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IN THE LOOP



FIRST IN AUSTRALIA!

Congratulations to Amen Mahajan for placing first in Australia for his Eve project in the Young ICT Explorers 5/6 competition.

Congratulations



We are so very proud of our grade 5 student Amen Mahajan for his creativity and brilliant innovation in the Young ICT Explorers Competition. Amen won the Victorian entry and proceeded to the finalist round and won first place in Australia. We congratulate Amen for this tremendous achievement !

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 10, Term 4

Monday 9th December – Christmas Activities Begin

Tuesday 10th December – Year 6 -7 Transition Day

Tuesday 10th December – Whole School Step Up 9.15am – 11.00am

Tuesday 10th December – School Council

Wednesday 11th December – Playgroup

Wednesday 11th December – Grade 6 Graduation

Thursday 12th December – Breakfast Club

Thursday 12th December – Grade 6 Graduation Lunch

Week 11, Term 4

Monday 16th December – Greek Christmas Carols

Tuesday 17th December – Special Choir Performance for Parents of Choir Students 3pm

Wednesday 18th December – Final Assembly & Awards 9.10am

Wednesday 18th December – Reports go live

Friday 20th December – Last Newsletter for 2024

Friday 20th December – Last Day of School, 1.30pm Finish

2025

Week 1, Term 1

Tuesday 28th January – Curriculum Day, No Students

Wednesday 29th January – Curriculum Day, No Students

Thursday 30th January – All Students Return to School

Week 2, Term 1

Wednesday 5th February – Prep Assessments

(Prep assessments – preps with appointments to attend only)

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



Dear Families,

With only ten days left until the end of the year we know it's a busy time for our school, our staff, and our families as we prepare for the holidays and finalise all that's required before the end of the school year. There is certainly a flurry of activity throughout Lalor North Primary School.

Students are also buzzing around with excitement as they are participating in Bike Education, preparing for year 7, presenting captain speeches, singing Christmas Carols, returning library books, preparing to be buddies to new preps, nominating themselves for leadership positions and of course practicing for the Year 6 Graduation. It's no wonder they are feeling excited about the holidays.

Not long to go now.....

Graduation



On Wednesday 11th December our current grade 6 student will be having their graduation ceremony in our school gym. This begins at 7pm and families of these students are invited to attend. It certainly is a special evening that highlights the learning journey of students and celebrates their achievements.

It is also an emotional time where we say goodbye to our students and we reflect on all the special memories created whilst they have been at Lalor North Primary School. We are looking forward to this significant milestone. We will feature this special occasion in our next newsletter.

2025 Leadership Speeches

It was a great honour to be invited to the school captain speeches this year. Students have planned and prepared these speeches in order to be in the running to be elected as a school captain or vice captain for the 2025 school year. It was very impressive to hear the confident presentation of their ideas and ways to improve our school.



We look forward to working with our new student leaders in 2025 as captain, vice captain and many other leadership roles that we have. Leadership positions will be announced at the final school assembly on Wednesday 18th December.



Final Assembly

Our end of year final assembly will be held at 9.10am on Wednesday 18th December. This will be the final assembly for the year. Families are welcome to attend. All presentations will be made at that assembly.

End of Term Arrangements



Our last day of term is on Friday 20th December. All students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. A reminder to all families to make sure that children are collected on time. We certainly want to ensure that all children are happy and safe and begin their holidays well.

New Grade Structures for 2025

New enrolments continue to arrive and some current families are moving away so our total numbers across programs change daily. This has made it difficult to finalise our grade structures for 2025.

Nevertheless, teachers have worked together to create the best possible grade combinations for our school and placed all children into those classes ready for our "Step Up" program next Tuesday. On this day we will have all children meet their new class and teacher.

I would like to remind parents that children may require time to adjust to their new classroom, friends and teacher. Please support your child by reassuring them and helping them to be resilient and positive as changes can be challenging. We are quite lucky that at our school all children know each other and this makes transition to a new year easier.



All student reports are available on compass on Wednesday 18th December from 5pm. Please ensure that you access Compass and read your child's progress report. The school office may assist you if you have trouble accessing your child's report. If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please see the classroom teacher to arrange a time to discuss your concerns.

Year 6 Transition Day – Tuesday 10th December

Next Tuesday, all government secondary schools also have a transition day for grade six students starting year seven. Please be aware that private schools arrange transition on other days. We wish our grade six students all the best as they visit their new secondary schools.





Parent Payments for 2025 – Are Now Due!

How Parent Payments Support Our School

Your contributions help fund a variety of key programs and services that directly impact students, including:

1. **Classroom Resources and Technology**

Parent payments support the purchase of new books, learning materials, and up-to-date technology, ensuring that our classrooms remain well-equipped with the tools needed to engage and challenge students. All of our devices are a result of the parent payments contributions. Your child enjoys their own laptop at school that is in excellent up to date working order. This is due to service delivery and maintenance.

2. **Extracurricular Activities**

From sports' teams and music programs to art clubs and academic competitions, your support helps provide enriching extracurricular opportunities that help students explore new passions and build important life skills.

3. **Excursions/Incursions and Enrichment Programs**

We believe in the value of hands-on learning experiences. Parent payments help fund excursions and incursions, visiting speakers, and other special enrichment programs that extend the classroom into the real world.

4. **Wellness and Support Services**

We also use funds to ensure that our students' mental health and social-emotional needs are met. Programs, such as speech pathology services, peer mentoring, and social skills workshops help build a supportive, caring school environment.

5. **Facility Improvements**

Your contributions help us maintain and improve our school facilities, ensuring that students have a safe and inspiring environment in which to learn and grow. We are currently expanding our play spaces to ensure there is ample room to run and play. The new spaces are a result of the parent payment contributions.

A Partnership for Success

The partnership between our school and families is essential to providing a well-rounded, high-quality education. Parent payments are just one part of that partnership, and your support helps ensure that we can continue to offer the programs and resources that make Lalor North Primary School a special place for our students.

Thank you for your support to continue to improve and create the best school for our students.

FUNDRAISING

\$14,695 raised in 2024!

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone of you for your incredible support and generosity during our recent fundraising efforts. Thanks to your contributions, dedication, and enthusiasm, we have successfully reached our fundraising goals and are able to continue enhancing the educational experience for all our students.

Whether you volunteered your time, made a donation, or helped spread the word, your involvement has made a significant impact on our school community. These funds will allow us to invest in new and exciting opportunities that will benefit our students and help them thrive.

All of the fundraising raised has been used and visible in our school. I have been as transparent as possible and published this in our fortnightly newsletter for the school community.

We are truly grateful to be part of such a supportive and caring community. Your commitment to our school is inspiring, and we couldn't have done this without you.

Elizabeth Bryan & Amanda Lee

Thank
you

Christmas Raffle - Our Final Fundraiser for the Year!

As we wrap up the year, we're excited to announce our Christmas Raffle, our final fundraising activity for 2024! Families are invited to donate Christmas-themed items, toys, decorations, books, or trinkets to help create beautiful hampers. Each class will have a hamper up for grabs, making this a fun way to spread holiday cheer. We also welcome parent volunteers to help us assemble the hampers – your support is greatly appreciated!

Elizabeth Bryan,

From the Office

Christmas Raffle

Our final fundraising activity for the year, our Christmas Raffle, is well under way! Thank you to the many families who have donated items for our classroom hamper prizes! Please could you ensure any further donations for the hampers be delivered to school by Monday 9th December. All funds raised and tickets sold need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 11th of December. For any families wishing to purchase additional tickets, please contact the office. This exciting raffle will be drawn on Friday 13th December. Good luck to everyone!



2025 Parent Payments

Families who wish to make Parenting Payment financial contributions to support our school and the programs we can offer, are encouraged to do so by Friday 13th December. Please contact the office if you wish to discuss.

Grade 6 Graduation

We are excited for our Grade 6 students who will be graduating this year! Families have received information on the Graduation Ceremony which will be held on Wednesday 11th December, followed by the Graduation lunch on Thursday 12th December.

Start of the 2025 School year

We are nearly at the end of this very busy school year! For your information, please note that the beginning of Term 1, 2025 looks like this:

Tuesday 28th January – Curriculum Day, No Students

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Diana, Liz and Barbara



Learning about Capacity in Prep in Wattle 2



Huda noticed "This can hold one and this can hold three"
Noor said she "found two jars with the same capacity"
Melody said "Look, I have two halves"
Aayansh observed "It's full"



empty, half and full"

Cora said "I have

Brand New Outdoor Table Tennis Table

This week students have been enjoying playing on our brand new, specially designed, outdoor table tennis table.

The table was purchased with money raised from our whole school Colour Fun Run back in Term 1.



The table is



situated in the shaded area just in front of the canteen.

This will provide our students with hours of table tennis for years to come and is a fantastic new addition to our school.

A huge thank you to our school community who contributed to the purchase of this table by sponsoring our students during the Colour Fun Run in Term 1!



Grade 5/6 Interschool Sports 2025

This year Lalor North Primary School had our most successful ever year of Interschool Sport!

Our Grade 5/6 students competed every Friday morning in Terms one, two and four in different sports against the 12 other schools in our Lalor District.

Students played home and away games each Friday morning, travelling by bus to other schools within our school district to compete. This year



our



amazing Grade 5/6 students won a record 5 flags in 4 different sports.

During our Lalor District winter competition in Term 2, LNPS teams achieved the following results,

- Our Girls Netball team were District Champions
- Our Boys Volleyball team were District Runners Up

During our Lalor District summer competition in Terms 1 & 4, LNPS teams achieved the following results,

- Our Boys Tennis team were District Champions
- Our Girls Rounders team were District Runners Up
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Congratulations to our young athletes and the fantastic results they achieved! All of the Grade 5/6 students that represented our school and competed against other schools in our district did an amazing job and demonstrated all of the school values we have here at LNPS.

Well done to our Grade 5/6 athletes!



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NOTES FROM THE JUDGES

AMEN DISPLAYED DETERMINATION AND GREAT LEVELS OF ATTENTION TO DETAILS TO CREATE A CARING AND EMPATHETIC VOICE COMPANION FOR MANY YOUNG AND OLD CUSTOMERS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TALK TO AND PLAY GAMES WITH.

EVE IS NOT ONLY ABLE TO RECOGNISE SPEECH BUT CAN LAUGH AND MAKE JOKES TO CHEER YOU UP WITH A RANGE OF RESPONSES THAT JUST NEED YOU TO TALK TO HER, NO MANUAL PROMPTS NEEDED HERE. AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT.



Lalor North Primary School

Respect Honesty Unity Success Resilience

Student Free Days for 2025



Term 1

Tuesday 28th January – Curriculum Day 1

Wednesday 29th January – Curriculum Day 2

Tuesday 11th March – Parent Teacher Meetings 11-8pm (Pupil Free)

Term 2

Thursday 24th April – Curriculum Day 3

Friday 6th June – Report Writing Day

Term 3

Wednesday 20th August – Curriculum Day 4

Wednesday 17th September – Parent Teacher Meetings 11-8pm (Pupil Free)

Term 4

Monday 3rd November – Professional Practice Day

Please Note:

The Days were selected that would pose the least amount of disruption to the student teaching and learning focus. Consideration of spreading things out evenly across the school. Also maintaining our ability to report to parents each term of the year as follows:

- Term 1: Parent Teacher Student Meetings
- Term 2: Mid-Year Reports released
- Term 3: Parent Teacher Student meetings
- Term 4: End of Year Reports released

Student of the Week – 29th November

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
Wattle 2	Cora N	Success	For increased engagement during writing sessions and completing writing tasks with enthusiasm. Well done!
Wattle 3	Declan S	Success	For working hard to complete all tasks this week. Keep up the effort Declan!
Wattle 4	Natalia S	Resilience	For showing resilience by presenting a school captain speech to all the students in the cohort, teachers and principals. It was great to see you displaying your confidence. Well done super star!
Wattle 5	Reyanshdeep S	Respect	For being an honest and respectful student who is always willing to help in class. Well done, Reyansh!
Wattle 7	Elina R	Success	For always giving her best in all subjects. Keep up the amazing work.
Wattle 8	Kayed A	Success	For giving his personal best in class work whilst learning about facts and opinions. Keep it up, Kayed!
Banksia 1	Xavier B	Success	For his vast improvement in reading and comprehension. Well done, Xavier!
Banksia 2	Johnny C	Respect	For making good choices in class and outside during play times. Well done, Johnny!
Banksia 3	Katina P	Resilience	For showing resilience by presenting a captain speech to all the students in the cohort, teachers and principals. It was great to see you displaying your confidence. Great work and keep it up!
Banksia 4	Niko B	Success	For working hard to understand and apply new knowledge and skills in Mathematics.
Banksia 5	Nikolina L	Success	For always being a diligent worker and demonstrating great progress in Reading fluency. Keep it up, Nikolina!
Banksia 7	Anthony N	Success	For working hard and focusing on completing his work. Well done!
Banksia 8	William H	Success	For making outstanding progress in Reading. Keep it up, William!
Banksia 9	Kalina M	Success	For listening well in class, working diligently and making progress in reading and writing in both languages. Well done, Kalina!
PE	Joe L (Wattle 3)	Success	For his determination to successfully learn how to ride a bike during our Bike Education program. Well done, Joe!
ART	Cora N (Wattle 2)	Success	For appreciating the diverse cultural art forms from Asia, including traditional Chinese Arts and creating a detailed Chinese Dragon Mask.
ITALIAN	Ben T (Wattle 4)	Success	For his ability to read school subjects in Italian and for following a sentence structure correctly to explain when a subject takes place. Bravo, Ben!
STEM	Abbas A (Wattle 5)	Success	For creating an engaging slideshow on Canva demonstrating the life cycle of a strawberry.
Digital Technology (Bi-lingual)			

Student of the Week – 6th December

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
Wattle 2	Tiahleigh T	<i>Unity</i>	For welcoming students into our classroom by inviting them to sit with her and sharing resources with them. Well done!
Wattle 3	Lillian E	<i>Success</i>	For showing maturity and leadership by helping her peers solve issues outside. Fantastic Lillian!
Wattle 4	Annabelle S	<i>Unity</i>	For representing our school and showing dedication by attending Bethal aged care with our school choir. Well done super star!
Wattle 5	Adan M	<i>Success</i>	For always completing his work to a very high standard. Well done, Adan!
Wattle 7	Adam A	<i>Success</i>	For participating in classroom activities throughout the week. Well done!
Wattle 8	Husna A	<i>Success</i>	For always giving her personal best when completing her class work. Keep up the great effort Husna!
Banksia 1	Luciana Z	<i>Resilience</i>	For your positive attitude and willingness to connect with others whilst on the Funfields excursion. Well done!
Banksia 2	Tiffany X	<i>Resilience</i>	For trying hard in all Greek activities and making significant progress. Well done, Tiffany!
Banksia 3	Alexis T	<i>Success</i>	For using effective strategies during her reading, being persistent and improving her reading in both languages. Well done, Alexis!
Banksia 4	All Year 6 students	<i>Unity</i>	For being kind to each other and making sure Fun Fields was a fun experience for everyone without anyone feeling excluded or uncomfortable.
Banksia 5	Mila D	<i>Success</i>	For being a diligent worker, completing all tasks and making great progress, especially in reading and writing. Fantastic work Mila!
Banksia 7	Alexander N	<i>Respect</i>	For showing great listening and turn talking during whole class discussions.
Banksia 8	Luka D	<i>Success</i>	For trying his very best to consistently make the correct choices.
Banksia 9	Emilia B	<i>Success</i>	For being a consistent worker, completing all tasks and making great progress in all curriculum areas. Well done, Emilia!
PE	Hope P (Wattle 8)	<i>Success</i>	For always doing her best to improve her skills during PE lessons & being a great role model for her classmates. Well done, Hope!
ART	Amelia G (Banksia 9)	<i>Success</i>	For appreciating the diverse cultural art forms from Asia, including traditional Chinese Arts and creating a detailed Chinese Dragon Mask.
ITALIAN	Jagger C (Wattle 4)	<i>Success</i>	For his persistence and willingness to seek help to make an Italian Christmas gift box. Bravo, Jagger!
STEM	Kayed A (Wattle 8)	<i>Resilience</i>	For persisting with his drawing of a dragon using the Osmo Masterpiece app.
Digital Technology (Bi-lingual)			

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

School readiness

PH: 9465 4922





	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.

For Online Orders

Website Details: www.aplusschoolwear.com.au

New webpage to help families and students prepare for a new school year

A new school year is an exciting time for students and families, but it can be a big step – particularly for those starting Prep or moving to secondary school.

The Department of Education has published a webpage with resources and information to help you prepare for the new school year.

During the school holidays, please consider reading through the resources, which include:

- tips to help transition between kinder and Prep and primary to secondary school
- what to expect at school
- help with school costs and fees
- health and wellbeing guidance to support children's mental health.

Please refer to the [New year of learning](#) webpage.



Join Yarra Plenty Regional Library's Big Summer Read

Yarra Plenty Regional Library (YPRL) invites Lalor North Primary School students to borrow books from the library this summer!

Not a member? Not a problem. You can join YPRL at any time! Our members can take up to 30 books home at a time (we hope you do!) and we are proud to be a fine-free library. Sign up at your local branch or here: <https://bit.ly/3CEBpNh>

As a member, children can participate in our Big Summer Read (BSR) that begins December 1st! The BSR aims to stop the 'summer slide' of reading skills through a state-wide public library campaign to keep children reading over the school break. Our campaign is all about the joy of reading for pleasure and encouraging children to feel empowered through their reading choices.

How do children participate?

- 1. Be (or become!) a YPRL library member.*
- 2. Join the BSR challenge by registering online or filling out the paper log.*
- 3. Read ten books for the chance to win!*

*Sign up, borrow 5 books, and children can also receive a special activity booklet filled with fun things to do, created by well-known authors and illustrators (think *Real Pigeons* and *Dog Man!*).*

Learn more about BSR, this year's prizes, and how to sign up: [Big Summer Read](#)



Managing children who worry

Presented by: Drummond Street Services

This program helps parents and carers support young people who worry too much about daily life, offering strategies to reduce anxiety and create an action plan to help them feel empowered and in control.

Recommended for: parents/carers of children



When: Thursday 5 December, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Where: Online

Cost: Free

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



For more information: Contact Council's Education and Engagement Facilitator on 9217 2170 or email familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au