

Important Dates

Student Free Day:
18th August. No classes,
After School Care or buses
running.

Art Show @ LC & RC
24th August - 2:30pm – 7pm

Father's Day Stall:
LC & RC - 31st August

End of Term 3:
Thursday 14th September
3:00pm Finish.

SSG Day: 15th September
No buses running.

First Day Term 4:
Monday 2nd October
9:00am Start

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks with camps, 100 days of schooling for the Preps and Science Week and we cannot forget the Art Show next Thursday. I would like to thank all the staff who help organise all the extra-curricular activities for the students and families.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023. The primary family email will receive the invitation to complete this survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage families to participate.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be access at a convenient time on most devices. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English.

Respectful Behaviours in the Community

Violence and aggression towards school staff from parents, carers or other adults can have a significant impact on the health, safety and wellbeing of the staff who experience it, and their colleagues. This will not be tolerated whether in-person, over the phone, email or in the home diaries.

We understand car parking and traffic can be challenging at times during student drop-off and pick-up. We ask that you respectfully follow the direction of our staff to ensure that we can get our students in and out of school as quickly and safely as possible.

The Department of Education has released a new policy that describes the positive behaviour expected from parents, carers, and other adults in Victorian school communities. The policy sets clear standards of behaviour to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for students, staff and adults.

You can find the new policy and these resources here:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/Respectful-behaviours-in-schools.aspx>

Pamela Mathieson

Principal

Room 11

This term, Room 11 has been learning and growing so much. Our students have been actively engaged in a myriad of enriching activities that encompass both academic and personal growth.

Our students have been participating in an excursion to the local swimming pool, where they dived into the world of safe swimming practices. Guided by skilled instructors, they learned valuable water safety techniques and the basics of swimming. This experience not only nurtured their physical abilities but also instilled a sense of confidence and respect for water.

In the spirit of friendly competition, our students have been participating in a series of games that emphasise the importance of sportsmanship and resilience. Through victories and challenges, they are learning valuable life lessons about teamwork, perseverance, and the balance between winning and losing gracefully.

Our Morning Circle has taken a global twist, with our students enthusiastically embracing greetings in different languages. From "Bonjour" to "Namaste," they are broadening their horizons and fostering cultural understanding and building bridges that connect us all.

Room 11 has also been busy in reading and numeracy activities. They are not only becoming avid readers but are also honing their handwriting skills participating in regular sessions with our OT as well as their classroom sessions learning to perfect both their letters and numbers. During maths sessions, Room 11 are learning how numbers can be put together and pulled apart and exploring more and less concepts.

Room 11 students have also been diligently working on weekend recount books where they have been sharing with each other their activities on the weekend, focusing on where they went, who with and what they did.

And finally, our students are also passionately preparing for the upcoming concert and are refining their musical talents with dance. Room 11 is eagerly looking forward to sharing their performance with our school community and are excited to perform.

Room 29 at the Edendale Farm!

Room 29 went to the Edendale Community Farm in Week 4 of this term. It was a lovely sunny day out and we got to walk around the farm.

We started by seeing the sheep and alpacas and we got to feel the different wool of the animals. Then, we got to pat the goats and feed them. Along the way, we went passed a pond and used a binocular to find ducks and other water birds. Then, we saw the guinea pigs. The staff member at the farm was kind and let the students touch and play with them. Then we made a trip to the chicken area where we got to feed the chicken and be close up with them. At the end of the excursion, we went to the park next to the farm where we had our lunch and explored the playground.

It was lovely to see the Room 29 students enjoying being part of the community. We are looking forward to more activities like this for the rest of the year, alongside academic learning.

LC15

What a year to date! LC15 has been buzzing with creativity! As part of Robotics the class were engaged in programming, crafting and decorating their own mechanical robots. They have had weekly sessions in the STEAM Room which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. During cooking, the group have dappled in many recipes from milkshakes to pinwheels. LC15 had the opportunity to hone their woodworking skills, carving, sanding, and assembling wooden car-shaped creations. The group have enjoyed weekly excursions to Don Bosco where they enjoyed the benefits of trampolining for physical fitness and mental well-being. We had some lovely weather for our community walks where the students enjoyed some down time.

It's been a semester of learning, laughter, and unforgettable experiences, and we can't wait to see what future adventures await us.

Special thanks to all our NSA staff and the families of all our students for your ongoing support on our educational journey.

Larissa, Claire, Leanne, Divya & Kirti

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Middle years

Cooking

Buddy group

Fine motor skills

Bike riding

This year, Middle years students have been busy working on their fine motor skills to work on strengthening and moving hands to do skills such as cooking writing and cutting with scissors. Students have also worked on their gross motor skills to work on developing their movement and co-ordination for activities such as bike riding, movement and music and using playground equipment. Students have worked on social and play skills during play sessions and also the buddy group where older students plan and run activities for younger students with the support of staff.

Inclusive Drama Holiday Program

Ages 6–12: Sept 19–21

Teens (13+): Sept 26–28

Time: 8:30am–3:30pm

Location: Newlands Community Centre, 20 Murray Rd. Coburg North

Helps build:

Emotional well-being

Social Skills

Play

Confidence

Self Expression

Connection with self

& others

Facilitated by a speech pathologist and play therapist with guest artists running art, movement and drumming sessions! Small group sizes.

Sept. Theme: *Marvel's Avengers*



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