

We welcomed back our students this year in a brighter and more vibrant uniform colour and design. Our student played an active role in helping with the design and concept, so they were especially excited on the first day of school. We have three years to transition into the new uniform completely. It is absolutely fine to wear the new or older design for the next couple of years.

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 1, 2024

Wednesday 7th February – Prep Assessments (Prep assessments - preps with appointments to attend only) Thursday 8th February – Breakfast Club Begins Friday 9th February – Interschool Sport Trials Week 3, Term 1 Tuesday 13th February – Prep Teddy Bears Picnic Wednesday 14th February – Prep Assessments

(Prep assessments – preps with appointments to attend only)

Wednesday 14th February – Playgroup 9am – 10am

Thursday 15th February – Breakfast Club Begins

Friday 16th February – Interschool Sport Trials

Friday 16th February – Newsletter

Week 4, Term 1

Tuesday 20th February – School Council Meeting 6pm Wednesday 21st February - Prep Assessments (Prep assessments – preps with appointments to attend only) Wednesday 21st February – Playgroup 9am – 10am Thursday 22nd February – Breakfast Club Begins Friday 23rd February – Interschool Sport Week 5, Term 1 Monday 26th February – Whole School Athletics Day

Tuesday 27th February – Evacuation Drill Wednesday 28th February – Prep Assessments (Prep assessments – preps with appointments to attend only) Wednesday 28th February – Playgroup 9am – 10am Thursday 1st March – Breakfast Club Begins Friday 2nd March – Interschool Sport

Friday 2nd March – Newsletter

Our School Values



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.

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.

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.



Back to Schoo

Principal's Message

Welcome Back to all our families and a HUGE welcome back to our students.

It was so very exciting to see our students starting school on Wednesday morning. There was a flutter of happiness mixed with anticipation, but overall so many smiley faces.

We have several children transferring into the school at various year levels and to these children and families a special welcome also. We feel honoured to have you with us. Welcome to our new Preps.

After many weeks of holidays, it is important for families to establish good routines to enable children to be at school on time and to undertake their learning in an enthusiastic and energised manner. Good routines certainly help reduce stressful and upsetting situations.

Curriculum Days

On Monday and Tuesday our staff gathered for two days of professional learning. These two days were packed with lots of learning that supports our students. Our amazing staff demonstrated professionalism and commitment to the following areas that were covered in our two days:

- Curriculum Updates from the Department of Education
- Strategies for improving our overall student attendance
- Reading and discussing our Child Safety & Wellbeing Policy
- CPR training
- Child Safe standards
- Anaphylaxis Training
- OHS Safety Induction for staff



CLASS DOJO

This year we say goodbye to the Class Dojo platform. It was a great tool to use during remote learning and served as a useful manner of connecting to our families. Our recent school review identified the benefits of having one consistent platform for parent communication across the school.

School Gates

Last year we communicated in our newsletters the changes that we would be implementing for unlocking and locking our school gates before and after school.

Child safety is at the highest of our priorities at all times. At Lalor North Primary School, we believe that all children have the right to feel safe as well as be safe and protected. To have a greater consistency at our school when it comes to locking



and unlocking our gates in the morning and afternoons, it has been decided that staff will take on this responsibility with students. Parents are welcome to enter through the office earlier if they wish.

Our new process ensures that:

- Students don't run out of the school.
- Strangers don't have the opportunity to enter our school grounds and use the facilities.
- Improves safety of students as they attend to the toilets.
- Staff supervision is in place outside when gates are unlocked.
- A process that ensures safety for all of our students at all times as a part of our duty of care.

The 2024 school process for School Gates... Remember, School begins at 9am!

The Monash Street gate will be opened at 8.35am and locked at 9.05am in the morning. Any late students will need to report to the office and enter via Derna Street - Gate 2.

The Derna Street gate (gate 3) will be locked at 9.05am and unlocked at 3.25pm. Any late students will need to report to the office and enter via Derna Street Gate 2.

This will ensure that our school environment will be safer as gates will always be locked and secure in a consistent manner. Students that are late will need to enter through Gate 2 on Derna Street and collect a late pass at the office.

Student Book Packs

All students book packs have arrived at the school and were distributed to students yesterday. It was so very exciting to our students to have all the resources that they need for their success!

Overall, we had the majority of our parents make parent payments (almost 90%). Parent Payments go toward the educational needs of the students. We will make contact with the few remaining families who still have the opportunity to make payments through the office should they choose to do so.



From the Office

Our office staff are excited to welcome our students returning from summer holidays. We are especially happy to welcome our new preps and families new to LNPS!

Parent Payments for 2024

A huge thank you to those families who have already made payments to the office for their children's Book Packs, Curriculum & Other Contributions for 2024. Payments can still be made at the Office using Eftpos, cash or by Bank Transfer. See our website for more information or pop into the office.

CSEF – Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

Every family who holds a current Health Care or Pension Card are encouraged to bring this to the office as soon as possible and apply to receive CSEF for their child which can assist with payments for Camps, Sports and Excursions that occur during the year. Details of Eligibility are included further down in this newsletter. Please contact the office for further details and for application forms.

State Schools Relief

State Schools Relief is an organization that can assist families experiencing financial hardship by being able to provide uniform items such as trackpants, shorts, school dress, socks, shoes and even a voucher towards our school logo tops. Please contact the office for further information.

Athletics Day

The LNPS Whole School Athletics Day is being held on Monday 26th February at Meadowglen Stadium. Notices for consent will be sent out to families next week and will need to be returned to the office by Monday 19th February.

Breakfast Club

Our school continues to have the Lalor North Primary School Breakfast Club Program this year. Notices are being sent home to all families with further information if you wish for your child to participate kindly fill in and return the consent forms to the office as soon as possible. Breakfast club will start next Thursday 8th of February.

Students Absences

A warm reminder to make sure that you update compass if your child is absent. We really work hard at always checking to see that all children have explained absences as part of our duty of care at Lalor North Primary School. School attendance is measured, and we need to be accountable.

Thank you to the families who do a great job at keeping up to date with compass.

Barbara, Diana and Liz

INVITATION TO ALL PREP - 6 STUDENTS Do you love to sing and perform? Would you like to make new friends?

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Join our... LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHORN

Have fun as you develop your singing skills! Rehearsals: Every Tuesday at lunchtime Where: Room P2 (next to the Italian room)

All welcome! No experience necessary! All you need is a passion for singing and a commitment to attend weekly rehearsals.

LNPS Choir will have many performance opportunities thoughout the year. -At our school assemblies, -At school and community events, such as the Big Night Out -The use of the sound studio at Lalor Secondary College to record their singing!

To learn more about the Choir and to join, come along to our first rehearsal on Tuesday 6th February!

Parents/Guardians: As part of your child's commitment in the Choir program, a permission form will be sent home to be completed by you. Please have your child return the form directly to Ms Teresa at rehearsals. Thank you.

For further information, please see Ms Teresa (Choir Leader)

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place next week on the 6th of February 2024 and is a global initiative to raise awareness of online safety issues. We use the internet in almost every aspect of our lives, so it's important for everyone to know about online safety.

During the first 4 weeks of school at Lalor North Primary School students will be learning about how to use devices safely in the classroom and when connecting with the world.



This Safer Internet Day we're encouraging you to take three simple actions when approaching online safety: Connect. Reflect. Protect.

Connect safely by keeping apps and devices secure and reviewing your privacy settings regularly.

Reflect on how your actions online may affect others or your safety.

Protect yourself and others by visiting eSafety.gov.au to find out how to stay safe online and report online abuse.

By doing these things and sharing the Connect. Reflect. Protect message, we can work towards making every day a Safer Internet Day.

See the QR code link for more information.





LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS 19191919191 YOU'RE THE STAR Talent Show 'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE! PERFORM SOLO WITH FRIENDS! (near Banksia ENTERTAIN OUR AUDIENCE BY SHOWCASING YOUR AMAZING TALENT **IN ANY LANGUAGE!** Sing! Dance! Play a musical instrument! Perform comedy! Perform magic tricks!

TO REGISTER: SEE OUR STUDENT LEADERS & MS TERESA AT THE BEGINNING OF LUNCHTIME



VillageOSHC is Commencing Before & After School Care at Lalor North Primary School!

VillageOSHC is excited to provide nutritious breakfast and afternoon snacks, amazing activities, and a safe environment with dedicated educators while you work or study. We are here for you!

Our first day of service is in Term 1, 2024 on Wednesday 31 January!

Operating Days, Hours and Fees

Before School Care | Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 8:55 AM After School Care | Mon-Fri 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Before School Care	After School Care	
Permanent Rate: \$24.50	Permanent Rate: \$27.50	
Casual Rate: \$26.90	Casual Rate: \$31.40	
Pay from \$2.45 after CCS	Pay from \$2.75 after CCS	

Book 24 hours in advance to receive the permanant rate. Bookings made within 24 hours receive the casual rate. Cancel free of charge, 24 hours in advance.

How to Enrol (for free) and Book

- 1. Visit VillageOSHC.com.au and click "Book Your Sessions" in the top corner.
- This will take you to our booking platform; LookedAfter. Click "Log in/Enrol".
- 3. Create your account.

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4. Check your inbox for a verification email to activate your account. (check junk folder if not found.)

- 5. Once you've logged in, enrol your children with the relevant details.
- 6. Book your sessions by searching for your school with "Find My School".

Scan the QR Code and book with VillageOSHC today!



www.villageoshc.com.au | support@viilageoshc.com.au



Potato and leak soup

- Side salad
- Steamed or roasted vegetables
- Rice cakes · Corn thins
 - Wholemeal scones
 - · Pikelets

· Crispreads

- Crumpets · Hot cross buns (no icing)

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- Take a water bottle (for refiling throughout the day)
- foods cool in lunchboxes

foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large

Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy



*Check your school's policy regarding the use of nuts and products containing nuts.

For more information about healthy eating and for many tasty recipes, visit the the Healthy Eating Advisory Service: http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/

Chicken and corn soup

EVERY DAY COUNTS

ATTENDANCE FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

School is better when you're here.

DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Yes, in Victoria everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school.

Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year.

From Foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!

School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you are away and wonder if you are OK.

WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT I GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think school is just about Maths and English but you're also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems.

Being at school every day also means you are becoming more independent as a learner and interacting with your friends and teachers. If you are at school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won't have to try to learn things in your own time.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference!

DO MY PARENTS NEED TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF I'M GOING TO BE AWAY?

Yes. Your parents need to notify the school of your absence as soon as they can within three days of your absence. If they know you are going to be away, they should try to tell the school before the day or days you are away.

If you're away from school too much and don't have a reasonable excuse like a serious illness, your parents might get a letter from the principal asking about why you're away.

ARE THERE ANY GOOD REASONS TO BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL?

No. Unless you are so sick you can't get out of bed or there is an event like a funeral, you should be at school. Every day you are away is a day of classes and social connection you miss out on. Taking a day off for your birthday or go shopping isn't a good reason to miss school.

Even medical and health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. This includes family holidays. Your parents are encouraged not to plan holidays during the term but to organise these during the school holidays. If you do have to be away for some reason, your parents need to contact the school and let them know what's going on. Depending on the situation, the school might provide schoolwork for you to complete.

IF I'M NOT AT SCHOOL WHAT DO I MISS OUT ON?

You miss out on all the big stuff – class discussions and all the interaction that happens in a classroom, the chance to get help from teachers and the opportunity to practice skills and gain knowledge.

Being away means you might miss out on a lot of learning or that you need to catch up in your time.

If all of that isn't enough to convince you to be at school every day, being away also means you also miss out on playing with your friends. Being away from school a lot can be lonely. It has a big impact on relationships and social connections.

Believe it or not, everyone wants you at school and it really is better when you attend.

WHAT IF I'M HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING TO SCHOOL?

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine.

If you find yourself running late or missing school because you're disorganised, try:

- Asking your parents for help getting ready
- Having a set time to go to bed
- Leaving all technology out of your bedroom
- Packing your school bag the night before with everything you need
- Having a set time for breakfast
- Planning to meet up with a friend so you can travel to school together.

Sometimes, though it can just be hard to go to school.

You might feel overwhelmed by the work or things might be tough with your friends. Maybe you don't Useful websites/contacts Kids Matter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Youth Beyond Blue www.youthbeyondblue.com.au

Headspace - <u>www.headspace.org.au</u> or eheadspace <u>www.eheadspace.org.au/</u> for online counselling & support

Reach Out - <u>www.reachout.com</u>

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or <u>web counselling</u>

feel safe at school or you really dislike a teacher or things at home aren't great. Perhaps you're feeling down or anxious and don't even really know why.

Whatever the situation is, staying away from school isn't the answer. Many people want to help you. Try talking to:

- Your parents or another adult family member
- A trusted teacher
- Wellbeing Coordinator or the school counsellor
- Another trusted adult like your coach

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility (CSEF)



Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: <u>Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)</u>: Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- · Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: <u>Camps, Sports and</u> <u>Excursions Fund (CSEF): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au</u>

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form – Application Forms can be collected from the school Office

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

 Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section. Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school. If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming

your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

- 2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- 3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2024 closes at the end of term two 2024.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Victoria School Guides

In 2024 many parents will still need to make decisions regarding their child's education for 2025 and beyond.

To assist in their decision making and as we are environmentally conscious and mindful of being contact free at this time, we have provided below a direct link to the **Feb 2024** edition of the **Secondary Education Guide** which we would request that you include in your next newsletter to parents, encouraging them to use this link which is a useful digital resource tool to aid in their decision.



To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2025 and beyond, please find below a link to **the Feb 2024** edition of the **Secondary Education Guide.**

CLICK HERE:

https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/...



Lalor North Primary School Uniform Order List



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

A PLUS SCHOOLWEAR

Northern Regional Uniforms Shop

Address: Unit 3 /30 Heaths Court Mill Park

Contact: <u>03 9436 4005</u>

Email: info@northernregionaluniforms.com.au

Trading Hours:

Monday: 9.00am - 5.00pm Tuesday: 9.00am - 5.00pm Wednesday: 9.00am - 5.00pm Thursday: 9.00am - 5.00pm Friday: 9.00am - 3.00pm Saturday: 9.00am - 12.00pm **Closed Sundays and Public Holidays.**

For Online Orders

Website Details: <u>www.aplusschoolwear.com.au</u>





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ADDRESS: UNIT 3, 30 HEATHS COURT MILL PARK VIC 3082 TELEPHONE: 03 9436 4005 FACSIMILE: 03 9404 5073 EMAIL: info@northernregionaluniforms.com.au WEBSITE: www.aplusschoolwear.com.au

LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SALE ON UNIFORM ITEMS



SHORT SLEEVE POLO = \$20.00 ALL SIZES



LONG SLEEVE POLO = \$20.00 ALL SIZES



WINDCHEATER = \$20.00 ALL SIZES



BOMBER JACKET = \$30.00 ALL SIZES

NAB AFL AUSKICK IS COMING TO Your School in term 1!

AFL Victoria will be running NAB AFL Auskick Programs in Term 1 at Primary Schools and we want to invite your school to take part!

WHAT IS NAB AFL AUSKICK AT SCHOOL ?

- An Introductory Auskick clinic delivered by AFL Victoria at your school for your students aged 5-8, held before or after school.
- \$50 for a 5 week program.
- Students in Prep Grade 3 (up to Grade 6 if required).
- AFL Victoria to manage all registrations on PlayHQ platform.

BENEFITS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

NAB AFL Auskick gives students at your school the chance to experience AFL in a safe and inclusive environment with their friends.

Providing opportunities to your community to engage in sport.

IOW DOES YOUR SCHOOL GET INVOLVED?

- Contact your Participation team for more information and to secure your schools spot today!
- Once confirmed, registration links will be updated to share with students to register.
- Would you like to run something for your students in Grade 4-6? Check out AFL Superkick on the other side of the flyer.

AFL Victoria are committed to child safety, ensuring that all staff delivering the program hold a valid WWCC. We hold the appropriate public liability insurance and safety measures are in place to make the program safe for all participants and their families.

Please advise our Office staff if you are interested in registering your child





Kindergarten Open Days Thursday 29 February 5.30pm-7.30pm and Saturday 2 March 9.30am-11.30am

Visit **Swhittlesea.vic.gov.au/kinder** for kindergarten open days and times. No bookings required.

Kindergarten is **FREE** for all children

On 1 February the new year of kindergarten applications open. Apply online for:

- Three-year-old kindergarten in 2025; and
- Four-year-old kindergarten in 2026



For more information phone S 9217 2170 or email keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

