graduation).



Grade 6 Special Lunch



Thursday
the 10th of December 2026
(the day after Graduation).

Staff members are looking forward to celebrating with you this important milestone for our Grade 6 students and will send more information closer to the date.

Term 4 Parent Helpers Volunteer Induction



We are excited to welcome parents and carers who are interested in becoming Parent Helpers at Lalor North Primary School.

Our Parent Helpers Volunteer Induction will be held on **Tuesday 13th October in Term 4**.

Further information about the session will be provided through the school newsletter.

Parent and carer volunteers play an important role in strengthening our school community. We look forward to welcoming you and working together to create positive learning experiences for our students.

55th Birthday Concert Video Available to Purchase

Missed a special moment at our 55th Birthday Concert? Or would you like to relive the wonderful performances?

The concert video is now available for families to purchase for **\$25**. This is a wonderful opportunity to keep a special memory of our students coming together to celebrate Lalor North Primary School's 55th birthday.



We hope you enjoy watching the performances and celebrating the incredible talent and enthusiasm of our students.

Online Safety for Our Students

A Guide for Parents and Carers

Safe choices
online today.
Brighter
opportunities
tomorrow.



The online world offers many opportunities for learning, creativity and connection. It also comes with risks. Working together, we can help our students be safe, responsible and respectful online.

Our shared goal

To keep our students safe, support their wellbeing and help them build positive digital habits for life.



Department of Education Policy

All Victorian government schools follow the **Department of Education's Mobile Phones and Personal Devices Policy**. The policy supports safe, respectful and focused learning environments and outlines how mobile phones and personal devices are managed at school.



At School

- Students should not be using mobile phones or personal devices during the school day.
- If a student needs to bring a mobile phone to school, it must be handed in at the school office as per our office procedures.
- Devices are not to be used during class time, recess or lunch breaks.

Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe Online



Talk regularly

Have open, ongoing conversations about what they do online, including the apps and games they use.



Know the apps

Be aware of the apps, games and social media platforms your child uses and check the minimum age requirements.



Set boundaries

Agree on clear rules for screen time, where devices can be used and what is appropriate to watch, play and share online.



Monitor and stay involved

Keep devices in shared family spaces, check in regularly and use parental controls where available.



Encourage positive behaviour

Help your child be a respectful, kind and responsible digital citizen. Remind them to think before they post, comment or share.



Seek support

If you have concerns or need advice, speak to your child's teacher or contact the school. You can also access support through the resources below.

Key Online Safety Messages for Students



Be kind and respectful.



Keep personal information private.



Think before you post, share or comment.



Tell a trusted adult if something makes you feel uncomfortable.



Report online bullying or inappropriate content.



Signs to Look Out For

Your child may need support if you notice:

- Changes in mood or behaviour after being online
- Becoming withdrawn or secretive about device use
- Spending excessive time online
- Talking about upsetting or inappropriate content
- Experiencing online bullying or negative interactions



If you notice any changes or have concerns, please speak to your child's teacher or the school office.

Useful Resources for Families



eSafety Commissioner
Practical advice and resources for keeping children safe online.

www.esafety.gov.au



Raising Children Network
Information for families on children's development, including technology use.

www.raisingchildren.net.au



Game On
Advice for parents about games, apps and screen time.

www.gameon.tools



Department of Education
Mobile Phones and Personal Devices Policy and online safety information.

www.vic.gov.au

Warm regards, Elizabeth Bryan, Kim Rotondi and Amanda Lee

Thunderstorm Asthma

Be Prepared This Pollen Season

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from **October to December** each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of **thunderstorm asthma**. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.



Keeping Our School Community Safe

We will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases. All our staff are trained in asthma first aid. We will monitor the Vic Emergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.



During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

1

If your child has ever had asthma



Talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your **asthma action plan**.

Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.

2

If your child has hay fever



See your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer.

These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.

3

If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing



It is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.

4

Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December



Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

For more information

For more information about thunderstorm asthma, visit:



www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstorm-asthma



SCAN ME

Celebrate and Support Diverse Learners

Different ways of learning. Brighter futures for all.



**Dyslexia
Awareness
Month**



**ADHD
Awareness
Month**



**Developmental
Language
Disorder Day**
17th October

October 2025 is an important month to recognise and celebrate our diverse learners. It's **Dyslexia Awareness Month** and **ADHD Awareness Month**, and **17 October** marks **Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Day**.

These awareness events give us a wonderful opportunity to learn more about how these conditions affect learning and how we can work together to support all students — both at school and at home.

What are diverse learners?

Diverse learners include students who may have characteristics of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism, developmental language disorder (DLD), or specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia. These students may learn and communicate in different ways, and they benefit greatly from tailored support and understanding.



Dyslexia

May find reading, spelling and written language challenging.



ADHD

May find it hard to focus, may be more active and impulsive.



**Developmental
Language Disorder
(DLD)**

May find it challenging to understand or use spoken and written language.



Autism

May experience differences in communication, social interaction, sensory processing and flexibility.

Our commitment at Lalor North Primary School

At Lalor North Primary School, we are proud of our inclusive approach to education. We are committed to supporting all students to thrive, especially our diverse learners, through evidence-based teaching strategies and personalised support.

Every learner.
Every strength.
Every opportunity.

Here are just some of the ways we support diverse learners at our school:



Differentiated instruction

in classrooms to meet students where they are and help them move forward in their learning.



Targeted literacy and numeracy support programs

including small group and one-on-one interventions.



Use of visual supports and hands-on learning tools

to help students engage with the curriculum.



Close collaboration with families

including regular student support group meetings and individualised education plans where needed.



Professional development for staff

on inclusive teaching practices, neurodiversity, and supporting specific learning needs.



A strong wellbeing team and program

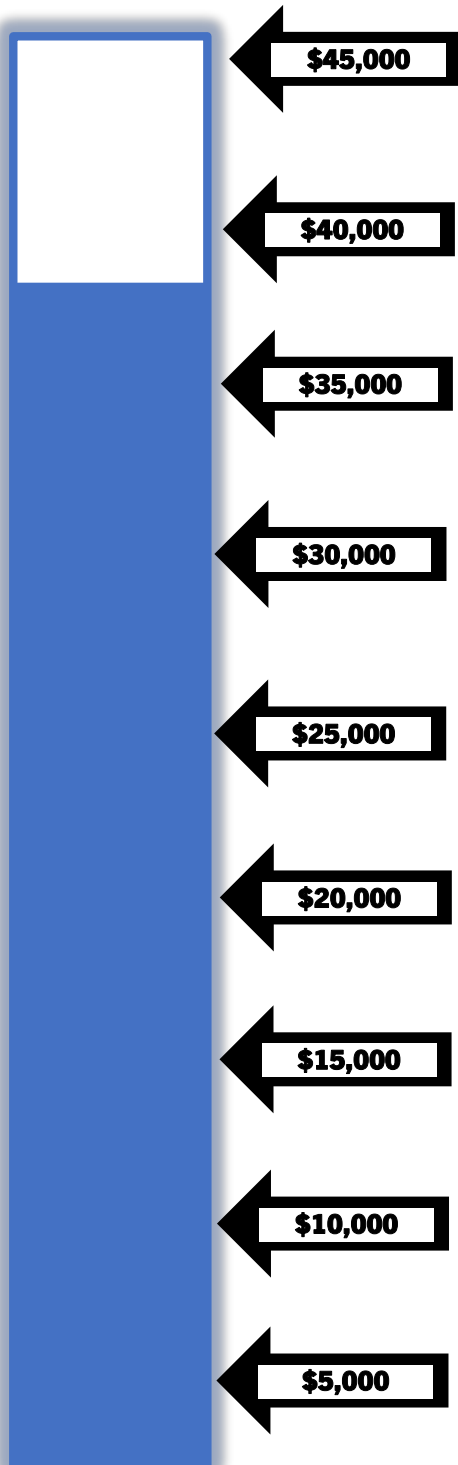
to support emotional and social development, with a focus on student strengths and resilience.

We celebrate the unique strengths and talents that all children bring to our school and are committed to creating a learning environment where everyone feels safe, valued and capable of achieving success.

FUNDRAISING



Our New Updated Total
\$37,138



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	\$6133
SCHOOL SAUSAGE SIZZLE	\$816
FATHER'S DAY STALL	\$1422
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE 5 SEPT	\$2862
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE 12 SEPT	\$2343
FOOTY LUNCH (THIS INCLUDED DONATIONS)	\$1966

From the Office

Bundoora Farm Excursion

Students from Wattle 5, Banksia 2, Banksia 3 and Banksia 8 will be attending an excursion to Bundoora Park on Tuesday 20th October. Consent and payment must be **returned to the office by Tuesday 13th October** in order to secure your child's attendance.

Glasses for Kids Program

LNPS will have a visit from the Glasses for Kids Program in Term 1, 2027, who are inviting students from **Prep to Grade 3 (in 2027)** to participate in their no-cost program. Glasses for Kids provide qualified optometrists who provide initial vision screening, eye testing and glasses (if required) to participating students at no cost.

Paper consent forms will be sent home to families later this month, however it can also be completed online by either scanning the provided QR code, or by accessing this link:

<https://stateschoolsrelief.snapforms.com.au/form/gfk-consent-form>



Student Free Days for 2026

A reminder that there are two student free days this term:

Monday 2 November – Report Writing Day

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

Breakfast Club

Reminder that we have our Breakfast Club every Thursday and Friday during school terms, from 8.15am – 8.45am. All students are welcome to attend, consent forms are available at the office.



Lalor North Primary School

Concert

Pre-Order Your Concert Video
CAPTURE THE MOMENTS THAT MATTER

We are pleased to offer the option to pre-order a USB of the concert recording from our professional videographer. This is a wonderful way to relive the special performances and celebrate our 55th year together.

- Professional quality video recording
- Provided on a USB (ready to watch and share)
- A lasting keepsake of this very special event

\$25 each

ORDER BY 16 OCTOBER 2026
Orders can be made via the link included in the concert invitation or by contacting the school office.

Thank you for being part of our 55th celebration!

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Concert USB Orders

Orders can now be made for our 55th Birthday Concert USB, please contact the office for an order form. We are requesting for orders to be submitted by Friday 16 October.

Diana, Liz and Barbara



Lalor North Primary School

BREAKFAST CLUB

Learning through languages

Runs every Thursday and Friday morning during the school terms
8.15 – 8.45 am Hall foyer

DELICIOUS BREAKFAST FOODS
Students enjoy a variety of breakfast foods, including:

- ✓ Weetles
- ✓ Maple Crunch
- ✓ Porridge
- ✓ Muesli
- ✓ Cherries
- ✓ Quinoa Crunch
- ✓ Tinned fruit
- ✓ Baked beans
- ✓ Other items from time to time.

We have also served toast with honey or vegemite.

PANCAKE DAY
Every 3rd week we have our world famous pancake day where we enjoy delicious, fresh, choc chip pancakes served with bananas and sugar free syrup.

Staff and student leaders help run Breakfast Club. Parent helpers also join in the fun!

Any student wishing to start attending Breakfast Club please see the office for a permission slip.

Come join us for a delicious breakfast to start the day!

Proudly supported by **FOOD BANK**



Every day counts

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



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Switch off & Store

If you bring your mobile phone to school, it must be switched off and securely stored in the office during school hours.



Exceptions can be granted by the Principal, or by the teacher for that class, in accordance with our schools' Mobile Phones policy. This may include health and wellbeing-related exceptions, and exceptions related to managing risk when students are offline.

vic.gov.au/mobile-phones-schools



FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating.



RESPECT

our school staff

 "I need to speak to you **right now.**"



**Be the role model
your child deserves.**



Department
of Education