

Newsletter

Important Dates

Parent Coffee Mornings

*Reservoir – Tuesday 20th
October 9:30am*

*Lalor – Friday 4th
December 9:30am*

Curriculum Day

*Monday 2nd November
No Buses Running
Student Free Day*

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

*Tuesday 3rd November
No Buses Running
Student Free Day*

LC Talent Show

*Thursday 12th November
12:30pm
Tickets will be available
via Compass*

RC Colour Fun Run

Wednesday 18th November

LC Colour Fun Run

Thursday 19th November

Reservoir Campus
16-18 Gertz Avenue,
RESERVOIR VIC 3073
Phone: (03) 9462 5990

Lalor Campus
35 Duncan Road,
LALOR VIC 3075
Phone: (03) 9464 3480



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing and well-deserved break with family and friends.

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school, and I have been so impressed by the positive way they have settled back into school life. Our classrooms have quickly returned to learning, with staff busy re-establishing the routines, schedules and structures that are so important for our students' success. These consistent routines provide a strong foundation for positive engagement, learning and wellbeing, and it has been fantastic to see our students embracing them so well.

Recruiting Staff for 2027

Our leadership team is busy recruiting new staff for 2027 to support our students and school community in the year ahead.

Mini Woolies – Coming to Lalor Campus! We are excited to share that Lalor Campus will be setting up a **Mini Woolies simulated supermarket experience!**

The Mini Woolies program is a Woolworths Group initiative, supported by its technology partner, Fujitsu Oceania. The program involves creating learning spaces that simulate a Woolworths supermarket within specialist schools, TAFEs and disability service providers across Australia and New Zealand. The program provides valuable opportunities for young people with disabilities to develop practical, real-world skills in a safe and supportive environment.

The benefits of the program include:

Hands-on skill development

The program empowers young people with disabilities to develop essential real-world skills, including numeracy, literacy and customer service, through interactive, hands-on activities.

Social and communication skills

The friendly and supportive environment provides an ideal opportunity for students to develop their social and communication skills, including learning how to interact with customers and collaborate effectively as part of a team.

Building confidence and independence

By practising real-world skills in a supportive setting, students can build their confidence and independence, helping to prepare them for future engagement and employment opportunities within the wider community.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our Leading Teacher, Rhiannon Parbery, for submitting the application for this fantastic program and for supporting the development of the physical space and the implementation of the Mini Woolies experience at Lalor Campus. We look forward to seeing the valuable learning opportunities this initiative will bring to our students!

Child safety and wellbeing at Northern School for Autism: information for families and the school community

Northern School for Autism is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: <https://www.northernautism.vic.edu.au/policies-protocols>

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact insert Pamela Mathieson, Principal on 9462 5990 or at pamela.mathieson@education.vic.gov.au

Going Paperless at Northern School for Autism

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability and reducing paper waste, Northern School for Autism is moving towards a more environmentally friendly, paperless approach to school communications.

From our next newsletter onwards, all school newsletters will be available digitally through Compass, and printed copies will no longer be distributed. This change will help us reduce paper consumption and do our part in protecting the environment.

In addition, **all student reports will also be available to families through Compass**, replacing printed copies. This will provide families with a convenient and accessible way to view and keep important school information in one place.

We encourage all families to ensure they have access to Compass and can log in successfully to receive school updates, newsletters and student reports.

If you require assistance accessing Compass or need help navigating the platform, please contact our Administration Team, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we take this positive step towards a more sustainable future for our school community.

Pamela Mathieson
Principal

What's happening in Room 15?

It has been a wonderful first week back in Room 15, with lots of exciting learning, creativity and fun.

We explored the science behind rainbows with our colourful "Rainbow Rain" experiment. The students were fascinated watching the colours move and mix, while making predictions and observing what happened.

We got active with some exercise activities, developing our coordination, balance and turn taking while having plenty of fun.

We also enjoyed getting creative through art, experimenting with colours, materials and our own ideas.

It has been fantastic to see everyone return with such enthusiasm and settle back into the school routine. We're looking forward to a fun and exciting Term 4 together!

NORRIS BANK ROOM 3

What have we been up to?

Our Learning

Our class has been getting ready for some serious learning in Term 4. We are honing out numeracy skills by learning more about money and financial maths. NB3 has been working on phonics and reading following the Little Learners literacy program. We are also practicing our ICT skills and learning how to navigate different technology. Each day is full of learning, but there are still plenty of chances to play!

Social Games

NB3 have been practicing working together and playing social games, which has been a lot of fun! We have been working together to play Uno, Memory, Guess Who and much more.

Class Project Showcase:

Through working together and taking turns, NB3 have been able to learn how to play new games and find new and interesting ways to engage in play.

Art

We have not just been sharing in our social game's sessions but during art classes too. In art we have been working with Cathy to complete fun, hands on projects every week. Using a range of mediums, we get to explore and experience the artmaking process all together!

EYB UPDATES

We can't believe it's already Term 4! Where has the time gone? The students in EYB has been making such great strides in their progress and we will end the year with a bang!

Dress Ups

We love any reasons to dress up!

Social Skills

We have been working on our social skills, such as turn taking, playing with different peers, winning and losing.

Little Learners

We love learning different letter sounds and have been working on blending and decoding.

Communication

We practise with our AAC devices throughout the day and we have been getting much better at it!

Maths

This term we will be learning more about money and working on financial skills.

Science

This semester we are learning Science and love the interactive aspects of it.



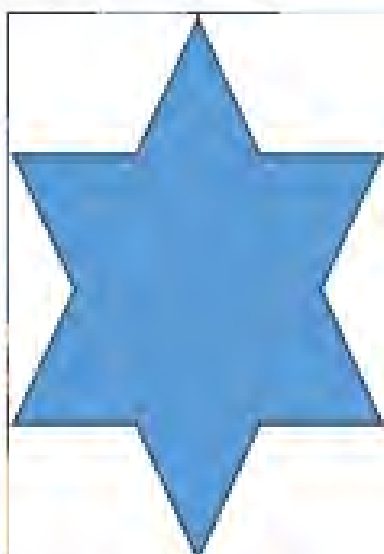
RESERVOIR SPEECH PATHOLOGY TEAM



The Reservoir Speech Pathology Team enjoyed a busy finish to Term 3, supporting the school concert and celebrating Speech Pathology Week. This year's theme was "Communication Creates Possibilities".

Staff across the school participated in fun, interactive activities, including a decoding challenge and a silent morning tea. These activities encouraged staff to explore different ways of communicating and highlighted the importance of accepting all forms of communication across our school community.

Students joined in Speech Pathology Week with colouring activities, adding their own creative touch to the "Communication Creates Possibilities" theme.



LC17 Newsletter

What an action-packed year for LC17!

We've been busy exploring the community and developing our independent living skills.

LC17 challenged themselves physically during gymnastics, bowling, and PE, and loved visiting Don Bosco. At school, LC17 thrived in woodwork, office skills, cooking, and mastered practical life skills through our ASDAN library and laundry programs.

We are incredibly proud of the growth and enthusiasm everyone has shown all year. Keep up the amazing work, LC17

Absence Instructions

If your child is going to be absent you must inform the school. Please login to your Compass app and submit an attendance note providing a reason for the absence. Alternatively, please call the school reception on (03 9462 5990 (RC) or (03) 9464 3480 (LC) and leave a message on our absence line. If your child also uses the MEES Bus Line, please inform them on (03) 9459 3000.

Northern School for Autism App

COMPASS is our primary method of communication with families. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Add Attendance Notes
- View the school news feed
- Receive messages from the school
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees
- View academic reports

Login using a One-Time-Password

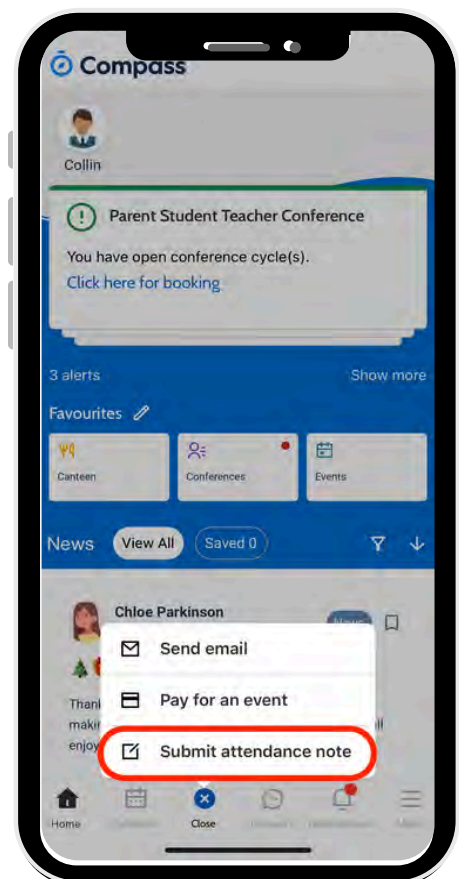
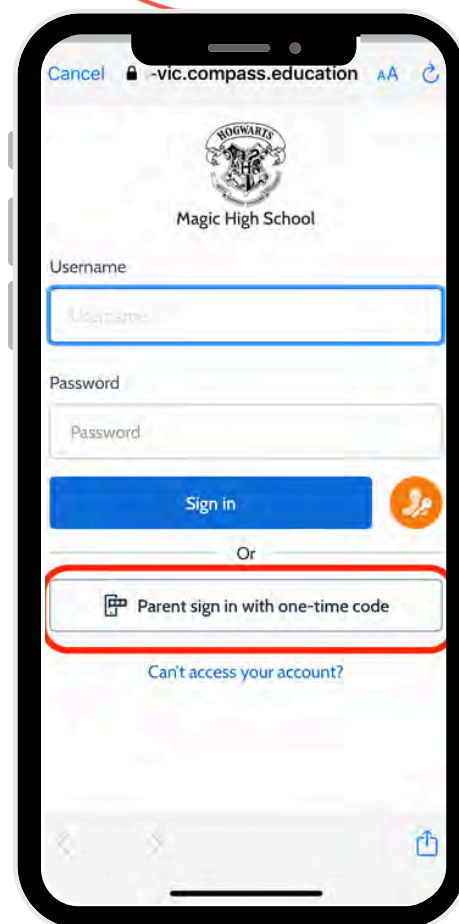
1. Tap in the search field and begin by typing your school name
2. Click on the name of your school
3. From the login page click on 'Parent sign in with one-time code'
Type in one of the following: mobile phone number, email address, or username
4. Click on 'Continue'

A one-time code will be sent to your chosen method of communication which you can use to login with.

Add an Attendance Note

If your child is going to be absent from school, you can add an attendance note to explain their absence.

1. Click on the blue 'Shortcuts' button
2. Click on 'Submit attendance note'
3. Select the reason
4. Enter any details and comments
5. Select the start/finish date and time
6. Upload any attachments





Get ready to run wild with Monty! it's here - Monty the Monstar Fun Run!

Jump in now! Set up your child's [My Profile Page](#) It's quick, easy and uper fun.

We also have some amazing bonuses up for grabs:

- Every students gets rainbow sunglasses and a headband
- The class with the most money raised at the end of each week will win an ice block party!

Together, we can achieve amazing results for our school!

Please scan the QR code below to set up your profile!



COFFEE *Morning*

**PARENTS
&
CARERS**

*Join
us*

**COFFEE, TEA &
SNACKS
PROVIDED**

Reservoir

**Tuesday
20/10/26
@ 9:30am**



Northern School for Autism - Multipurpose Room