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IN THE LOOP



Meet our 2024 Lalor North Student Representative Council

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 1

Monday 4th March – Preps begin Full Time

Monday 4th March – Greek Bilingual Community Catch up 7pm

Tuesday 5th March – Choir lunchtime rehearsal

Tuesday 5th March – School Council AGM 6pm

Wednesday 6th March – Playgroup 9am – 10am

Wednesday 6th March – You're the Star Talent Show!

Thursday 7th March – Parent Teacher Interviews 11am–8pm

(students attend interview only, no classes held on this day)

Friday 8th March – Interschool Sport

Friday 8th March – First Whole School Assembly

Week 7, Term 1

Monday 11th March – Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th March – School Values Challenge, mixed classes activities

Tuesday 12th March – Choir lunchtime rehearsal

Wednesday 13th March – Playgroup 9am – 10am

Wednesday 13th March – You're the Star Talent Show!

Wednesday 13th March – NAPLAN begins Grades 3 & 5 only

Thursday 14th March – Breakfast Club 8.15am–8.45am

Friday 15th March – Interschool Sport

Friday 15th March – Newsletter

Week 8, Term 1

Monday 18th March – Greek Picnic

Monday 18th March – School Council Education Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday 19th March – NAPLAN BEGINS

Tuesday 19th March – Italian Dancing – Lunchtime (no Choir rehearsal)

Wednesday 20th March – Harmony Day Celebrations, Whole School Cultural Dress Day: Whole School Harmony Parade 9:10am then Greek Dancing at Lunchtime (no Talent Show)

Wednesday 20th March – School Council Finance Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday 20th March – Playgroup 9am – 10am

Thursday 21st March – School Council Facilities Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday 21st March – Breakfast Club 8.15am–8.45am

Thursday 21st March – NAPLAN

Thursday 21st March – Macedonian Dancing at Lunchtime

Friday 22nd March – Interschool Sport

Friday 22nd March – Students v Staff Soccer match at Lunchtime

Our School Values

Honesty

We communicate openly and work together to solve problems. By demonstrating honesty and acting with integrity we build trust, which enables us to collaborate, to take greater risks with our learning and to be more resilient when things go wrong.

Respect

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

Unity

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

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.



Principal's Message

What an amazing start to the year we have had and its already the end of week five!

Our students have adjusted to new teachers, friends and learning areas and have now reached a stage of familiarity and comfort. It's wonderful to hear teachers making regular commentary about how our students are building their confidence to 'strive for personal success!' ...and then there is...

Some more positive news....



Attendance

We have made a big difference to our attendance already. We had approximately 70 students late to school daily and now we have less than 5. This means that we can lock the gates and all students are in class ready to learn. This really makes a difference to student confidence levels and really supports a positive start to their day.

Thank you all for helping us improve this for our students!!



NAPLAN

Yes, the date for NAPLAN will soon be here. Students in Grade 3 and Grade 5 will participate in the NAPLAN Online testing from Wednesday the 13th of March to Monday the 25th of March 2024. Students have been practicing their technology skills and are familiarising themselves with the test delivery format. Confidence with skills, like using a 'mouse' to 'click and drag' are essential and examination techniques, such as monitoring time, and leaving difficult questions to come back to later, are all important for success in this type of testing format.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy.

Parent Information is available here:

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/f-10assessment/naplan/Pages/parents/index.aspx>

Please note, only Grade 3 students will complete a handwritten test for Writing and the remaining tests for Grade 3 students are online, while Grade 5 students will complete all tests online.

Please see the **Public Demonstration site** for examples of the test and an opportunity to practice the test format with your child. <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>

Please contact the school and ask to speak to **Amanda Lee** the Assistant Principal, if you have any concerns.



Feedback, Complaints and Raising Concerns Advice for Families

Lalor North Primary School encourages parents, carers or members of the community to provide feedback to support us to make better decisions and be continuously improving our school for our students. As partners in your child's education, we value open communication that is respectful and mindful. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in maintaining a positive learning environment through all forms of communication.

If you wish to make a complaint or offer feedback here are the considerations;

- carefully consider the issues you would like to discuss.
- remember you may not have all the facts relating to the issues that you want to raise.
- think about how the matter could be resolved.
- be informed by checking the policies and guidelines set out by the Department and Lalor North Primary School website.

Working together through positive communication to solve problems together is the most productive way to resolve any concerns or complaints.



Raising a concern

Raising a concern is different from making a complaint. Lalor North Primary School is always happy to discuss with parents/carers and community members any concerns that they may have. Concerns in the first instance should be directed to your child's teacher, Year Level Coordinators, Assistant Principal or Principal.

Where possible, school staff will work with you to ensure that your concerns are appropriately addressed. Remember...**Always see the classroom teacher first.**

COMPASS

As we are all aware, Compass is our main communication tool for our school community. It is for this reason that all families must make sure that they have access to Compass on their devices so that you may be fully informed of all the events and regular notifications we send out, including our newsletter. Please see the office staff if you do not have Compass, or you need help.



Student Support Group Meetings (SSGs)

A Student Support Group is a partnership between the school, teachers, parents/carers, the student and relevant agencies. The group works together to plan and support the educational, health, social, cultural and emotional wellbeing of students with diverse learning needs.

The Department of Education policies do mandate that certain students must be supported with SSG meetings. Our Lalor North Primary School Wellbeing team, also identifies additional students who may need that extra support with their learning.

Teachers have been getting to know their students and have been observing their progress this term. They are currently drafting Individual Learning Plans (IEPs) to identify possible learning goals for individual students. These IEPs will be discussed with parents and carers during SSG appointments on Wednesday the 13th of March and Wednesday the 20th of March, to finalise each student's individual learning goals.

Families of students with an Individual Learning Plan and require a Student Support Group meeting, will be contacted by staff to make an appointment.

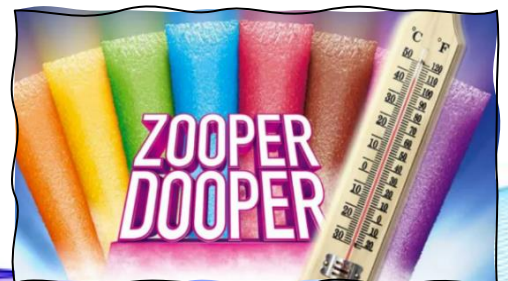


Weather Conditions

As our weather patterns continue to radically change from day to day, we as a school do our best to navigate the forecasted temperatures and make adjustments to our school day as required. We especially do our best to ensure that we have a plan for the very hot days, windy days and wet weather days.

All our classrooms (except for the Eucalyptus Building) are climate controlled and we ensure that all students can enjoy their learning environment and we can continue to focus on teaching and learning. Two new air conditioners have been ordered for the Eucalyptus building and due to be installed in the next couple of weeks. Planning for these started last year and funds were put aside for this to occur in this term.

Our Zooper-Doopers days are very popular and are a great way for students to cool off on a hot day. We remind families through Compass when they will be sold. So look out for those messages!





PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent/ Teacher/ Student Interviews are a valuable and important part of our assessment and reporting cycle every year. In 2024, we are conducting parent teacher interviews in Terms 1 and 3 and written student reports are provided at the end of Term 2 and 4. This allows parents and carers to have regular feedback on their child's progress in learning and provides an important time to share information from home, to help teachers develop their understanding of your child's individual needs.

The Parent/ Teacher/ Student Interviews are now open on Compass, so please book in to meet your child's teacher/s, with timeslots available between 11.00am and 7.45pm.

To make a booking, you will first need to login using your parent login credentials. From the 'Home' page you may see a Dashboard notification letting you know that Conferences are open for booking. Select 'Click here for booking' to be taken to the main Conferences page. You can also access Conference booking by clicking the 'More' menu in the navigation bar, and then selecting 'Conferences' from the menu tiles. If you have any concerns or need assistance booking, please speak to our office staff.

Interpreters can be booked for many different languages, so please indicate if you need an interpreter. If your language is not listed on Compass, please contact the office on 9465 4922, so we can attempt to locate an interpreter for you.

Optional Interviews are available with your child's specialist teacher, as you may need to discuss concerns or progress. Specialist teachers may teach over 300 students at the school, so they will not be available to meet with all parents on this day. Each Specialist will have only 30 interview timeslots available to the first families to make a booking.

Please note: Thursday the 7th of March is not a regular school day. Students do not attend school but come with their parent/s or carer/s for their interview only. Students are to wear school uniform for their interview and there will be no Breakfast Club available on this day.

Bookings will close on Tuesday the 5th of March at 8.30am. Thank you to all the families who have booked in already. The School Council have spent several years discussing the viability and sustainability of the school canteen and finally came to a decision to outsource our school canteen to an external provider from 2024. Unfortunately, we were informed in late January that the provider we selected is no longer able to provide the canteen service to our school community. We were extremely disappointed with this decision and continue to seek opportunities for our school.

School Assembly

We recognise the importance of assemblies as community gatherings for celebrations of learning. At the end of last year during our school review we received feedback from teachers, parents, and students about the impact that weekly assemblies had on the learning program. We have considered the feedback and are changing the assembly schedule for the 2024 school year.

This year we are moving to fortnightly Assemblies - every second Friday alternating with the newsletter. This will enable us to have greater teaching and learning in the classrooms across the year – almost 20 extra hours across the year.



Mobile Phone Policy and Updates

A parent support page on [Mobile phones in schools](#) is available on the department's website. This page provides links to resources for families to help them balance their child/children's time on and offline.

Why is the mobile phone policy important and what is the evidence-base for it?

The mobile phone policy was introduced in 2020 to reduce distractions in the classroom, reduce cyberbullying in schools and improve face-to-face interactions in the school yard.

A recent Review of the policy has found that it has reduced the use of mobile phones during school hours, with a range of benefits noted by principals and teachers, including:

- greater student focus on their learning
- increased student socialisation or physical activity during breaks
- fewer incidents of cyberbullying during school hours
- fewer critical incidents involving mobile phones during school hours.

Who does the mobile phone policy apply to?

The policy applies to all Victorian government school students.

Can my child/ren still bring a mobile phone to school?

Students can bring a mobile phone to school, but it must be turned off and stored securely during the school day. Parents can still contact their children through the school's administration office in emergencies.

How do I contact my child in an emergency?

In emergencies, parents can still contact their children through their school's administration office.

What will be the consequences for my child/ren if they are caught with a mobile phone during school hours?

Schools will enforce the policy under their existing student engagement policies, for example, through detention or a loss of school-based privileges.



What is my role as a parent or carer?

Parents and carers are encouraged to support their children to become safe and responsible technology users.

What advice is available to families when it comes to managing screen time and in supporting safe online behaviours?

The eSafety Commissioner provides several resources for families:

- [7 Tips for Managing Screen Time](#) – Provides tips and advice on what families can do to help their child(ren) balance their time on and offline
- [Online Safety: A guide for parents and carers](#) – Guide offering practical skills and advice about how to tackle the big issues associated with online activity
- [Screen Smart Parent Tour](#) – Explores topics such as social media, screen time, protecting personal information, cyberbullying, contact with strangers and accessing inappropriate content.

School Council Update



The school council nominations have closed today, and we have a greater number of parent nominations than vacancies that exist. This means that we now need to proceed to a ballot. Next week, families will be receiving a ballot form to vote for their preferred candidates to be on our school council representing our parent community. The process for our elected school council members will continue in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils. **Please return your ballot promptly.**

RAMADAN

We have many families in our school communities who will be celebrating Ramadan in the coming weeks.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar observed by Muslims from all around the world by fasting from Sunrise to Sunset.

The month of Ramadan can last between 29–30 days, depending on the sighting of the crescent moon to the next. It's followed by Eid Al-Fitr which means Festival of Breaking the Fast, celebrating the end of the month, Eid usually lasts 3 days and is celebrated with family and friends, where everyone comes together for a big meal and exchanges of present, it's kind of the Muslim version of Christmas.

The first day of Ramadan is on the 11th of March.

Eid Al-Fitr will fall on the school holidays 10th of April.

Happy Eid to all our families celebrating. *Eid Mubarak!*



Elizabeth Bryan & Amanda Lee

From the Office



Contact Details

Do you have a new mobile phone number or home address? Are all of your child's emergency contact details the same? If or your family members have new contact details or you need to change emergency contact people or their numbers, please come to visit or call the office so we can record these changes. Having up to date information is vital in the case of emergency.



Early Pick Up of students during the day

As school attendance is so crucial, it is preferable that appointments for students be made after school hours wherever possible. However, if an early pick up of students is unavoidable, we request for parents to contact the office with enough time to organize for your children to be brought to the office in time for collection. This is especially the case if you require your child during lunchtime or recess when the children are outside playing.

Prep Enrolments for 2025

Even though our school year has just started, we already have many families who are requesting a place for their child starting Prep in 2025 and even 2026. All families are welcome to come to the office to collect an enrolment form, or if you are aware of any families in our area who have children ready to start prep next year, please ask them to contact our office and we can book in a tour.

Enrolling in Before and After Care

We have had some feedback about the challenges in registering into our before and after school care program. We have added the information here on this page to support you.

Holiday Care Program with Village OSHC

In this newsletter families have the opportunities to enrol in the term 1 school holiday program with Village OSHC.

Bookings may be made at

Villageoshc.com.au

See our feature in the following pages.

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 permanent 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.
2. This will take you to our booking platform; LookedAfter. Click "Log in/Enrol".
3. Create your account.
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@villageoshc.com.au



Barbara, Diana and Liz

Colour Fun Run

Wednesday 28th March

YES... it's happening!!

We will be having another awesome Colour Fun Run on

Wednesday 28th of March from 2.00 -3.30 on the school oval. This event is a fun physical activity that promotes physical fitness for our students.

This event will be a 'Colour Fun Run' which means students will have the option to be covered in safe coloured powder as they run. Students will be encouraged to wear an old white top on the day if possible. This day promises to be a lot of fun and parents are welcome to come to school on the afternoon and watch students participating.



Fundraising

The Student Representative Council (SRC) have come together to discuss opportunities for the how the fundraising event will be spent at our school. Money raised through our fundraising efforts will go towards purchasing brand new permanent outdoor, all weather Table Tennis Tables for our students to use all year round. These will be great additions to our school for years to come!





RACV VISIT to Lalor North Primary School

The students in P-2 had a visit from RACV to promote Road Safety. Our students thoroughly enjoyed their session. Here is what some students in Banksia 2 had to say:

I hold my mum's hand when I cross the road.
Hope

We learned about how to be safe on the road.
Greyson



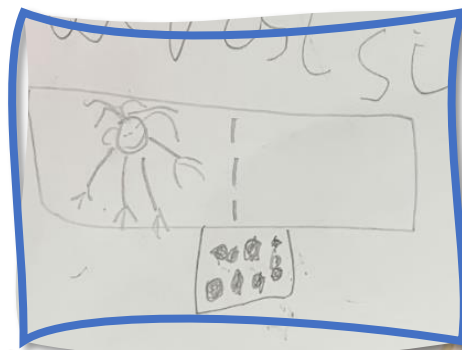
I have to hold my parents' hand when I cross the road. **Tiffany**

We learned about road safety and how to cross the road safely. **Stephanie**

We learned about road safety because we are kids and we need a grown up. We need to sit in a booster seat and not in the front. **George**

We went to the STEM Room and we did learning about how to cross the road. We had so much fun! **Alexia**

Today we went to the Stem Romm and we practised crossing the road. We also learnt how tall we have to be before we can sit in the front seat. **Marios**





HARMONY WEEK

*Join in the fun as we celebrate
CULTURAL DIVERSITY!*



Tuesday 19th March



Lunchtime

ITALIAN DANCING



Wednesday 20th March

CULTURAL DRESS DAY

(Out of school uniform day)

Students invited to wear

Cultural Dress or the colour Orange

9:10am: WHOLE SCHOOL

HARMONY PARADE

Venue: Hall Parents welcome!

Lunchtime



GREEK DANCING



Thursday 21st March

Lunchtime



MACEDONIAN DANCING



Friday 22nd March

Lunchtime

STUDENTS vs STAFF SOCCER MATCH



EVERYONE BELONGS

LNPS Athletics Carnival 2024

On Monday 26th February Lalor North PS had our whole school athletics carnival at Meadowglen International Athletics Stadium in Epping.

Students across all Grades competed in different running, throwing, and jumping athletics events. After a cloudy start, it became a perfect sunny day and students had a great time competing in different events to win ribbons and points for their house colour in our annual LNPS Athletics Day House Cup.

Students competed hard all day & were great sportspeople, demonstrating our school values throughout the entire day.



At the end of the day, **Red House** came out on top as the House champions, ending Yellows two-year reign as champions. Red House will be presented with their House Trophy at our first school assembly next week.

Staff & parents also had a fantastic day cheering and supporting our young athletes as they competed. Special mention to our fantastic Preps, who competed in their first

ever athletics carnival in only their 4th week of school. Well done to everyone on the day and I know students are already looking forward to next year's athletics carnival.

Here are some comments our students from Banksia 2 had to say about their day at the Athletics Carnival

When I did the Long Jump, I won a ribbon. **Elijah**

I love being in the running competition. **Nicholas**

I love the Long Jump. **Philippos**

I ran around the track. My mum took photos. **Giovanni**

I was running on the track. **Savva**

I ran on the track. **Jordan**

I was running on the track. **Anastasia**

I was scared because I thought I was going to lose.

Johnny

Yesterday I did the Long Jump and I got a first place ribbon. **Nektarios**

I ran on the track. **Ariana**

On athletics day I won a ribbon. **Cruz**





Jump Into Autumn With the VillageOSHC Holiday Program!



Endless Activities!

Partake in an exhilarating range of activities, from sports to arts and crafts! Every day at VillageOSHC is loaded with fun!



Exciting Incursions!

Conduct a myriad of awesome science experiments or create your very own music box! This autumn is packed with amazing incursions!



Adventurous Excursions!

Get on board for excursions with VillageOSHC! Take a trip to the Zoo or jump and flip through indoor trampoline parks and playcentres!



Book For Unforgettable School Holidays At VillageOSHC.com.au

Interschool Sports Results

Last week we played against Epping Primary School

Sport	Results	Awards
Cricket	Lalor North PS lost to Epping PS 6 for 48 to 1 for 86	Star Performer – Luka T Encouragement Award – Amanda
Rounders (Boys)	Lalor North PS defeated Epping PS 13 runs - 0 runs	Star Performer – Mason B Encouragement Award – Jed
Rounders (Girls)	Lalor North PS defeated Epping PS 15 runs to 6 runs	Star Performer – Alirrah Encouragement Award - Jonisa
Bat Tennis (Boys)	Lalor North PS defeated Epping PS 5 sets to 1 set	Star Performer – Teo Encouragement Award – Akis
Bat Tennis (Girls)	Lalor North PS lost to Epping PS 5 sets to 1 set	Star Performer – Cleo Encouragement Award – Baran

This week there was no interschool sports due to St Catherine's Primary School forfeiting.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Our Preps all enjoyed sitting and eating their lunch and snacks with their special friends during the Teddy Bear's Picnic held on Tuesday 20th of February!





CHOIR UPDATE...

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL CHOIR SINGERS:

Please make sure you attend our weekly **Tuesday lunchtime rehearsals!**

WE ARE LEARNING:
Advance Australia Fair
We are the World
Do- Re - Mi
Better When I'm Dancing

This week, we have been learning the song, 'We are the World', and we will be performing at our Whole School Harmony Parade on Wednesday 20th March.
(Please see flyer in this newsletter for more information.)

EXCITING NEWS!

We are delighted to announce that we are organising visits to Bethel Aged Care in Mill Park, to perform and have a 'sing-a-long' sessions with their wonderful residents. These community engagement opportunities will take place towards the end of Terms 2 and 4. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the joys of singing with our elderly citizens. (Further information will be sent home to parents at the beginning of Term 2.)

From Mrs Teresa Damjanic Choir Leader



Congratulations to all our talented performers who performed last week at our



Perform and/or be entertained on Wednesdays at lunchtime!



Special thanks to our wonderful Show Hosts this week:
★ Cleopatra & Siena ★
Next week's Hosts: Brandon & Lachlan!



 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

Dear Families,

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club again this year. This year, however, we are transitioning to an **online payment** only option.

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class when they arrive. You can place your child's order at **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)** or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library, however there is never any obligation to order. What better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read!

Please read the "How to order on Book Club" note for instructions on how to register, order and pay.

Book Club rewards your school

Every purchase you make earns your child's school Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



How to order on Book Club



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school
2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read



3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia **LOOP** website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (**LOOP** orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)
4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at [scholastic.com.au/loop](https://www.scholastic.com.au/loop)

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.



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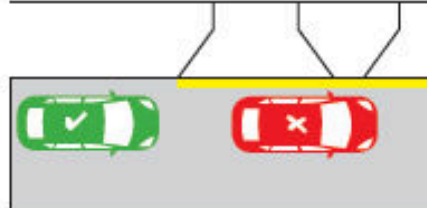
PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Speed



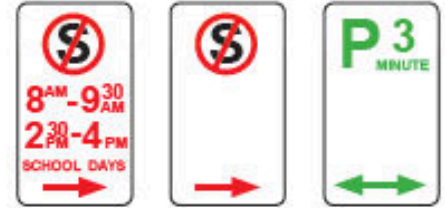
Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

Yellow edge line



A driver must not stop on the side of a road marked with a yellow edge line.

Parking/Stopping signage



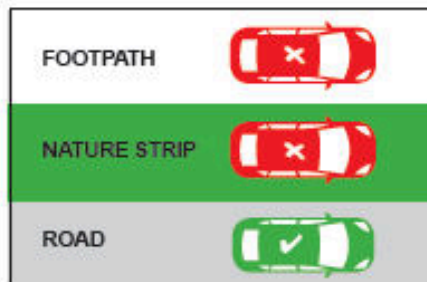
No stopping areas must be kept clear. If times/days are specified, restrictions are only applicable to the specified times/days. You cannot park in a P3 minute area for longer than three minutes.

School crossings



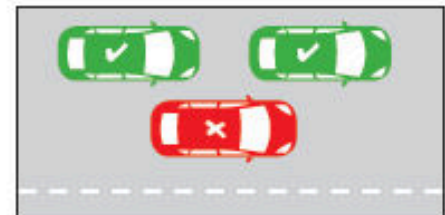
- Look out for flags and Crossing Supervisors
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

No parking on nature strips/footpaths



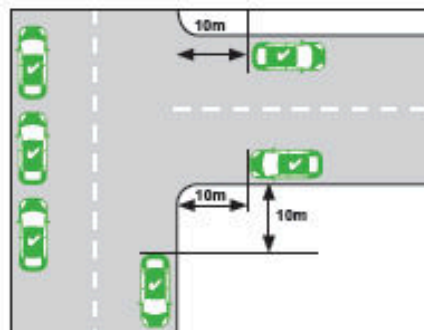
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

Double parking



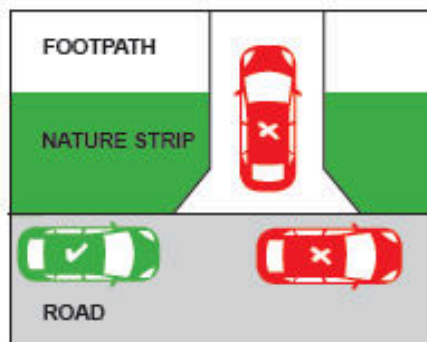
It is illegal to double park at any time. This affects the flow of traffic.

Within 10 metres of an intersection



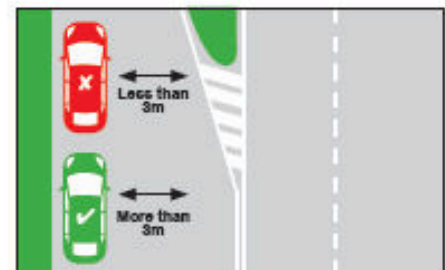
A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

Stopping across driveways



It is illegal to, stop/park across a driveway unless you stay in the car are there for no more than two minutes and move immediately if required to do so to allow entry or exit by the owner/occupier.

3 metre gap for signage



At least 3 metres must be left between your vehicle and the centre dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass safely and not obstruct traffic.

What can you do to stay safe

- Supervise your children in or near traffic
- Walk or cycle to school with your child
- Respect all road rules, parking signs and instructions from authorities
- Wait on the same side of the street as your child
- Always let your child out of the kerb side of the car.

Free Telephone Interpreter Service

العربية	9679 9871	Italiano	9679 9874	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	9679 9879	Tiếng Việt	9679 9878
Ελληνικά	9679 9873	Македонски	9679 9875	தமிழ்	9679 9879	Other	9679 9879
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LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

"Stories, Songs & Smiles"

COME AND JOIN US!
FREE SESSION!

9AM - 10AM

EVERY WEDNESDAY

(DURING SCHOOL TERMS)

AGES 3+

WHY PLAY WITH US?

Friendship

Community

Fun activities

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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/...>



Item	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.

A PLUS SCHOOLWEAR

Northern Regional Uniforms Shop

Address: Unit 3 /30 Heaths Court Mill Park

Contact: [03 9436 4005](tel:0394364005)

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

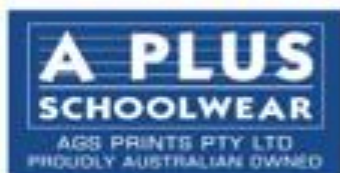
Friday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Closed Sundays and Public Holidays.

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LALOR NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SALE ON UNIFORM ITEMS



SHORT SLEEVE POLO = \$20.00
ALL SIZES



LONG SLEEVE POLO = \$20.00
ALL SIZES

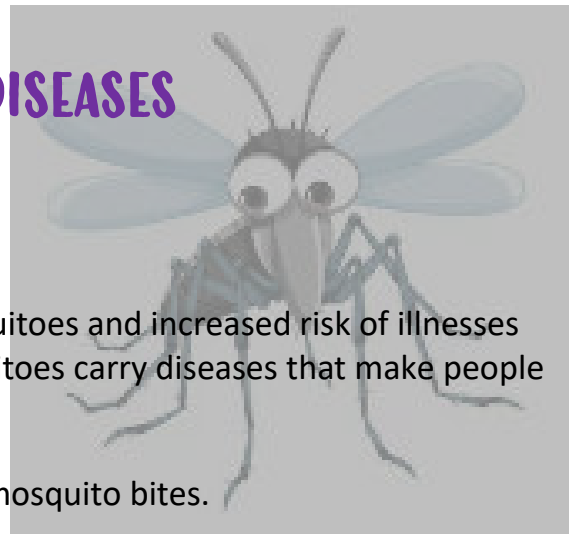


WINDCHEATER = \$20.00
ALL SIZES



BOMBER JACKET = \$30.00
ALL SIZES

PROTECTING AGAINST MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES



Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and increased risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick.

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

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 and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

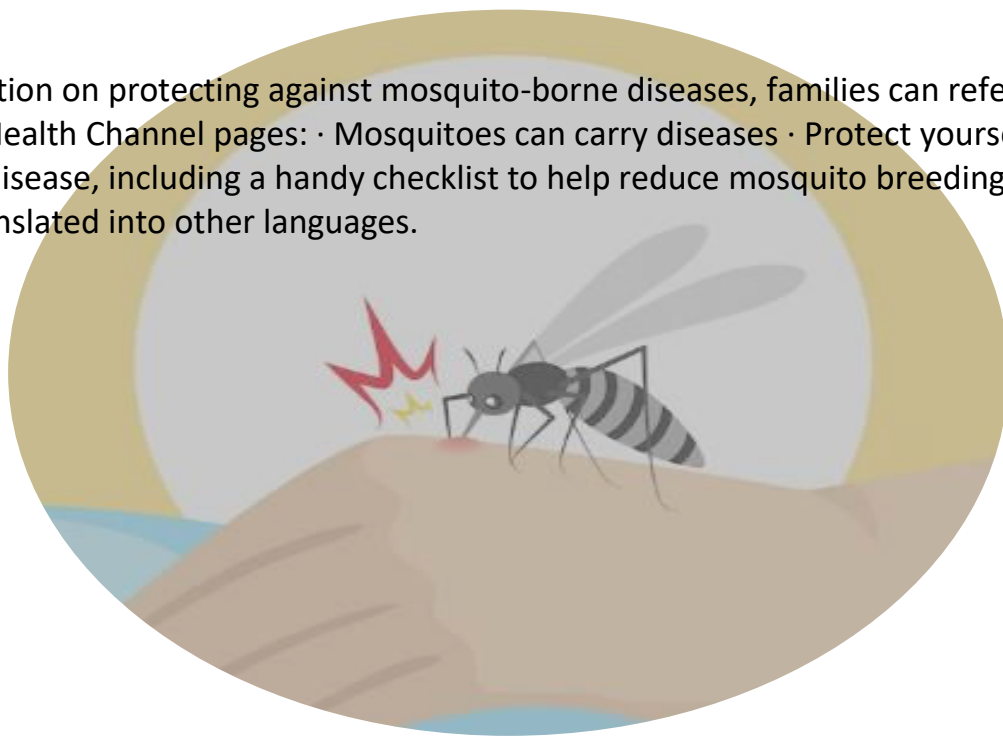
Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines are available to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus.

The Victorian Department of Health encourages eligible people who live or work in high-risk local government areas to get vaccinated.

For more information, including what is considered a high-risk area and eligibility for a free vaccine, 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.



Raising Resilient Kids

Facilitated by: Drummond Street Services

This program will provide information on how to understand common young peoples' fears and worries, recognise physical and behavioural signs of anxiety, empathise with teen current fears, worries and anxiety and develop strategies for responding in a helpful way.

Recommended for: parents/carers of children aged early years – tweens



When: Wednesday 20 March, 6pm – 7:30pm

Where: Morang South Primary School,
77 Gorge Road, South Morang

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings are essential via www.trybooking.com/CMKHI
or scan the QR Code

For information: Contact City of Whittlesea on **9217 2170**
(ask for Children and Families Department) or email
familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au





**Places
still
available
for 2024**

Kindergarten Open Days

Thursday 29 February

5.30pm–7.30pm and

Saturday 2 March

9.30am–11.30am

Visit whittlesea.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 [9217 2170](tel:92172170)
or email keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

