

Important Dates

Special Lunch – Lalor Campus

Wednesday 17th June

Special Lunch – Reservoir & Norris Bank

Tuesday 23rd June

Last Day of Term 2 -

*Thursday 25th June
3pm finish*

SSG Day -

Friday 26th June

No Buses Running

Student Free Day

Term 3 - Important Dates

Professional Practice Day -

Monday 13th July

No Buses Running

Student Free Day

First day of Term 3 -

Tuesday 14th July

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter.

Term 2 has been a busy and productive term across the Northern School for Autism. As we move into the final weeks of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for their ongoing support and commitment.

The School Council would also like to extend its sincere thanks to all staff at NSA for their dedication and hard work throughout the term. We acknowledge the commitment of our teaching teams, therapists, education support staff, and administration staff—every member of our community plays an important role in supporting our students and contributing to the success of our school. Thank you for all that you do.

Mid-Year Reports

Students will soon bring home their mid-year reports. As part of the current industrial action, many reports may look different this year, with teachers only required to provide comments on students' Individual Learning Plan (ILP) goals. These reports will provide a valuable basis for discussion with your child's teacher at your next Student Support Group (SSG) meeting.

Professional Practice Day

Please note that Monday, 13 July will be a Professional Practice Day for staff. This will be a student-free day, and students will not be required to attend school. Therefore, Term 3 for students will commence Tuesday 14 July.

Second-Hand Uniform Donations & Sales

The Northern School for Autism is currently welcoming donations of good-quality second-hand school uniforms. Donated items are made available to families within our school community and provide an affordable option for students requiring uniform items.

If you have any clean and gently used uniform items that are no longer needed, we would greatly appreciate your donation. Uniform donations can be dropped off at the reception of either the Reservoir or Lalor Campus.

A selection of second-hand uniforms is also available for purchase from the Reception Office at our Reservoir Campus. Availability may vary throughout the year.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support. Your contributions help support NSA families and promote sustainability within our school community.

Pamela Mathieson
Principal

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN

ROOM 8

THIS SEMESTER...

Our students have been busy learning, exploring and having fun across a variety of engaging activities and programs.



FUN IN THE PLAYGROUND

Our time in the playground is always full of energy and laughter! The students enjoyed bike riding, going on the swing and having a turn on the trampoline. It's a great chance for our students to build friendships, stay active and have fun together each day.



INCURSION & EXCURSION

Room 8 has enjoyed attending to weekly excursions to swim at Reservoir Leisure Center.

We also explored fascinating topics through Science incursions on heat and energy as well as a hands-on session with reptiles.



LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Learning is fun in Room 8! We explored a variety of topics across all learning areas. In English, we enjoyed attending to interactive stories and exploring phonics along with the "Milo Birthday Surprise" story. During art, we created self-portraits, reflecting our learning on the vocabularies of the different body parts.



ROOM 23

Room 23 has had a wonderful start to 2026 with an amazing group of students who are always keen to learn and have fun! During Terms 1 and 2, the children have been busy participating in many exciting learning experiences. Our 8-week swimming program was a fantastic success, and we were very lucky to enjoy the warm weather while building confidence and skills in the water.

In Maths, students have been working hard on counting, addition, subtraction, and place value. In English, the focus has been on sentence structure and writing, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed, and all students have been enthusiastically participating in Little Learners Love Literacy and phonics sessions four times a week. Other students have been developing their fine motor skills through tracing and cutting activities, with tremendous improvements already being shown.

We also enjoyed some special events this semester, including our colourful Easter Hat Parade and the Mother's Day Stall, where the children proudly selected gifts for their loved ones. In Term 1, we learnt about Australian animals and created beautiful art pieces that the children proudly took home. This term, we have been exploring underwater animals, creating many wonderful artworks displayed on our classroom windows, as well as making underwater dioramas. We have also enjoyed exciting incursions, including a reptile visit and a fun science experiment session with "Bubbles."

Music has been a weekly highlight, with the whole class eagerly singing (with or without the microphone!), dancing, and playing instruments such as the African bongo, ocean drum, jingle bells, tambourines, and maracas — a session they look forward to every week.

LC 8

The transition from Reservoir to Lalor has been a big step for many LC8 students, but they have settled into their new classroom environment very well. They have formed a caring and supportive community and enjoy sharing experiences together.

This semester, students have visited a range of community locations, including the all-abilities playground, gymnasium, Oz Bowling, Don Bosco, and local parks. These outings have supported confidence, social skills, and community engagement.


Students have established weekly routines and participate in Maths, English, IT, Library, and Food Tech sessions, helping develop important life skills in meaningful ways.

Students also contribute to recycling duties in A Wing, building teamwork, responsibility, independence, and organisational skills.

Art and Music sessions with specialist teachers have provided enjoyable opportunities for creativity and skill development.

Weekly sessions with our Occupational Therapist and Speech Therapist continue to support students' communication, sensory, motor, and functional skill development.

We all love being part of our LC8 team!



Students at the Northern School for Autism recently enjoyed an exciting and interactive science incursion when ***Reptile Encounters*** visited our school. Students had the wonderful opportunity to meet a variety of fascinating Australian animals and reptiles, including **Bubbles the saltwater crocodile, Toby the olive python snake, Roman the red-tailed black cockatoo, Rex the broad shell turtle** and **Spencer the goanna**.

The incursion provided students with a hands-on learning experience where they observed, touched and learnt about different animals, their habitats, behaviours and unique features. Students showed great curiosity and bravery as they engaged with the animals and listened to interesting facts shared by our presenter Bryce.

LATER YEARS-D

SEMESTER 1' 2026

This semester in the D-Wing, our Later Years students have continued to actively engage in a wide range of meaningful activities both inside and outside the classroom. Students have participated in creative and hands-on learning experiences while also exploring their community through various excursions. One classroom has embraced opportunities to visit many of Melbourne's free attractions, including museums, exhibitions, Parliament House, Queen Victoria Market, and our much-loved sailing excursions. These experiences have supported students in building confidence, independence, and a deeper connection with the wider community. Students have also remained highly engaged in their ASDAN program, developing practical life skills such as preparing breakfast, making hot drinks, and organising packed lunches, all of which are closely linked to their English and Mathematics learning.

With a strong focus on preparing students for life beyond school, we have prioritised a range of work experience opportunities. Groups of students have participated in the Whittlesea Work Readiness Program, where they have developed practical outdoor skills including gardening, lawn mowing, weeding, brush cutting, and the use of hand tools to maintain outdoor environments. In Term 2, students have extended these skills through working within an on-site nursery, contributing to planting, setting up, decorating, and maintaining the space. These hands-on experiences have allowed students to build confidence, independence, and valuable work-related skills in real-world contexts.

We have also continued our strong partnership with Wallara Industries (formerly Brunswick Industries), who work closely with Northern School for Autism to provide students with valuable work experience in a factory setting. Students have engaged in a variety of roles including packaging, folding clothes, labelling, and contributing to the mass production of materials such as boxes and containers. Across the D-Wing, we remain committed to providing engaging, practical, and enjoyable learning opportunities that prepare students for the future. Through community access, structured programs, and hands-on experiences, students are developing essential life and work skills while embracing new challenges with enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to another exciting semester ahead.

Raymond So- Leading Teacher



Register Online

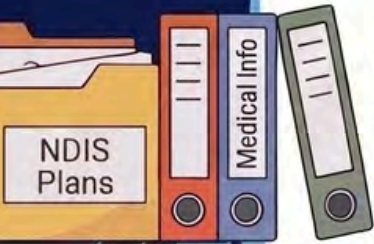
Please complete your application via our Registration Portal
TheirCare Plus - Family Log In

Register Now

You'll find the "Register Now" section just under the Sign in button.



(Scan to access Registration Portal)



Supporting Documentation

To ensure we provide the best possible care and stay aligned with NDIS guidelines, please have the following details ready or uploaded during your application.

- A copy of the current NDIS plan (including start and review dates).
- Care team contact information.
- Medical details (Medication requirements or Medical Action Plans).
- Your preferred booking schedule.
- Funding category (we support both Capacity Building and Core).
- A current Behaviour Support Plan (if applicable).



Help Us Get to Know you

We want to make sure our support is as personalised as possible. Please take a moment to fill out this:

TheirCare Plus - Participant Support Information – Fill out form

This helps us tailor our approach to your child's specific goals and strengths.



(Scan to access form)



Upcoming Holiday Program

Ahead of the upcoming full-day school holiday program, please use the link below to submit your requested days. This helps us ensure we have the accurate staffing levels required to support your child.

Northern Autism Full Day Program – Booking Request – Fill out form

If you have any questions at all, please give our Support Team a call on 1300 344 144. We're here to help!



(Scan to access Booking Request form)

Please allow for 7 - 10 days for enrolments to be processed, depending on complexity of support requirements.

Thank you so much for your time. We look forward to welcoming you, your Family, and your child into our program.

Help for Your Family fact sheet

Strengthening Parent Support Coordinators (SPSP)



If you have a child with developmental delay or disability, connecting with other families in a similar situation can help.

Strengthening Parent Support Coordinators across Victoria help families with children with disability connect with each other and provide information about local services and support. Contact the Coordinator in your area to find out more.

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The Strengthening Parent Support network is supported by the Victorian Government.

Free services for families

- Support Line
- Workshops
- Information
- Peer support





END OF TERM REMINDER

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Thursday 25th of June
School finishes at **3pm.**

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is SSG day

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Thank you
Pamela Mathieson
Principal

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