Edition 18 - 6th November 2026

IN THE LOOP

Lalor North Primary School
Established 1971



A celebration of our Teachers and Students



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 6, Term 4

Monday 9 November – Greek Storytime 9am-10am
Monday 9 November – Wattle Grades 5&6 Bike Road Ride
Tuesday 10 November – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
Tuesday 10 November –Choir Recording at LNSC
Wednesday 11 November – Playgroup 9am – 10am
Wednesday 11 November – Prep Orientation Day 2
Wednesday 11 November – Choir Performance Epping RSL
Thursday 12 November – Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Thursday 12 November – STOMP Incursion Grade 5&6 Week 5
Friday 13 November - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Friday 13 November – Interschool Sports
Friday 13 November – Assembly

Week 7, Term 4

Monday 16 November – Greek Storytime 9am-10am
Monday 16 November – Facilities Subcommittee
Tuesday 17 November – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
Tuesday 17 November – Italian Cooking/Bocci Tournament
Tuesday 17 November – Finance Subcommittee
Wednesday 18 November – Playgroup 9am – 10am
Wednesday 18 November – Prep Orientation Day 3
Thursday 19 November – Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Thursday 19 November – Education Subcommittee
Friday 20 November - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Friday 20 November – Interschool Sports
Friday 20 November – Newsletter
Friday 20 November – Parent Fundraising Committee
Friday 20 November – Christmas Raffle begins

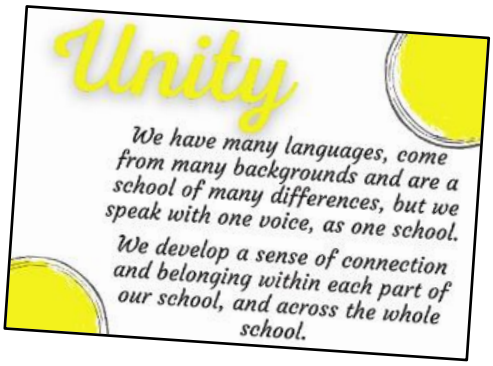
Week 8, Term 4

Monday 23 November – Greek Storytime 9am-10am
Monday 23 November – School Captain Selection Speeches
Monday 23 November – Greek Community Promotions Meeting
Tuesday 24 November – Macedonian Storytime 10am-11am
Tuesday 24 November – November School Council Meeting
Wednesday 25 November – Playgroup 9am – 10am
Wednesday 25 November – Prep Orientation Day 4
Thursday 26 November – Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Thursday 26 November – Grades 1 & 2 Urban Cycle Incursion
Friday 27 November - Breakfast Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Friday 27 November – Boys Futsal

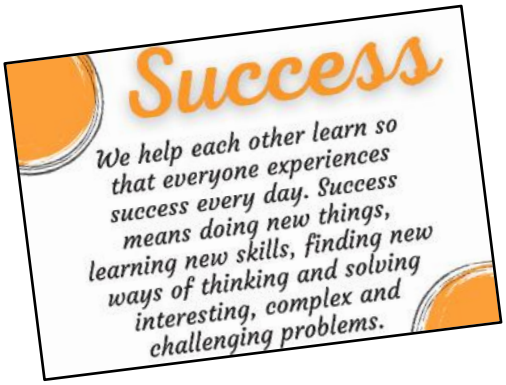
Our School Values











Principals Message

World Teachers' Day – Celebrating Our Wonderful Teachers



We recently celebrated World Teachers' Day, an opportunity to recognise and thank the dedicated teachers who make such an important difference in the lives of our students every day.

At Lalor North Primary School, we are fortunate to have a team of passionate, committed and caring educators who work tirelessly to create engaging learning experiences, build positive relationships and support every child's learning and wellbeing.

Teaching is much more than delivering lessons. It is about inspiring curiosity, building confidence, nurturing potential and creating opportunities for every child to succeed.

We thank our teachers for their professionalism, dedication, creativity and care. Their contribution is valued and appreciated, and we are grateful for the difference they make every day.

Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings



Student Support Group (SSG) meetings will commence next week. These meetings provide an important opportunity for parents and carers, teachers and relevant support staff to come together to discuss student learning, progress, wellbeing and individual support needs.

Working in partnership with families allows us to celebrate achievements, identify areas for further development and ensure that appropriate goals and strategies are in place to support each child's learning and participation at school.

We value the knowledge and perspectives that families bring to these conversations. Strong partnerships between home and school are essential in ensuring every student feels supported, included and able to achieve their potential. We look forward to working collaboratively with families during these meetings.

2026 Prep Orientation – Welcoming Our Newest Learners!

Our 2026 Prep Orientation Program has commenced, and it has been wonderful to welcome all our new Prep students to Lalor North Primary School!

It was lovely to see so many new faces, excited smiles and curious little learners beginning their journey with us. The children have had the opportunity to become familiar with our school environment, meet teachers and begin building connections with their future classmates.

Starting school is a significant milestone for children and families, and we look forward to making this transition a positive, happy and welcoming experience.

Lalor North Primary School

School Council

What is School Council Business?



What School Council DOES

School Council provides governance and strategic direction to help our school thrive.

- Sets the strategic direction and priorities
- Oversees school performance and improvement
- Endorses key policies and plans
- Ensures resources are used wisely
- Represents the school community

What School Council DOES NOT

School Council is not involved in day-to-day operations or individual matters.

- Managing day-to-day operations
- Making decisions about individual students or staff
- Handling personal complaints or issues
- Overruling school staff decisions

Working Together for Our School

School Council provides oversight and helps shape the big picture, while supporting and working with the Principal to achieve the best outcomes for every student at Lalor North Primary School.

Bilingual Schools Soccer World Cup

What a fantastic celebration of teamwork during the Bilingual Schools World Cup competition today! It was wonderful to see our students come together, representing our school competing against other bilingual schools across the state. There were 13 schools in attendance, and the competition was real, especially as we were the winners last year holding the championship cup. Our students proudly represented our school.

The day was about friendly competition and meeting other students in bilingual settings. Students demonstrated teamwork, sportsmanship, resilience and respect while enjoying the opportunity to play competition soccer. There was plenty of excitement, encouragement and friendly competition throughout the day.

A big thank you to our staff and most importantly, well done to all our students for their participation.

Lalor North Primary School

Updating Our School Policies

Working together for a safe, supportive and high-quality school environment.

Our School Council has been reviewing and updating a range of school policy documents to ensure they reflect current Department of Education requirements, best practice and, most importantly, the needs of our students, families and school community.

Why are school policies important?

- Help keep our students safe and well.
- Guide how we work together as a school community.
- Ensure fairness, consistency and clarity.
- Support high-quality teaching and learning.
- Meet legal and Department of Education requirements.

We value the feedback and support of our parents and carers as we work together to create the best possible outcomes for our students.

You will soon see the updated policies in our newsletter and on our school website, where you can read them at any time. We encourage you to take an interest and work with us as we continue to strengthen our school.

We welcome parent contributions...

Parent contributions play an important role in supporting our whole school community and help us provide valuable learning resources, programs and facilities for all students.

Your contribution helps to support:

- **Quality learning resources**
- **Enriching programs and activities**
- **Well-maintained facilities and equipment**

Information about the ***2027 Parent Contributions*** will be sent home on **Monday** to all families, including details of what is included and how payments can be made.

Please make payments at the office.

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.



As we move into the final part of the term, students are currently engaged in a variety of assessments to inform our reporting. During this time, teachers are carefully analysing each student's progress in learning and preparing detailed feedback to share with families. This important work contributes to the end of year reports, which will be distributed to families through Compass on Wednesday 16th December.

Our Professional Practice Day held on Monday provided teachers with valuable time to work collaboratively on their assessment analysis and report preparation. By working together in teacher teams this ensures that each student's achievements and growth are accurately reflected.
This work will continue over the coming weeks, including two upcoming meetings focused on moderating student writing samples across the school, including language samples from our Bilingual Programs. Moderation provides teachers with dedicated time to discuss student work, develop a shared understanding of what achievement looks like at each level, and ensure consistency when confirming achievement standards for writing. We use Department of Education resources and refer to the Victorian Curriculum and the EAL curriculum as part of the assessment and reporting process.

We are proud of the professionalism and dedication our teachers show during this important period, ensuring that every student's progress is recognised and celebrated in their end of year report.

Warm regards, Elizabeth Bryan, Kim Rotondi and Amanda Lee





Our New Updated Total

$37,259



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	$2943
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 12 Sept	$2343
Footy Lunch *(this included donations)*	$2006
LNPS 55TH Birthday USB	TBC

From the Office

Remaining Student Free Days for 2026
Friday 18th December – Curriculum Day (2027 Planning Day)

Grade 6 Graduation

The LNPS Grade 6 Graduation Celebration preparations are well under way, consisting of two main events, the Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday 9 December and Graduation lunch on Thursday 10 December. Please forward consent forms and payment to the office by **Monday 30 November**.

As part of Grade 6 Graduation, the students will be going to Funfields on Wednesday 2 December. Payment and consent are to be returned to the office for this event by **Friday 27 November**.

Book Club Issue #8

The current issue of Book Club is being distributed to classrooms. All orders will need to be submitted **online only**. You can place your child's order at **scholastic.com.au/LOOP** or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Orders for this issue will close on **Thursday 27th November**.

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

Marine Mates Science Incursion

Students from classes Banksia 5, Banksia 7, Banksia 9, Wattle 7 and Wattle 8 will be taking part in the upcoming Marine Mates Science Show on Thursday 26 November. Families are asked to return the consent form with payment for this event to the office **by Friday 20 November** to secure your child's attendance at this activity.

Diana, Liz and Barbara

CHILDREN'S WEEK

B5 & B9















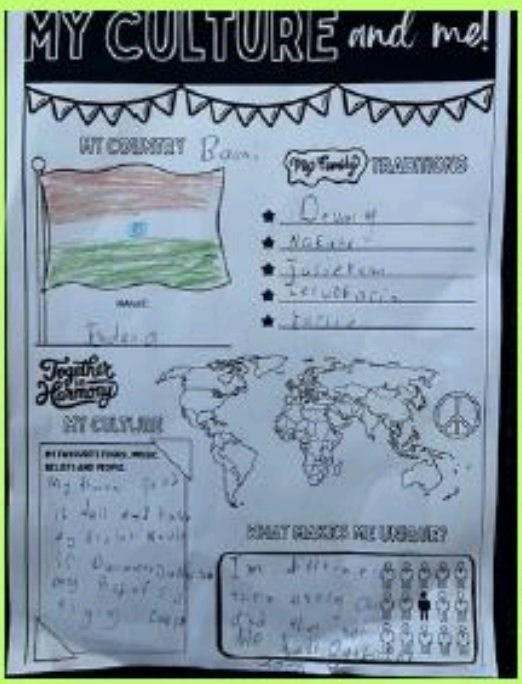
STUDENTS IN B9 AND B5 CELEBRATED THEIR MACEDONIAN HERITAGE BY LEARNING ABOUT TRADITIONAL CUSTOMS, CULTURAL TRADITIONS AND SYMBOLS OF MACEDONIA. THROUGH ENGAGING ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSIONS, STUDENTS DEVELOPED A GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THEIR CULTURAL IDENTITY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARING AND CELEBRATING THE DIVERSE CULTURES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



CHILDREN'S WEEK

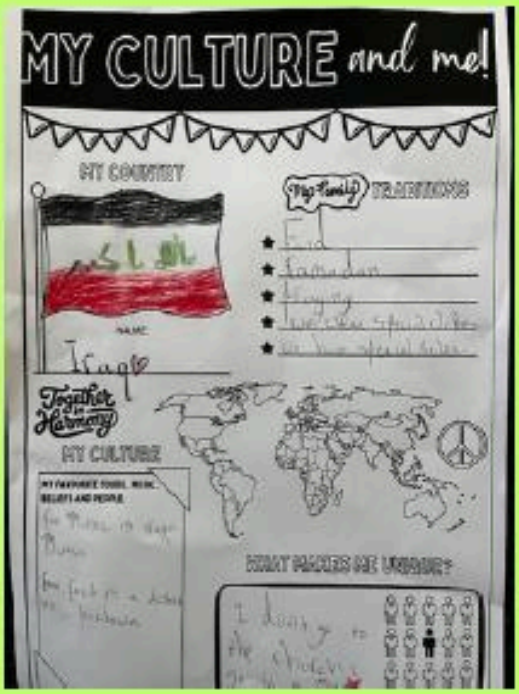
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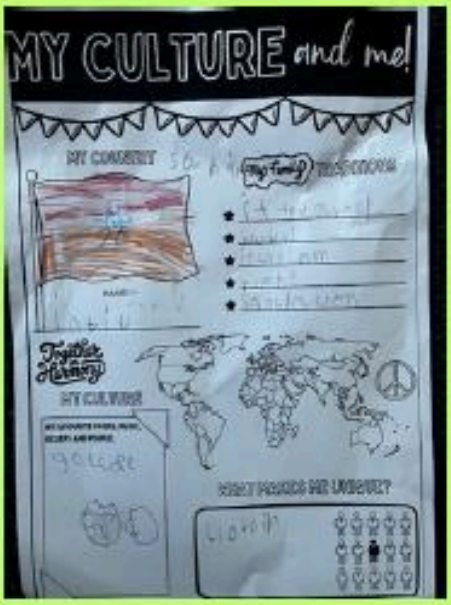














THEME: CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, CELEBRATE THEIR CULTURE AND PRACTISE THEIR RELIGION.

CHILDREN'S WEEK

B7

We get to celebrate special days in our culture









3/4 CHILDREN'S Week



During Children's Week, our Year 3/4 students explored the important theme that every child has the right to use their own language, celebrate their culture and practise their religion. Students reflected on what makes them unique and shared how they celebrate their culture and traditions. Through creative activities, discussions and a word search, students explored children's rights, personal strengths, friendships and the importance of feeling safe and respected.









B2 - B3 - B8 - W5

Our FARM Visit!

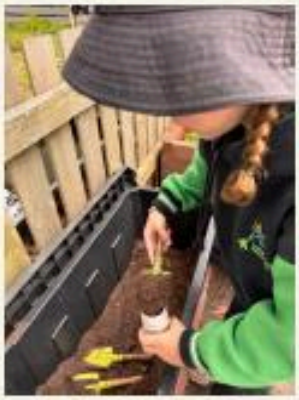


I loved the guinea pigs at Bundoora Farm. They were fluffy.
Sofia



WE PLANTED SEEDS!







WE LEARNED ABOUT COMPOSTING!





When we went to Bundoora Farm I fed the sheep. It was my first time.
Alexia



WE LEARNED ABOUT TAKING CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT!

TERM 4
CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

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

TUESDAYS
FUTSUL

2:00pm Hall
with Mr Mac

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



WEDNESDAYS
TALENT SHOW
11:15am Stage area
with Ms Teresa

THURSDAYS
STEAM CLUB

11:15am STEAM Room
with Mr Chris

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS


GARDEN CLUB
11:30am with Ms Laura

Remembrance Day



11 November marks the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting with Germany in World War I.

Every year since 1919, many nations have paused on Remembrance Day (11 November) in memory of their fallen service people.

It's a day for people to acknowledge the service personnel who have died while serving, including in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, people in Australia and many other countries pause for a minute of silent reflection in memory of those who died while in military service.

Whether you observe a minute's silence at 11am, wear a poppy or attend a service, help keep the legacy of our service people alive on Remembrance Day.



Protecting Against Mosquito-Borne Diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illness from mosquito bites. While the overall risk in Victoria is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying diseases that make people sick.
The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.
Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- making mosquito protection part of getting ready to go outside, just like sunscreen and a hat
- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DE on exposed skin when outdoors
- limiting outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are often most active
- cleaning up and removing containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone Nurse-on-Call: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes. It can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.
A free vaccine is available to eligible Victorians at higher risk of the virus.
For more information, including vaccine eligibility, refer to the Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis webpage.

Find out more

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- Mosquitoes can carry diseases
- Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease, including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.
- Japanese encephalitis virus.



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 school's Mobile Phones policy. This may include health and wellbeing-related exceptions; and exceptions related to managing risk when students are offsite.

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