

## Important Dates

**Last Day for students Term 4**  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
2pm finish

**SSG Day**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
No buses of classes

**Term 1 2025 Commences**  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
9am start

**Term Dates 2025:**  
**Term 1**  
- 30<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2**  
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Term 3**  
- 21<sup>st</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4**  
- 6<sup>th</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> December

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I would like to thank all of the leaders, teaching teams, therapists, and the administration team for working so hard all year to ensure the school runs smoothly. We have had two graduation ceremonies in the past week, and during both, I have had time to reflect on how thankful I am for the dedicated staff at Northern School for Autism. I would also like to thank the families for trusting us with your child.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday.

### Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

I would like to acknowledge the fantastic afternoon we had at the Year 12 Graduation on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024. This is always such a special event. It is a time to celebrate all our students' achievements and the contributions made by staff, families, and community partners along the way. Our Year 12 students presented themselves with dignity, gratitude, and appreciation, making it a highlight of the year.

We wish every graduate the very best for the future and hope their time is filled with adventure and happiness.

### Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony

On Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024, we celebrated the Grade 6 Graduation at the Reservoir Campus. It was great to see over 100 family and friends come together to celebrate such a significant milestone. I look forward to working with the students at the Lalor Campus and wish the very best to those moving on to another school.

**Pamela Mathieson**

**Principal**



**Grade 6**  
*graduates*



# Graduating Students 2024

*Congratulations!*

## **Norris Bank 2**

Kate Bruhn

## **Room 21B**

Hamza Abdulkadir

Oliver LaRocca- DeNobile

## **Room 23**

Peter Abramov

Tyler Attard

Andrei Dionisio

Leonardo Di Paolo

Jordan Gawaya

Eleni Halkas

Liam Marevic

David Nedanovski

## **Room 22**

Alistair Evans

Safia Banoori

Tamara Vujicic

Sathike Jayawardene

Peter Van Der Hayden

Farees Noor

## **Room 25**

Sumeya Mohamed

Ammar Nashad

Malavika Rajpraveen Nair

## **Room 24**

Emilio Coseski

## **Room 20**

Ashar Abbasi

Cooper Hill

Matthew Long

Samuel Sculac

Seth Van Beek

Joshua Williams

## **Room 21A**

Vinuk Athukorala

Levi Bills

Jayden Dizon

William Margetts

Dre McMullan

Efehan Ozkan

Halan Sofe

## **Room 19**

Jemma Le

## **Norris Bank 1**

Nairen Dano

Xavier Heinzelmann

Yoti Karlos

Tanishi Kundu

Bertie Orme

Maryam Roos

Lucy Walker

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# Year 12 *graduates*

## Graduating Students of 2024

Benjamin Uili

Tarunraj Chandra Kumar

Avinash Mahinthan

Joshua Randall

April Kanakaraj

Tyson Worn

James Popovoski

Samual Watkins

Thurstyn Afele-Piti

Pip Ford

Charlie Farrell

Robbie Farha

Oliver Geary

Kode Byrne

Emma Brereton

Tabitha Williams

Saabir Ibrahim

Jai Quinn

Ashur Kasrany



# WELCOME TO ROOM 3

What a fantastic semester it has been for Room 3! Our class has been buzzing with excitement as we've had the chance to get up close and personal with some adorable farm animals during our Science incursion. The children were thrilled to meet fluffy sheep, goats, chicken and hamsters! It was a wonderful hands-on experience that brought science to life in such a fun way.

We also had an amazing excursion to Mill Park and Butterfly Play Space, where we enjoyed running, jumping and explored the beautiful nature and learning about the environment.

To top it all off, we've been having a blast at swimming lessons! The kids have been exploring in the water with excitement, learning to use a noodle and having so much fun splashing around in the pool.

Room 3 has truly had filled with fun, learning, and memorable experiences.

# Room 20

In semester 2 the students engaged in a range of curricular areas such as History, Geography and ICT. They also participated in different excursions, where they visited different parks, went to the bowling alley and had a petting farm come to the school. They enjoyed engaging in the different activities and got to practise appropriate social skills within environments that are not within the school. In the month of October, the students in room 20 got into the Halloween spirit and engaged in different Halloween inspired art activities using a variety of different art equipment. They also dressed up and went trick or treating around the school. Room 20 has a great rest of the year.

## **What an Incredible Semester for LC5!**

This semester has been a fantastic journey for our LC5 students, filled with enriching experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Their enthusiasm for learning and adventure has been truly inspiring.

Highlights include weekly hands-on farm visits to Edendale Farm, where students fed animals, explored nature, and honed their culinary skills through our very own *My Kitchen Rules (MKR)* competition. These activities not only sparked creativity but also taught valuable life skills.

The thrill of competition was embraced in various interschool sports events, including ten-pin bowling, netball, and basketball. A standout moment was the basketball competition, where LC5 students teamed up with peers from other classes, achieving an impressive third place in the A-grade division. Their hard work earned them a spot in the Echo Cup, where they showcased outstanding teamwork and perseverance against teams from across the state.

Another highlight was our school camp to Phillip Island, shared with LC8 and LC9. Students immersed themselves in nature and enjoyed activities such as Amaze 'N' Things, the Koala Conservation Reserve, and beach outings. This camp provided opportunities to strengthen friendships and create lasting memories.

Through these diverse activities, LC5 students have demonstrated remarkable growth, building connections with their community while developing essential skills for the future. This semester has been more than just fun—it's been a celebration of learning, teamwork, and personal development.



# EARLY YEARS A

As we approach the end of an exciting year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible growth our students have made. From the start, we've seen each child thrive and it's been a joy to watch their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning blossom.

At the beginning of the year, many of our young learners were navigating new routines and adjusting to the rhythm of school life. They have enjoyed participating in weekly excursions to swimming, Inflatable World, Eltham Copper Butterfly Enclosed Playground and the Mill Park All Abilities Playground.

In term 3 we had an event where we celebrated our entry students completing 100 days of school! As they prepare to move on to the next chapter of their schooling journey, we wish them the best of luck.



## Spreading our Wings

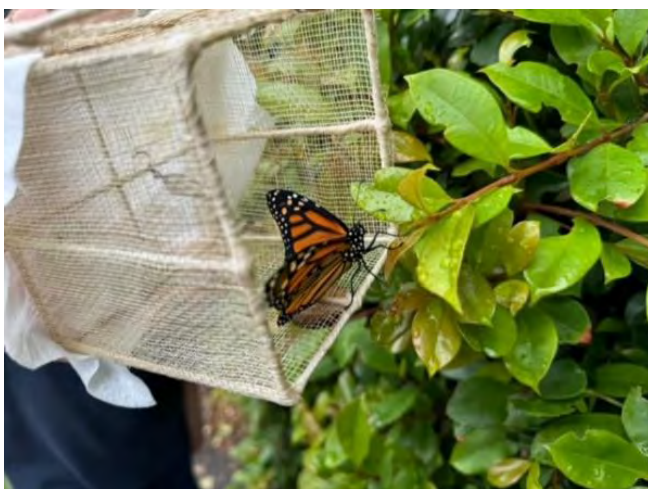


The students at the Reservoir and Norris Bank campuses have experienced the life cycle of a Monarch Butterfly with their very own chrysalis kit. This unique butterfly hatching kit gave the students the chance to experience a chrysalis (pupa) turn into a gorgeous butterfly.

These kits provided each class with an educational and hands-on experience. Exploring the butterfly life cycle is a perfect example of an insect's complete metamorphosis; from egg to larva (caterpillar), to pupa (chrysalis), and finally the adult butterfly.

The Monarch butterfly is orange, brown with black wing veins and a black and white spotted span along the edge of its wings. The caterpillar is distinctive with black, white and yellow stripes across its body. It has two pairs of black tentacles - a longer pair at the front of the body and a shorter pair on the eight segments.

What an enjoyable way to experience science toward the end the 2024 school year!





## **END OF TERM REMINDER**

**Last day of Term 4 is  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of December.**

School finishes at **2pm.**

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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of December**  
is SSG day

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

**First day of Term 1 is  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.**

Thank you  
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Principal

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