

IN THE LOOP



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Lalor North Primary School was first opened in 1971. Our school has a great story which spans over 50 years. Today we have children from parents and even grandparents who attended our school. The photos above show some interesting snapshots of a time many years ago.

Our school photographed in 1992 with two students reading under the school sign.

A wheel-a-thon with prep students in 1986

A Grade six class celebrating their learning with a science experiment in 1987.

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.



Our School Values

Important Dates

Week 9, Term 4

Wednesday 29th November – Prep Orientation 9am–10.30am

Thursday 30th November – Breakfast Club @8.15am

Thursday 30th November – Playgroup 9am – 10am

Friday 1st December – Assembly

Week 10, Term 4

Wednesday 6th December – Grade 6 Funfields Excursion

Thursday 7th December – Breakfast Club @8.15am

Thursday 7th December – All library books returned today

Friday 8th December – Assembly

Friday 8th December – Newsletter

Week 11, Term 4

Monday 11th December – No more Library classes for 2023

Monday 11th December – Macedonian Christmas Carols

Monday 11th December – Christmas Activities begin

Tuesday 12th December – Year 6 -7 Transition Day

Tuesday 12th December – Whole-Day Step-Up 9.15 – 11.00am

Tuesday 12th December – Greek Christmas Carols

Tuesday 12th December – Reports Go Live on Compass

Wednesday 13th December – Grade 6 Graduation

Thursday 14th December – Breakfast Club

Thursday 14th December – Grade 6 Graduation Lunch

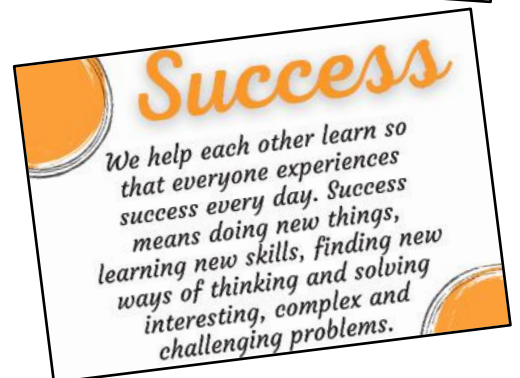
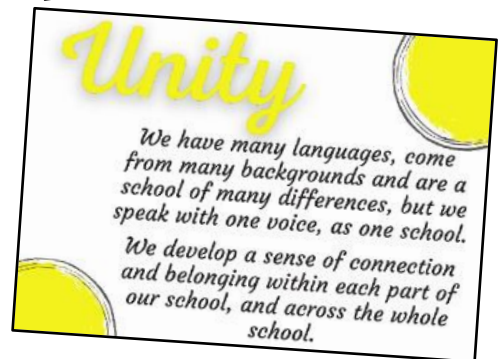
Friday 15th December – 9am Final Assembly and Awards

Friday 15th December – Last day of specialist timetables

Week 12, Term 4

Wednesday 20th December – Final day of 2023

Students finish at 1.30pm



Principal's Message



Dear Families,

We finally have warmer and more consistent weather conditions! Our children are enjoying their outside play and opportunities to bring the learning into our beautiful outside spaces.

As the weeks are quickly slipping by, we are getting closer to the end of the school year. All of our planning for our new classes and grade structures is well under way and teachers are beginning to finalise the reports in preparation for families.

Our school has had many enrolments in the last couple of weeks and we have increased our overall numbers by 10% for the beginning of next year. Its great to hear the positive feedback from all new families who are excited to be attending our school in the new year.

Play Equipment

Our annual playground inspection has identified that our one of our playgrounds needs some minor maintenance and we are hoping to complete this as soon as possible. We are currently not able to use it until we ensure that the maintenance is completed. Our children love that playground and are all looking forward to being able to use it again. Playground inspections are an important part of our processes to ensure we have a safe environment for all of our school community.

Parent payment

We have distributed the parent payments for 2024 to all families. This year we have made it easier for all families so that they can make payments at the office and the supplies will arrive at the school in individual boxes. This decision was made based on the feedback gathered from parents and teachers.



The contributions families have provided have especially made a huge difference to the special curriculum opportunities that we would otherwise not be able to offer. These financial contributions have assisted us to include enhanced digital learning experiences, offer STEM as a subject and resource it well, purchase further books and resources, celebrate concerts and special events, improve our classroom and school environment as well as enrich teaching to include our Kitchen Garden and Sustainability learning experiences. Your contributions have also enabled us to make excursions and incursions more affordable throughout the year as well.

Canteen

Our Canteen will be outsourced next year, and we will have new arrangements in place. After many years of having a canteen at Lalor North Primary School we have now reached the time to move to a new provider. This was a very difficult decision to make, and our school council have been discussing this for several years. More information will be provided in 2024.

Unfortunately, just like most schools it has been increasingly more difficult to run the canteen due to increases in product prices and gaining the stock that is required due to shortages by the suppliers. As a small school our canteen was incurring increasing losses over several years which we are no longer able to sustain. Elizabeth Ketkas will remain with us at Lalor North Primary School as a valued member of our staff.



Our Wonderful Crossing Supervisor

Angela, our crossing supervisor has been connected to Lalor North primary School for over 40 years. She has been our crossing supervisor for 23 years ensuring all children cross safely to and use the road rules correctly.

I would like to acknowledge and pay tribute to her commitment to our school and say a great big thank you for her warm, kind and caring nature. You make a big difference to our school day each and every day! Thank you 😊

Thankyou

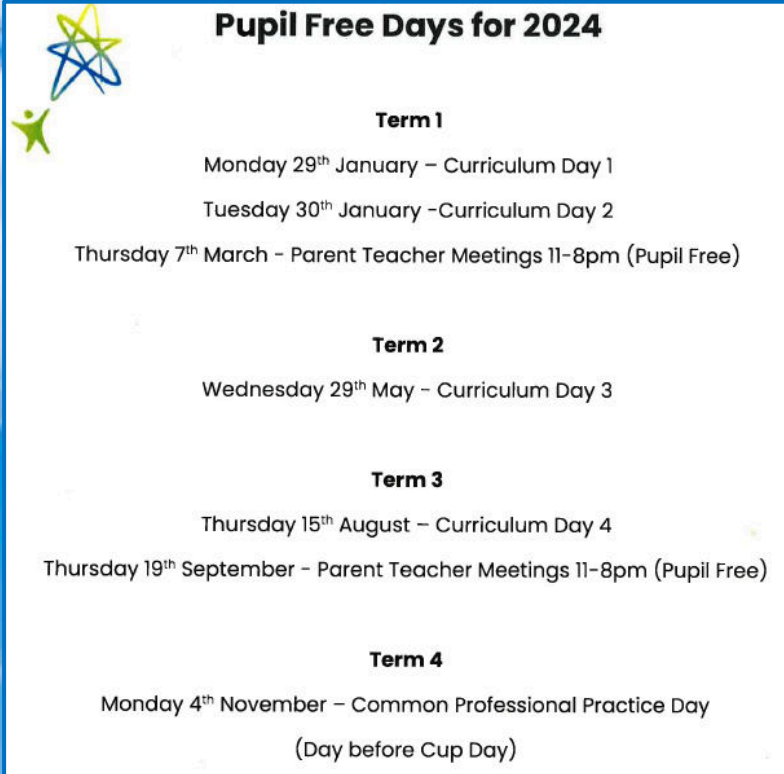
School Council

On Tuesday 21st November we had our last school council for the 2023 school year. I would like to personally thank all school council members for all of their dedication to our school improvement journey this year. You are truly a wonderful team and I would also like to acknowledge your ongoing support and contribution for the betterment of our school community. We will see you all in the new year!

Elizabeth Bryan & Amanda Lee

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2024 - DATES FOR THE DIARY

School council has approved the following dates for 2024 as Pupil Free Days. Please ensure that you have them on your family calendar to be organised for next year. This provides you with lots of time to plan around these dates.

A poster titled "Pupil Free Days for 2024" with a blue border. In the top left corner, there is a logo featuring a yellow star, a blue star, and a green figure. The poster lists free days for four terms. Term 1 includes Monday 29th January (Curriculum Day 1), Tuesday 30th January (Curriculum Day 2), and Thursday 7th March (Parent Teacher Meetings 11-8pm, Pupil Free). Term 2 includes Wednesday 29th May (Curriculum Day 3). Term 3 includes Thursday 15th August (Curriculum Day 4) and Thursday 19th September (Parent Teacher Meetings 11-8pm, Pupil Free). Term 4 includes Monday 4th November (Common Professional Practice Day, Day before Cup Day).

Pupil Free Days for 2024

Term 1

Monday 29th January – Curriculum Day 1
Tuesday 30th January – Curriculum Day 2
Thursday 7th March – Parent Teacher Meetings 11-8pm (Pupil Free)

Term 2

Wednesday 29th May – Curriculum Day 3

Term 3

Thursday 15th August – Curriculum Day 4
Thursday 19th September – Parent Teacher Meetings 11-8pm (Pupil Free)

Term 4

Monday 4th November – Common Professional Practice Day
(Day before Cup Day)

Evacuation Drill – Friday 17 November

As we continue to help staff and students know how to respond in an emergency, we will practise an evacuation to the oval on Friday 17 November. This drill helps the students to become familiar with the actions needed if there was a real emergency. It also helps staff to identify what went well and any areas that we can improve. When students are learning about what to do in emergency situations it is a good time to discuss safety in the home and what to do in an emergency.

Transition Dates for Prep Students Starting School in 2024 – One more to GO!

We are getting ready to meet our new preps for the 2024 school year!

Transition session 1 – Wednesday 8th November 9am – 10.30am

Transition session 2 – Wednesday 15th November 9am – 10.30am

Transition session 3 – Wednesday 22nd November 9am – 10.30am

Transition session 4 – Wednesday 29th November 9am – 10.30am

From the Office

Parent Payments for 2024

Book Pack information as well as Curriculum and Other Contributions for 2024 has been sent home with all students. Payments can be made at the Office using Eftpos, cash or by Bank Transfer. We encourage payments to be made by Friday 8th December 2023. Book packs will be delivered to the school and distributed to students in their new classrooms on the first day of Term 1, 2024.

Are you leaving our school?

If any families will be leaving our school, it is very important that you come to the office to advise us ASAP. Classrooms for 2024 are in the process of being organised and information regarding students exiting our school would be valuable knowledge for staff.

Grade 6 Funfields Excursion

To celebrate a wonderful year of learning and the final year of primary school, the students in Grade 6 will be going to Funfields on Wednesday 6th December. Families who have not yet returned the consent form and payment for this event are reminded to return it to the office, payment and consent is required by **Friday 1st December**. Please contact the office if you require another notice regarding this event or with any queries.

Grade 6 La Familia Celebration

As part of the graduation celebration, the Grade 6 students will be going out for a special lunch to La Famiglia in Epping on Thursday 14th December. Notices regarding this event have been sent home, there is no cost to this outing however we do require the consent forms to be returned to the office by **Friday 24th November**, along with notification of any special dietary needs.

Macedonian Christmas Carols outing

Students in the Macedonian Bilingual Program have received notices this week regarding the outing to the Barry Road Community Activity Centre to perform for the members of the pensioners' club 'Bitola'. This event is taking place on Monday 11th December 2023 between 10:15am – 12:15pm. Consent forms and payment are requested to be returned to the office by **Tuesday 6th December**. Apologies to families that the notice sent home did not include a section showing payment options for the \$8.00 cost of this event.

Barbara, Diana, Liz, Angela & Bev



SRC 2023 Report



Teacher in charge:
Jae Dickinson



SRC members:

Room 2 4/5 M	Room 3 5/6 B	Room 6 3-6DB	Room 9 5/6 GK	Room 10 3/4 AG	Room 11 3/4 P
Orson Viraj	Lachlan Stella	Michaela Alex	Rebecca Annabelle	Mateo Orlando	Amen Ahmed

Over the course of the year the Student Representative Council (SRC) meets together once a week with the purpose of giving the students of Lalor North Primary School a voice in matters that affect our students.

The representatives were selected by their peers from the classes with students in grades 3-6 and each of these representatives was paired with a class from grades Prep to grade 2 to ensure all students were included in having their voice heard.

The SRC meetings are held once a week for 30 minutes during the student's eating time and lunchtime. The representatives are free to bring along any discussion points that they feel are relevant for school improvement and the discussion during these meetings are respectful, open and student-led.

Some of the key improvements led by the SRC during 2023 include:

- the creation of class suggestion boxes, as a way to hear the needs of all students
- the development of lunchtime clubs, as voted on by the student population
- creating a school schedule and system for cleaning the yard daily
- reading over necessary school policies
- developing a school vegetable garden area
- gathering student opinions on the new school uniform
- planning fundraising events for 2024

The SRC representatives communicate the relevant decisions and progress of our meetings back to their classrooms as well as the classrooms that they are paired with.

The enthusiasm, care and responsiveness of the representatives this year has been exceptional and has ensured that every effort to have student input on relevant issues has been considered.

Student Representative Council Leader,
Jae Dickinson



Student of the Week – 17th November

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
1	Roni K	Unity	For being kind and including others when playing games outside. Congratulations!
2	Zavier N	Success	For showing leadership and being a great role model for his peers on camp. Well done Zavier!
3	Brandon P	Success	For writing a detailed and thorough persuasive text about a contentious topic of his choice. Well done Brandon!
4	Lizabelle O	Unity	For being a kind and caring student who is always willing to help her classmates with their work. Congratulations on 5 star unity!
5	Fatima H	Honesty	For handing money into the office that she found in the yard. Congratulations on 5-star honesty Fatima!
6	Alexi P	Resilience	For persisting in finishing his work to the best of his ability in both English and Greek. Well done!!
7	Nektarios V	Success	For trying hard to use the dotted third lines to improve his writing. Well done, Nektarios!
8	Stevie A	Unity	For working cooperatively with her classmates and sharing her ideas willingly and without hesitation.
9	Sebastian N	Unity	For working collaboratively to solve mathematical problems, assisting his peers and respecting the opinions of others.
10	Mateo R	Success	For effectively contributing in his writing class discussions and showing full engagement in the assigned tasks. Well done!!
11	Mahmoud M	Success	For making a superstar effort in his numeracy learning this week. He has shown he can read capacities on a measuring jug with ease. Well done, Mahmoud!
13	Petar T	Success	For a great improvement in reading in Macedonian. You have developed your fluency, expression and show a very good understanding of the texts you read. Well done Petar!
14	Mason K	Success	For a great improvement in reading in English and Macedonian. You have developed your segmenting and blending skills and recognition of the sight words. Well done!
PE	Samara P (Room 5)	Success	For working really hard to improve her underarm throwing and catching skills during PE lessons. Well done Samara!
Art	Nese L (Room 4)	Success	For working very hard and putting his best effort into completing a 3D drawing of a treasure chest. Awesome drawing Nese!
Music			
ITALIAN	Hamza R (Room 11)	Success	For his persistence when learning to read a short script in Italian. Bravo, Hamza!
STEM	Asma M (Room 3)	Success	For programming her Lego snowmobile to move around an obstacle and arrive back at its starting point.

Student of the Week – 24th November

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
1	Karamveer	Success	Increased participation in class discussion and the confidence to share what he knows.
2	Mahmoud K	Honesty	Showing the value of honesty and his maturity by being truthful with important issues.
3	Mirilla G	Success	For writing an excellent persuasive text about why all people should have a job. Well done super star!
4	Diego D	Resilience	For showing resilience and persistence when working through challenging tasks. Well done Diego!
5	Princejeet S	Success	For making good progress in his reading and writing. Keep up the 5 star effort!
6	Theodora F	Success	For trying hard to write a narrative story in Greek, with the help of picture prompts, using adjectives to add some detail to her text. Well done, Theodora!
7	Dimitri K	Success	For trying hard to write a retell of a story in Greek using all the necessary vocabulary. Well done, Dimitri!
8	Kasiyana P	Success	For showing excellent progress with her reading, especially sounding out and reading new words and fluently reading new texts.
9	Nenad S	Success	For increased engagement in learning tasks in both languages.
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11	Muhammad I	Success	For trying hard to catch up on his narrative writing and creating an interesting plan using the Somebody Wanted But So Then framework. Well done, Muhammad!
13	Auriel K	Success	For a fantastic improvement in reading. You show a great understanding of what you read and have developed your retelling skills. Well Done!
14	Samuel P	Success	For trying hard to complete his work to the best of his ability in both English and Macedonian.
PE			
Art	Jacob H (Room 14)	Success	For successfully completing a directed drawing of a 3D treasure chest, by concentrating and having another go. Well done, Jacob!
Music			
Italian	Natalia S (Room 2)	Success	For her ability to converse in Italian, using the appropriate pronunciation and intonation, to explain the occupations of various family members. Brava, Natalia!
STEM	Manal A	Resilience	For working independently to design, build and program a Lego Car that drives around a track.

World Children's Day - 'Little Voices, Loud Futures'

What's been going on in Room 14?

Children discussed the importance for every child to live in peace, to have a liveable planet and to have a voice. They made a 'loud' poster showing the importance of being listen to.



Learning Numeracy at Home

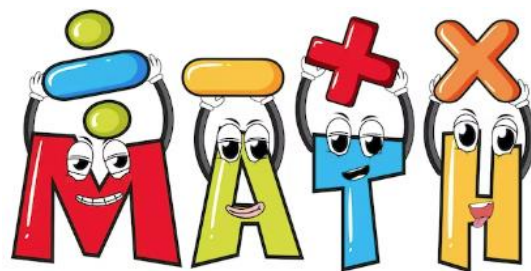
With the holidays approaching we would like to offer some tips to support your child's learning from home.

Numeracy involves being able to understand how numbers work in everyday situations. Finding opportunities to notice this and show your child will build their engagement with numeracy and help them to understand that these skills are applied to the real world.

We see and use numbers daily. When reading there are numbers on the page, our house has a number and when we buy something we add and subtract numbers. Help your child to develop a positive attitude towards Numeracy. It's important to build numeracy skills in your home Language as well.

Below are some links that you can use to access Department of Education resources that assist learning at home.

Your assistance in supporting your child's learning from home is greatly appreciated.



Mathematics and numeracy at home

Numeracy at home

Find information, advice and activities for families to help their child's numeracy learning at home.



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New Updated School Uniform



This is our updated school uniform which is available at our supplier. It has finally arrived! The new school uniform items will be available for purchase from A Plus Schoolwear from Tuesday 28th November. In the instance where an item you would like to purchase is not in stock, they are happy to place the order and contact you once the item arrives.

There have been some improvements made through consultation with students and parents. The colours now match our school logo as well as improved fabric that is softer on the skin and better quality.

All students will have three years to transition to our new uniform so its fine to continue to wear the current uniform to school.











Teachers have also expressed interest in wearing our uniform so we will begin to order for our staff as well.

Child Safe Standards

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

Further information about child Safe Standards is available from the [Department of Education website](#)



	Item	Sizes Available	Price
	Summer Dress <i>Bottle green & white</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$29.00
	Cotton Back Short Sleeve Polo <i>Emerald with black panels, white piping and black collar with emerald and white stripes (embroidered logo)</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$35.00 \$38.00
	Rugby Knit Shorts - Unisex <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$21.00
	Microfibre Shorts - Unisex <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Sml - Med - Lge - XL	\$30.00 \$33.00
	Cotton Back Long Sleeve Polo <i>Emerald with black panels, white piping and black collar and cuffs with emerald and white stripes (embroidered logo)</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$37.00 \$40.00
	Hooded Top <i>Black with green sleeves and green insert in hood with black bands with green and white stripes on bands (embroidered logo)</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$48.00 \$51.00
	Bomber Jacket <i>Black with green sleeves and black bands with green and white stripes on bands (embroidered logo)</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$52.00 \$55.00
	Straight leg Track Pants <i>Cotton/Polyester</i> <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$28.00
	Fleecy Double knee trackpants with cuff <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$25.00
	Fleecy straight leg trackpants <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$24.00
	Waterproof Jacket Fleecy Lined <i>Black</i>	4 6 8 10 12 14 16	\$52.00
	Bucket Hat <i>Black</i>	XSm 53cm Sm 55cm Med 57cm Lge 59cm XLg 61cm	\$12.00
	School Bag <i>Black</i>	One size	\$45.00
	Warm Beanie <i>Black</i>	One size fits all	\$12.00
	Grade 6 Cotton Back S/Sleeve Polo Top <i>- Green/White/Black</i> Special Order Available only Oct/Nov	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$52.00 \$56.00



Lalor North Primary School Uniform

The purposes of the school uniform are to distinguish the school in public, build a school identity, help build an inclusive environment and to provide parents with cost effective and convenient clothing for school.

Lalor North Primary School has a compulsory school uniform. It must be worn at school, on excursions, at sporting activities and any other special occasions where students represent the school. It's important that every student feels comfortable and has a sense of belonging to our learning community while feeling pride about being a member of our school community each school day.

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CHRISTMAS BRICK-TACULAR 21/11/2023 10am-1pm

MINING AND CRAFTING 9/1/2024 9am-3pm

ROBOTICS 17/1/2024 9am-3pm

RACE WITH MARIO + Jnr ROBOTICS 19/1/2024 9am-3pm

LOCATION:

Galada Community Centre,
10A Forum Way, Epping.

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