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IN THE LOOP



Congratulations

...to our 2024 Lalor North Primary School Graduates.

We wish you all the best as you step into secondary schools.

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

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.

Merry
Christmas





Dear Families,

As this is our final newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for the support you have given the school this year. Thank you for working alongside me for the continuous school improvement journey.

A special thank you to our dedicated teaching staff who work with passion and determination with our students throughout the year. I congratulate all of you for another successful year.

Thank you also to the Lalor North Primary School Council for their commitment to help improve our school. You are a wonderful team and I appreciate your time, commitment and energy. I look forward to continuing the work in 2025.

It's incredible how quickly the year has passed and to see how much our students have achieved. I am very proud of the progress shown in the student reports when I read them last week. It was clear to me that there was great effort placed on learning this semester. Congratulations to our students for their progress and growth over the school year.

It is this time of year that we also say goodbye to staff who are moving on. The following staff members will be leaving our Lalor North Primary School family; Elena Garcia, Jim Adamopoulos and Tiffanie Stojanovski. I thank you tremendously for your contributions to our school community and for your dedication to our students. We wish you the very best in your future plans. You will all be greatly missed.

My best wishes to all members of our school community for a safe and happy holiday. Take the time to enjoy simple pleasures, connect with family, friends and loved ones. I look forward to seeing you in the new year and continuing to work together in 2025.

Elizabeth Bryan, Amanda Lee and Kim Rotondi



Winners of our 2024 Christmas Raffle!!

A big thank you to all the families who donated items for the children's Christmas raffle hampers, our classrooms were able to award the winners with wonderful hampers to be enjoyed!



Banksia 1 - Elora K, Jacob A

Banksia 2 - Anastasia T, Jordan K

Banksia 3 - Matej J

Banksia 4 - Mateo R (no photo), Amanda T

Banksia 5 - Chelsea H, Khloe S

Banksia 7 - Sasha T, Darko P

Banksia 8 - Nadja T

Banksia 9 - Christopher P

Wattle 2 - Adam A

Wattle 3 - Baran G

Wattle 4 - Ben T

Wattle 5 - Jack C (no photo)

Wattle 7 - Issa A

Wattle 8 - Chloe R





Announcement of Student Leaders for 2025

We say goodbye and thank you to our 2024 Student Leaders.

We welcome and congratulate our new 2025 leaders.

School Captains for 2025

Natalia S & Mateo R

School Vice Captains for 2025

Haoyu (Orson) Y, Gabriella V, Amen M, Katina P

Sports Captains

Ali A, Tiahna W, Mason P, Joshua S, Mason B

Italian Captains

Baran G, Annabelle S, Lillian E

Art Captains

Nerina L, Kassia I

Library Captains

Simona P, Filip L, Alirrah G, Ahmed Mo

Digital Technology Captains

Jayden C, Mehardeep S, Taylan K, Paramvir R, Orlando P

Sustainability Captains

Danniella D, Maryam A, Charlotte M

Gate Monitors

**Matija S, Leo P, Emilia M, Makary P, Maggie K, Charlotte M, Alexander J, Gabriella V,
Martin S**

Flag Monitors

Ahmed Mu, Fahmi M, Lukas R, Viraj S, Luka Z

Fruit Monitors

Danya M, Mahmoud M, Alexis T, Alexi P

Final Assembly 2024 Awards

Congratulations to the students who have been acknowledged for excellence in learning. The awards are specifically for Academic Growth for the 2024 school year.

Wattle 2 Award - Zeinab H Wattle 3 Award - Ivy C Wattle 4 Award - Danniella D

Wattle 5 Award - Saif S Wattle 7 Award - Lara A Wattle 8 Award - Henry W



Banksia 1 Award - Tiahna W Banksia 2 Award - Savva N Banksia 3 Award - Katina P

Banksia 4 Award - Mateo R Banksia 5 Award - Florija L Banksia 7 Award - Adrian C

Banksia 8 Award - Samuel P Banksia 9 Award - Aleksia R



Specialist Awards

Italian Award - Isabella S

Physical Education Award - Mason P

STEM Award - Khloe S

Art Award - Dame M

Final Assembly - Student Leaders



SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER & JOY!



Prep-6 Choir Christmas visit to Bethel Aged Care Home

On Thursday 5th December, our Prep-6 Choir, accompanied by our School Captains and Vice School Captains, once again returned to visit the residents of Bethel Aged Care Home.

This visit was to spread Christmas cheer and joy as we celebrated the festive season together!

Hosted by our Student Leadership team, our Choir showcased the languages they learn at school by incorporating Greek, Macedonian and Italian languages through their Christmas Carols performances. This provided an opportunity for our students to practise their languages in a community setting, as well as make stronger connections with the residents of those cultural backgrounds.

Our Choir performed 'Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer' in English, Jingle Bells in English and Greek, a Macedonian Christmas carol called 'Elko, Elko', 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' in English and Italian and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' in English, Greek, Macedonian and Italian.

The residents loved being entertained by our Choir!



On behalf of our school community, students gave a Christmas gift box to each resident.

Special thanks to Bunnings, Epping and Thomastown stores, for their generous donation of wooden Christmas ornaments, that our students coloured and decorated, for the gift boxes.

Bethel residents also gave our students a gift pack of a Christmas bookmark and bracelet.



Bethel residents and students thoroughly enjoyed singing along to Christmas songs together!



Students spent time together to reconnect with the residents from their previous visit and build new friendships!



Our students enjoyed a delicious Christmas-themed morning tea which consisted of a Christmas cupcake, shortbread and a juice box. We sincerely thank Kavanagh, Raj and the kitchen team from Catering Industries and Lisa, Lifestyles Coordinator, for your kindness in providing morning tea for our students!



LNPS Bike Ed Program

This Term, our Grade 3-6 students have been participating in our Bike Education Program.

Grade 3-4 students have been learning bike riding skills & basic bike maintenance, whilst our Grade 4-6 students have been learning bike riding skills & bike riding road rules to be able to ride safely on the streets with an understanding of basic road rules.



Our Grade 4-6 students completed a very successful and fun road ride in week 10, where they put their knowledge of road rules and bike riding skills to the test, with a road ride around the streets of Lalor.

This term, we also had many students learn how to ride a bike for the first time! It is always fantastic to see students learn how to ride for the first time and the excitement and sense of accomplishment they feel with learning a new skill they will have forever.



Well done to all our students who participated in this year's bike education program!



Safety Tips

Encourage children to concentrate and ride safely when cycling with their friends.

Develop some clear safety rules for cycling that the whole family agrees to.

Ideas for family activities

- Research road rules for all vehicles on the road using the Internet. Discuss these with your children, and specifically those which relate to cycling on the road. Have a family road rules quiz. You might be surprised!
- Plan the safest cycling route to school or to a friend's house. You could draw a map of the route and identify any hazards to avoid along the way. Practise riding the route with your children.
- Plan a family ride to an interesting destination. This could be for a picnic and possibly involve using public transport on the way. For longer rides take water bottles, food, and wear sunscreen. In case of breakdowns, take a basic tool kit, puncture repair kit, spare tyre tube and a mobile phone.
- Look out for community bicycle rides. These are often advertised in newspapers and magazines or community newsletters. They are great fun and a good chance to practise on-road riding skills.

Websites

Further information to ensure your family's safety when riding on the road visit:

www.virtualbike.com.au

www.vicroads.vic.gov.au





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

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CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

**APLUS SCHOOLWEAR SHOP WILL CLOSE ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 3:00PM AND
RE-OPEN ON THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2025 at 9:00AM**

OPERATING HOURS

MONDAY TO THURSDAY 9:00AM TO 5:00PM

FRIDAY 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

SATURDAY 9:00AM TO 12:00PM

We would like to wish all family's a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Regards,



Jayne O'Brien
SALES MANAGER



Student of the Week – 13th December

Room	Student	School Value	Reason for award
Wattle 2	Naya H	Resilience	For settling in well to our classroom
Wattle 3	Baran G	Success	For the continuous effort you have put into your learning all year. A fantastic Grade 5 year Baran!
	Charlotte M	Success	For completing her work to an excellent degree at all times. Well done, Charlotte!
Wattle 4	Tamaiti P	Unity	For demonstrating his fantastic dance skills at the grade 6 graduation ceremony. Well done, Tamaiti!
	Mahmoud K	Resilience	For showing his great progress in his reading comprehension test and moving multiple levels. Well done super star!
Wattle 5	Diego D	Honesty	For always being an honest and reliable person in class. Well done, Diego!
Wattle 7	Arlene D	Respect	For being a great role model for her friends by sitting respectfully on the floor and listening to her teachers and peers. Keep it up!
Wattle 8			
Banksia 1	Elora K	Respect	For consistently showing the school value of Respect in class. You will be a great role model moving into Grade 4. Keep it up, Elora!
Banksia 2	Noel R	Respect	For showing respect and responsibility in the classroom and the playground. Well done on being a fantastic role model to your peers!
Banksia 3	Damjan M	Honesty	For always being honest and reliable in the classroom. You are a great role model for others. Well done, Damjan!
Banksia 4	Emilija P	Respect	For consistently displaying all of the school values, especially the value of Respect! Well done, Emilija!
Banksia 5	Petar N	Success	For showing great progress in Reading and Writing this term, in both languages. Wonderful effort Petar!
Banksia 7	Whole Class!	Success	For working hard and showing great progress in all areas of the curriculum! Well done Banksia 7!
Banksia 8	Khloe J	Respect	For consistently displaying all of the school values, especially the value of Respect! Well done, Khloe!
Banksia 9	Anamarija K	Success	For being a conscientious student who always works hard, shows creativity and makes excellent progress in reading and writing in both languages. Well done!
PE	Jeremiah W (Banksia 1)	Success	For his determination to learn how to ride a bike during our Bike Ed program this Term. Well done, Jeremiah!
ART	Khloe N (Banksia 8)	Success	For appreciating the diverse cultural art forms from Asia, including traditional Chinese Arts and creating a detailed Chinese Dragon Mask.
ITALIAN	Ruqayah N (Wattle 8)	Success	For listening attentively in Italian class to complete a Christmas headband with Italian writing. Brava, Ruqayah!
STEM	Jayden C (Wattle 3)	Resilience	For working independently to create a record breaking spinning Big Wheel out of Lego. Well done, Jayden
Digital Technology (Bi-lingual)	Mia A (Banksia 1)	Unity	For helping out your classmates when they needed it. You helped them publish their Google Sites and then offered to present them if needed. Great teamwork, Mia!

Coming Activities!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27/01/2025	28/01/2025	29/01/2025	30/01/2025	31/01/2025
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Before School Care Board and Card game fun Summer Fruit Salad Game After School Care Drawing with pastels Menu Seasonal Fruit & Vegetable Platter Strawberry and Vanilla yogurt in a ice cream cone.	Before School Care Summer colouring in Tiggy Games After School Care Science - Make a crystal garden Menu Seasonal Fruit & Vegetable Platter Popcorn Water
NO SERVICE TODAY	NO SERVICE TODAY	NO SERVICE TODAY		

Unfortunately, I injured my knee the night before term 4. Over the last few months, the service had several Coordinators operating and managing the service. I would like to thank the children, parents and school for their patience while I have been absent. Over the last few weeks, I have commenced working, but due to my injury, I still require time to recover and require more intensive physiotherapy. Therefore, it is with regret that I have decided to resign as coordinator at the service and the company on Friday 20th December, 2024. (the end of term 4). I would like to thank the Lalor North PS school community for supporting me, and the service. I've enjoyed my time with the children, staff and families at the school, and will miss you all. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

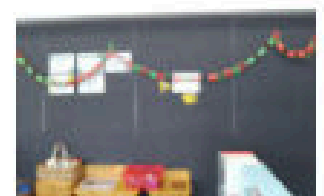
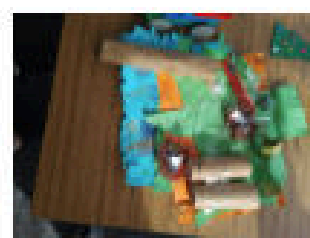
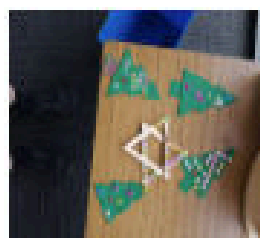
On a happier note, we have been having fun celebrating Christmas. Over the last two-weeks, we've had a Christmas theme, where the children seemed to be having fun, making various decorations, art and crafts, including snowmen, Christmas cards, Christmas ornaments and various other activities. They have also had fun playing various group and sporting games - Soccer, basketball games, Christmas Fruit Salad, What's the time Santa Clause, Capture the Mischievous Elves, Heads down and thumbs up and various other sports and games.

Bookings:

Recently, we've had many parents trying to book their children at the last minute on the same day of our sessions, and are unable to book in their children. If you are booking on the same day, please do this before the session starts. You can book up to 1 minute before we open, but no bookings can be done after our sessions commence. If you wish to achieve the best rates, book early, or create recurring bookings throughout the term and cancel them when needed.

For current and new parent bookings, please ensure you book your children in for term 1, 2025 before they commence school next year.

Name: Adam Conybear
Position: Coordinator





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	Item	Sizes Available	Price
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	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 - Green/White/Black Special Order Available only Oct/Nov	4 6 8 10 12 14 16 Adult sizes 14, 16, 18, 20	\$52.00 \$56.00



Lalor North Primary School Uniform

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

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

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Email Address: _____

Do you have any experience working with children? If yes, please provide details: _____

Why do you want to work as a school crossing supervisor? _____

What do you know about being a school crossing supervisor? _____

Referees: Please provide the names and phone numbers of two (2) referees (cannot be family or friends). Please state briefly, the relationship with each referee (for example, your last employer, a supervisor, involvement in a community group, voluntary work, etc).

Name: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____ Relationship: _____

If you have any further questions, please contact our School Crossing Team on **9217 2170**.

