

Newsletter

Important Dates

Dental Van

Lalor Campus:

20th & 21st August

Norris Bank:

1st September

Reservoir Campus:

3rd, 4th & 5th of September

Curriculum Day

Student Free Day

Friday 15th August

Professional Practice Day

No Classes or Buses

Running

Occupational Therapy

Parent Workshop

Thursday 21st August

9.30am – 11.30am

MPR, Lalor Campus

Book Week Dress Up Day

Friday 22nd August

All Campuses

Reservoir School Concert

Wednesday 27th &

Thursday 28th August

1.00pm, MPR Reservoir

Campus (See poster for

class details)

Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 5th September

9.30am, MPR

Lalor Campus

Father's Day Stall

Reservoir & Norris Bank:

Tuesday 2nd September

Lalor Campus:

Thursday 4th September

NSA GOT TALENT

Lalor Talent Show:

Thursday 11th September

Special Lunch & Footy

Dress Up Day

Reservoir & Norris Bank:

Tuesday 16th September

Lalor Campus:

Wednesday 17th September

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents and Carers,

Term 3 is a busy term! I would like to thank Andrea Wallace and the parents who were on the Disco Bingo organising committee. It was such a fun night and it was great seeing so many staff and parents enjoying the night. The event raised over \$11,000 for the school. Thanks again!

Staff and students are busy practising for the upcoming concerts at the Reservoir Campus and NSA's Got Talent at the Lalor Campus.

Children's Book Week



Children's Book Week this year will be celebrated from Saturday 16 to Saturday 23 August. The 2025 theme is Book an Adventure! 2025 is also a milestone year for Book Week as we celebrate 80 years of Children's Book Week! You can find the 2025 shortlist for Book of the Year here: <https://cbca.org.au/2025-shortlist/>

Northern School for Autism will celebrate Book Week with a Dress Up Day on Friday 22nd August. We are encouraging all staff and students, from both primary and secondary, to dress up as their favourite character from a book, movie or series that represents adventure. We are looking forward to seeing many creative costumes across the school!

Illness at School

Over the past few weeks, we've seen a noticeable increase in illness within our school community. Like many others across the community, we are currently experiencing a wave of colds, flu, and other seasonal bugs. While these illnesses may appear mild in many children, it's important to remember that some of our students are particularly vulnerable and can be significantly affected by even low-level viruses. For the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, we kindly ask that if your child is unwell, no matter how mild their symptoms may seem, they remain at home until they are fully recovered. This small act of care helps to protect those in our school who may have compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions and ensures that we can maintain a safe and supportive learning environment for everyone. We thank you for your understanding and continued support in keeping our school community healthy and safe.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to gather feedback from parents/caregivers/guardians about our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from August 18 to September 19, 2025, and invitations will be sent to primary family emails.

This annual survey, provided by the Department of Education, designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Participation is optional but encouraged.

Survey results will guide our future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate online, which takes just 20 minutes and can be accessed conveniently on most devices. The survey will also be available in multiple languages besides English.

Pamela Mathieson

Principal



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

2025

Entry students celebrated their first 100 days of school on Friday the 1st of August. The event was held in the Multipurpose Room where students participated in a variety of engaging and fun activities, and were supported to do so by their parents. The event was wonderful and students enjoyed making puffy paint art, having their faces painted, had fun in the sensory space, and getting their photos taken with their families. The main attraction was a jumping castle which gained a lot of attention!



Room 11

It's hard to believe we're only a few weeks into Term 3 with everything we've already achieved! The students in Room 11 have settled back into classroom routines beautifully and are showing fantastic enthusiasm for their learning.

This term, we've started exploring new ICT skills. Students are learning to navigate a computer and use their personalised logins to access different learning programs. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow with computer use and typing.

Sport has also been a highlight, with plenty of active games that work on gross motor skills. Some class favourites so far have been bowling and fruit salad, bringing lots of energy and laughter to each session.

A major highlight has been our excursion to Inflatable World. The students had an amazing time bouncing, climbing, and sliding on the bouncing castles. We're already looking forward to our next visit!

We're excited for the rest of the term ahead, filled with new learning opportunities, fun challenges and shared successes.



Room 28

Science incursions

Room 28 has had the opportunity to attend many science incursions where we got to observe and participate in chemical experiments to learn about 'heat' and 'energy', and learned about and engaged with Australian reptiles.

Excursions

We have gone on many adventures different adventures throughout the year. We have visited the All abilities playground in Mill Park, went bowling in Wyncity Keon Park, learned and played many different sports and games, and we've had great fun swimming at the Reservoir Leisure Centre.

Art

Room 28 has enjoyed exploring our creativity through different artworks. We worked on fine motor skills such as cutting and colouring different shapes and objects such as our favourite characters from games, books and movies.


L16 Sem 1

- Throughout Semester 1, L16 students have participated in a wide range of enriching experiences both within the school and out in the community. They have travelled by train, bus, and on foot to explore a variety of locations, including Don Bosco, Sailing, Werribee Zoo, Preston Market, Scienceworks, Hoop City, Edendale Farm, and the Broadmeadows Aquatic Centre.
- Back at school, students have regularly engaged in cooking, creating art, participating in STEAM activities, playing board games, visiting the library, and enjoying the new recreational spaces on campus.
- These diverse experiences have supported students in developing important life skills such as navigating different environments, working collaboratively, overcoming challenges, and most importantly, having fun.



LC12 News

LC12 - This term



We have had a great start to Term 3! In Maths, we have been learning about division and sharing, while in Literacy we are focusing on building our phonics skills. The students have also enjoyed a variety of activities, including STEAM, games, dancing, and yoga. In addition, they have been working with our speechie and OT to support their learning and development in fun and engaging ways.

LC12 Excursions


Excursions for LC12 this term will include:

- Edendale Farm on Thursdays
- Main Street Recreation Reserve Playground on Fridays



Reminders!

Please remember to provide your excursion consent through the Compass portal.



MYA

NEWSLETTER

MYA have had an exciting term filled with both learning and fun! They've enjoyed thrilling excursions to BOUNCE, where they bounced on trampolines and tackled the X-Run obstacle course, Action Indoor Sports for energetic sports and games, and Inflatable World, diving into a world of slides and bounce houses. Swimming sessions have been a splash, Gymnastics classes have been a highlight. In the classroom, students have made great strides in Maths and have embraced the Little Learners Love Literacy program, enhancing their reading and writing skills through structured, evidence-based and engaging instruction. Additionally, excitement is building as the students continue their concert practice for the upcoming NSA School of Rock! I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for MYA.

---- Stevie, Leading Teacher for MYA, Reservoir

Exciting Events for MYA this term

- School concert
- Book Week Dress Up
- Gymnastics, Action Indoor Sports and Bounce

LATER YEARS A CAMP

This week, LC 2, 5, and 6 embarked on an unforgettable camp to Philip Island, spending two nights and three action-packed days exploring nature, wildlife, and local attractions. Day 1: After braving the two-hour journey, students arrived at the historic Churchill Island Farm. Here, they experienced cow milking, sheep shearing, watching working dogs in action, and even whip cracking demonstrations. The day concluded with the magical Penguin Parade, where students witnessed the charming little penguins returning to shore at sunset.

Day 2: The adventure continued at the Koala Conservation Reserve. Later, they enjoyed some beach time, soaking in the natural beauty of Philip Island's coastline.

Day 3: The final day was filled with sweet delights at the local chocolate factory, followed by a visit to feed the friendly pelicans, rounding off a memorable camp experience.

The students returned tired but thrilled, with many unforgettable memories.

NORTHERN SCHOOL FOR AUTISM

The Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy team are excited to announce another round of Parent Workshops, to be held at the Lalor Campus for all NSA families. Exploring all things that foster Social Connection, Puberty and Community. Join us for practical and supportive workshops designed especially for parents and families of students at NSA. These workshops will focus on adolescents and later years students, however all are welcome to attend.

Thursday 14th August, 2025
9:30- 11:30AM

PRESENTED BY
NORTHERN SCHOOL FOR AUTISM
SPEECH PATHOLOGY TEAM

Speech Pathology

This session will explore neurodiversity, social development and community participation. We will provide neuroaffirming resources to support your child's social communication outside of school, and in the lead up to graduation. We will share some ideas of ways to support your child to access their ideal social life across the spectrum – and you'll have the chance to practice this yourselves via role plays with other participants. We will also provide the space for you to ask some further questions.

Thursday 21st August, 2025
9:30- 11:30AM

PRESENTED BY
NORTHERN SCHOOL FOR AUTISM
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TEAM

Occupational Therapy

This session will explore emotional regulation and sensory processing differences in adolescence. Our occupational therapists will share real-life examples, sensory-informed approaches, and tools you can use at home to build your child's confidence and resilience during this developmental stage. We will also explore puberty and provide helpful strategies to support your child through these changes. We will have different stations with commonly used resources and interactive activities, with an opportunity to ask further questions.

Speech Pathology:

Date:

Thursday 14th August, 2025

Time:

9:30-11:30AM

Occupational Therapy:

Date:

Thursday 21st August, 2025

Time:

9:30-11:30 AM

Venue:

Northern School for Autism, Lalor campus.
35 Duncan Road, Lalor, Multipurpose Room

Additional Information

Please contact Roselyn Datiles to RSVP via
roselyn.datiles@education.vic.gov.au

BOOKINGS PREFERRED BY:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DCIYE>

or scan QR code





NSA'S SCHOOL OF ROCK!

**WEDNESDAY 27TH OF AUGUST: ROOMS 11, 17, 18,
15, 25, 2, 8, 4, 5, NB3, 9, 22, 21A, 19, 12, 23, 20**

**THURSDAY 28TH OF AUGUST: ROOMS 10, 29, 28,
1, 3, 6, 7, 13, 14, 16, 21B, 24, 26, 27, NB1, NB2**

**WHERE: MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, RESERVOIR
CAMPUS, 16-18 GERTZ AVENUE 3073**

WHEN: DOORS OPEN AT 1.00 FOR A 1.10 START

**BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE THROUGH
COMPASSTIX AND 2 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE PER
STUDENT.**

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**DRESS UP IN YOUR FAVOURITE COSTUME OR AS YOUR
FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER ON FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST TO
CELEBRATE BOOK WEEK!**

**NSA PARENT & CARERS COFFEE
MORNING**

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 9:30AM -

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

LALOR CAMPUS

COFFEE, TEA & SNACK SUPPLIED

