

## Important Dates

### Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
9.30am, MPR  
Lalor Campus

### Special Lunch Day

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Reservoir & Norris Bank

### Hot Cross Bun

Afternoon Tea  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
2 – 2.45pm, MPR  
Lalor Campus

### Norris Bank

Easter Hat Parade  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March,  
2 – 2.30pm  
Norris Bank Community  
Hall (at NBPS)

### Easter Hat Parade - Early Years

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March,  
1pm, MPR  
Reservoir Campus

### Easter Hat Parade - Middle Years

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March,  
1pm, MPR  
Reservoir Campus

### Last Day Term 1

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
3pm Finish

### SSG Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
No Buses Running  
Student Free Day

## Term 2 Important Dates

### First day of Term 2

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of April

### Term 2 Public Holiday

Kings Birthday  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
No School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Families and Carers,

We've wrapped up Week 7, and the term is moving quickly! It has been wonderful to see our students settled, smiling and fully engaged as we head into the final stretch of Term 1.

### Statewide AEU Industrial Action

We would like to advise families of the potential for statewide AEU industrial action on **Tuesday 24 March**. More information will be shared once the AEU has confirmed the industrial action.

### Cultural Diversity Week at Northern School For Autism

We are excited to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week (March 16<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup>) at Northern School for Autism. This is the time to embrace and celebrate the cultural diversity that makes our school community so special! Throughout the week, students will take part in engaging activities that promote inclusivity, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.



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## Attendance, Late Arrivals & Early Leavers

We continue to work with families to support strong student attendance at school. Recently, there has been an increase in students regularly arriving late or leaving school early. This can significantly impact a child's learning over the course of the year.

We understand that families have a range of commitments, and some NDIS appointments cannot be avoided, as these services are not always able to be scheduled outside of school hours. However, we encourage families to support full attendance at school whenever possible.

### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



## CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) assist eligible families to cover costs of excursions/incursions, camps and sporting events per year.

If you the Parent/Guardian or a student over 16 years holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card) you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The Health Care Card of the applicant has to be valid on any of the two CRN validation dates - 28 January 2026 and 20 April 2026.

The CSEF amount for 2026 is \$400 for both primary and secondary students. Payments are paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

NOTE: If you applied for CSEF through our school previously, you do not need to complete an application form for 2026, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. E.g. another child commencing.

If you would like to allocate CSEF funds towards the Extra-curricular items and activities listed on your Family Statement please email [kristy.fry@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kristy.fry@education.vic.gov.au) if you haven't already done so.

Please return completed forms by 26 June 2026 to the office or email to [kristy.fry@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kristy.fry@education.vic.gov.au)

Pamela Mathieson  
Principal

## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS HOW TO USE AN INTERPRETER TO CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL

This free\* interpreting service is available for parents and carers to communicate key information about their child's education. This service is available Monday to Friday, between 8:30am and 6:00pm.

**The telephone numbers and languages listed below are designed for parents and carers to call a school.**

**Step 1.** Have the phone number of the school ready to give to the interpreter.

**Step 2.** Find your language in the list below.

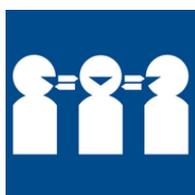
**Step 3.** Use the phone number for your language to connect with an interpreter.

**Step 4.** Tell the interpreter the name and phone number of the school.

**Step 5.** The interpreter will call the number you have provided and connect you with the school.

**Step 6.** The interpreter will stay on the call and interpret until you're finished.

<u>Arabic - العربية</u>	03 8820 1504	<u>Pashto - پښتو</u>	03 8820 1519
<u>Assyrian Neo-Aramaic - ܐܘܪܝܝܢܐܢܘܐܪܡܝܐܝܬ</u>	03 8820 1505	<u>Persian - فارسی</u>	03 8820 1520
<u>Burmese - မြန်မာစာ</u>	03 8820 1506	<u>Punjabi - ਪੰਜਾਬੀ</u>	03 8820 1521
<u>Cantonese - 廣東話</u>	03 8820 1507	<u>S'gaw Karen - ကညီကျိ</u>	03 8820 1522
<u>Chaldean Neo-Aramaic - سورت</u>	03 8820 1508	<u>Samoan - Gagana Sāmoa</u>	03 8820 1523
<u>Dari - دری</u>	03 8820 1509	<u>Somali - Soomaali</u>	03 8820 1524
<u>Dinka - Thuɔŋjäŋ</u>	03 8820 1510	<u>Spanish - Español</u>	03 8820 1525
<u>Hakha Chin - Laitong</u>	03 8820 1511	<u>Swahili - Kiswahili</u>	03 8820 1526
<u>Hazaragi - هزارگی</u>	03 8820 1512	<u>Tamil - தமிழ்</u>	03 8820 1527
<u>Hindi - हिन्दी</u>	03 8820 1513	<u>Thai - ภาษาไทย</u>	03 8820 1528
<u>Khmer - ភាសាខ្មែរ</u>	03 8820 1514	<u>Tigrinya - ትግርኛ</u>	03 8820 1529
<u>Malay - Bahasa Melayu</u>	03 8820 1515	<u>Turkish - Türkçe</u>	03 8820 1530
<u>Mandarin - 普通话</u>	03 8820 1516	<u>Urdu - اُردُو</u>	03 8820 1531
<u>Nepali - नेपाली</u>	03 8820 1517	<u>Vietnamese - Tiếng Việt</u>	03 8820 1532
<u>Oromo - Afaan Oromoo</u>	03 8820 1518	<u>Zo - Zomi</u>	03 8820 1533



**For all other languages, please contact 03 9605 3053  
and connect with our operator who will help you.**

This service is not available to parents and carers of full-fee-paying international students.  
Please contact the school directly to arrange an interpreter.

\*Standard Call Charges Apply



# ROOM 3



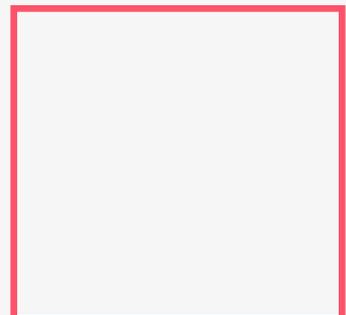
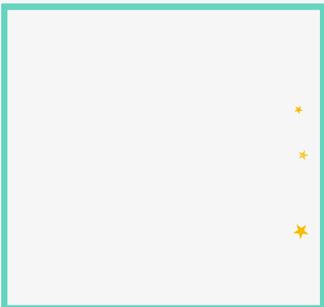
ROOM 3 HAS HAD A WONDERFUL START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR. OUR STUDENTS HAVE RECENTLY STEPPED UP FROM ATTENDING THREE DAYS A WEEK TO A FULL FIVE DAYS AT SCHOOL, AND THEY ARE SETTling BEAUTIFULLY! THEY HAVE SHOWN CURIOSITY, RESILIENCE, AND A GROWING SENSE OF BELONGING.

STUDENTS CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THEIR CLASSROOM, PLAYGROUND, AND SHARED LEARNING AREAS. AS THEY LEARN DAILY ROUTINES AND BUILD TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAFF, THEY BEGIN EACH DAY FEELING CALM AND READY TO LEARN.

AT THE START OF THE TERM, WE FOCUSED ON ESTABLISHING A POSITIVE AND STRUCTURED CLASSROOM ROUTINE. STUDENTS ARE LEARNING TO PACK AND UNPACK THEIR BAGS, SIT AT SCHEDULE, AND TRANSITION WELL BETWEEN DIFFERENT SETTINGS IN THE SCHOOL. THEY ARE BECOMING MORE FAMILIAR WITH VISUAL SCHEDULES AND ARE LEARNING TO REQUEST ITEMS USING THEIR COMMUNICATION BOOKS OR DEVICES.

WITH THESE ROUTINES IN PLACE, STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A RANGE OF LEARNING ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THEY WORK IN SMALL GROUPS AND SHOW THEIR SKILLS IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS MATHS, ENGLISH, COOKING, AND MORE. TIME IN THE PLAYGROUNDS, GYM, AND STEAM BUILDING CONTINUES TO BE A FAVOURITE, GIVING STUDENTS PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY, EXPLORE, AND LEARN TOGETHER.

WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS OUR STUDENTS ARE MAKING EACH DAY AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM AS THEY LEARN AND GROW.



# ROOM 20

## **A VERY WARM WELCOME TO TERM 1, 2026, TO ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FROM THE STAFF OF ROOM 20.**

We are delighted to share that students have settled into their new classroom routines exceptionally well. It has been a positive and purposeful start, with students already demonstrating enthusiasm, curiosity, and a willingness to embrace new learning opportunities. The tone for the year has been set, promising both growth and achievement.

The term has begun with energy and excitement. Our recent Mad About Science incursion sparked plenty of curiosity, as students assisted with engaging demonstrations exploring how different chemicals react. It was wonderful to see their questions bubbling over and their interest truly ignited — safe to say the experience created a strong reaction and set the right formula for a year full of potential.

We have also been enjoying our swimming excursions and look forward to the many learning experiences still to come. With such a promising start, it is clear that Room 20 is a class with enormous potential, and we are excited to support each student's academic, personal, and social development throughout the year.

We are confident 2026 will be a year of growth, discovery, and achievement for Room 20.

Warm regards,  
Grant, Amy, Sharon, Mel, and Leanne

# LC4 Newsletter

The LC4 boys have been enjoying a range of hands-on and outdoor learning experiences this term. They have had several excursions to the all-abilities park and particularly enjoy activities involving water and sensory play. The boys have also begun working on their class garden bed, learning about planting and caring for plants. During STEAM sessions they have been exploring technology with OSMO and building with magnetic blocks, focusing on more concrete, hands-on activities. Alongside this, they have continued to participate in weekly art and cooking sessions, as well as music therapy, which they all look forward to each week.

THE LC4 GIRLS RECENTLY ENJOYED A VISIT TO THE CAT CAFÉ IN THE CITY. THIS EXCURSION SUPPORTED THEIR LEARNING AROUND USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND BUILDING CONFIDENCE WHEN OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. IN STEAM, THE GIRLS DESIGNED THEIR OWN STICKERS USING PAINT, COMBINING CREATIVITY WITH DIGITAL SKILLS. THEY HAVE ALSO BEGUN EXPLORING INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS AS PART OF THEIR ASDAN WORK. THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB IN COOKING SESSIONS, INDEPENDENTLY FOLLOWING RECIPES AND PREPARING A RANGE OF DISHES. IN ART, THEY HAVE CREATED CLAY MAGNETS, SHOWING GREAT CREATIVITY AND PRIDE IN THEIR WORK.



# EYB

Rooms 7-12



It has been a fantastic start to the year in EYB! Our students have been settling into their routines beautifully and are becoming more confident in the classroom each day. It has been wonderful to see them building relationships with staff and peers, and most importantly, enjoying their time at school. They have enjoyed a range of activities including cooking, English, Maths, Science, Art, Music, gross motor and fine motor skills.



# SPEECH PATHOLOGY TEAM RESERVOIR

Our Speech Pathology team has had a fantastic start to the year, with group sessions now underway across the school. Students are participating in engaging sessions targeting communication, social interaction, language development and AAC use. We are excited to be working closely with staff and families to support every student's communication journey.

Please see below, to meet our team!



**APRIL**  
TEAM LEADER



**MARIA**  
ROOMS 1-5



**SHABANA**  
ROOMS 6-9



**PHYLLIS**  
ROOMS 10, 26 & 27



**CELIA**  
ROOMS 11, 12, 19 & 20



**YAO**  
ROOMS 13-15, 29



**SARENE**  
ROOMS 21A & 21B



**GEORGINA**  
ROOMS 22-25



**DYLAN**  
ROOMS 16-18 & 28



**REBEKAH**  
NB 1-3 & ROOMS 19 & 20

Reservoir Campus

You are invited to our...

# Easter

## HAT PARADE

Early Yrs Rms 1-15,26,27,29 - 30/03/26

Middle Yrs Rms 16-25 & 28 - 31/03/26

AT 1pm

Reservoir Campus MPR

Students will create Easter Hats  
at school

Norris Bank

JOIN OUR

# EASTER HAT PARADE

MONDAY 30TH MARCH  
2PM TO 2:30PM

NORRIS BANK  
COMMUNITY HALL  
[AT]NBPS

Students will create their  
Easter hats at school.

For any enquiries, please contact Elisa,  
at [Elisa.Wang@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Elisa.Wang@education.vic.gov.au).

# Easter RAFFLE

DONATION  
REQUEST!



**DRAWN 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

**NORTHERN SCHOOL FOR AUTISM**

**DONATION IDEAS - NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE**  
**CHOCOLATES | BOOKS | PLUSH TOYS | STATIONERY**

**PLEASE SEND DONATIONS BY 24/03/2026**

# COFFEE *Morning*

**PARENTS  
&  
CARERS**

*Join  
us*

**COFFEE, TEA &  
SNACKS  
PROVIDED**



**LALOR  
Tuesday  
17/03/26  
@ 9:30am**

Northern School for Autism - Multipurpose Room

## REMINDER



**LALOR HOT CROSS BUN  
AFTERNOON TEA**

Monday 30th March  
2.00-2.45pm

**COME JOIN YOUR CHILD FOR A WARM DRINK AND HOT CROSS BUN**  
Location: Multipurpose Room at the Lalor Campus

Lalor Hot Cross Bun Afternoon Tea  
2.00-2.45pm

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP: Friday 21st March



## **END OF TERM REMINDERS**

**Last day of Term 1 is  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026**

School finishes at **3pm.**

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**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**  
is SSG day

There will be **no buses** running for students on this day.

**First day of Term 2 is  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2026**

**Note Term 2 Public holidays:**  
***Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Kings Birthday Public Holiday***

Thank you  
Pamela Mathieson  
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