

# Newsletter

## Important Dates

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July:**  
Special Lunch  
Reservoir & Norris Bank

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:**  
Special Lunch  
Lalor Campus

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:**  
Last Day Term 2:  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July  
3:00pm Finish

**SSG Day:**  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
No Buses Running  
Student Free Day

## Term 3 Important Dates

**Curriculum Day:**  
**Student Free Day**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Professional Practice Day  
No Classes or Buses  
Running

**First day of Term 3:**  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent and carers, the past two weeks has been a sad time for the staff and community at NSA as we grieve Jemma's passing. I would like to thank all the parents and carers who have reached out to us to make sure we are ok. Jemma's family were grateful that so many staff were able to attend her funeral without the parent community support we would not have been able to send staff to the funeral.

### Taking Care of Yourself

There are many supports available for you and your family. It is important to access help if you need it. There are a range of services you can access for advice and support:

- Parentline - a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old. Offers confidential and anonymous counselling and support for parenting issues. Call 13 22 89 or <https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/parentline>
- Raising Children's Network: parent mental health – offers advice and support on looking after yourself, healthy relationships, conflict management, dealing with stress and anxiety, anger management and helping children adjust to family breakdown. <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>
- Better Health Channel's Self-Care – provides self-care strategies, connecting with others, being kind to yourself, relationship support, seeking mental health support. <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/self-care-support-for-parents-caregiver-14>
- Lifeline – a national organisation providing all Australian's experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention strategies Call 13 11 14 or <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>
- Beyond Blue – offers confidential one on one calls and chats with a trained mental health professional and tools and resources to look after your mental health. Call 1300 224 636 or <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>
- Black Dog Institute - provides self-tools and apps, advice on when and where to seek help, information on mental health conditions and support groups <https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/>

### School Uniform

The school's school uniform is compulsory for all students from Foundation to Year 10.

It is very pleasing that so many students have adopted the school uniform, but several students are still out of uniform. If any parent and carer is experiencing financial hardship in purchasing the school uniform, please contact Andrea Wallace

**Pamela Mathieson**

**Principal**



## Room 8

Room 8 has had a fantastic year so far! In Term 1 the students greatly enjoyed going on weekly Gymnastics excursions at Macleod YMCA, where they had fun exploring a new environment, bouncing on the trampolines, jumping & swinging into the foam pit and playing on the other various gym equipment! In Term 2 we also greatly enjoyed weekly excursions to the Reservoir Leisure Centre to participate in the school swimming program! The students liked both the bus rides to/from these location venues, and had lots of fun exploring these different recreational leisure environments! We have also enjoyed the interactive, sensory and hands-on experiences during wonderful Science incursions. For Math we have explored a range of topics including: counting, addition & subtraction, shapes, and data collection & display. For English we have been engaging in LLLL (Little Learners Love Literacy) and Core Vocabulary sessions focussed on 'play items/toys' and 'body parts'. We look forward to the learning, development and fun that our classroom members will have during the rest of the year! ☺

# Room 25

Room 25 has had a great first semester! We enjoyed going to the STEAM building where we made animals using 2D shapes and used the OSMO kits to practice counting and capital letters. We used paints and different textiles to create wonderful art pieces with our Art teacher. In Term 2 Room 25 went on weekly excursions to Inflatable World and swimming. We worked with our wonderful Occupational Therapist and Speech Pathologist where we read story books about our emotions and the weather, and practiced our fine motor skills and used different types of exercise equipment. We imitated actions such as clapping, stomping, and rolling our arms during the Astronaut Program.



# NB3

What a term it's been! NB3 has been buzzing with hands-on learning, proud achievements and plenty of smiles. Our students have thrown themselves into every part of the curriculum and continue to grow in confidence and independence.

## SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT

### Maths

We've had so much fun exploring numbers and shapes this term! Students strengthened their addition and subtraction skills through games, number lines and real-life problem-solving. In Geometry, we investigated 2D and 3D shapes by sorting, building and comparing their features—like sides, corners, edges, and faces. A class favourite was our "Guess the Shape" game, where students used clues to identify mystery shapes.

### Writing

This term we tackled a variety of text types. With support, students wrote step-by-step procedures like "How to Make a Pizza" and "How to Brush Your Teeth." They also created recounts of exciting events like Cultural Day and their weekends. More recently, students began researching and writing informative texts about animals ahead of our upcoming zoo visit.

## SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### CULTURAL DAY

Students "travelled" the world in one day, making dumplings in China, decorating boomerangs in Australia and making pizzas in Italy. It was a colourful and joyful celebration, honouring the diversity of our class and the many cultures that make up our school community.

### LOCAL WALKS

A weekly favourite! Students practised road safety around the neighbourhood, caught the bus, and visited Coles, where they followed visual shopping lists to buy ingredients for our cooking sessions. These real-world experiences have helped build life skills, confidence, and independence, and the pride they show during these outings is incredible.

## L A T E R   Y E A R S - D

This semester in the D-Wing, our Later Years students have been actively engaged in a wide range of activities both inside and outside the classroom. Students showcased their creativity by making heartfelt gifts for Mother's Day and celebrated Education Week by exploring multiculturalism through arts and crafts, creating flags that represent their diverse backgrounds. They also enjoyed several exciting excursions, including visits to Don Bosco, PIT Gymnastics, bowling, Bounce, Hoops City, park visits, Lalor Neighbourhood House for mural painting and gardening, SYN FM Radio, sailing at Docklands, and trips to Melbourne Central. In addition to their academic efforts, students took on important school-wide jobs such as laundry, resourcing, distributing stationery, managing cleaning products, and handling sensory orders, all of which help foster responsibility and community spirit. Students were also very enthusiastic about their learning across all subjects, including PE, ASDAN, and the new addition to classroom programs: Resilience, Rights, and Respectful Relationships.

With a few students graduating this year, we've placed a strong emphasis on work experience opportunities this term. Notably, several students have participated in our work experience program at Brunswick Industries in Reservoir, where they have developed practical workplace skills every Tuesday. Their tasks have included packaging small boxes, sorting and folding laundry, labelling products, and assisting in the liquid fill department. Students also attended Sports for All work experience at Thomastown, where they were responsible for packing sports boots and recycling sporting equipment, including sorting and packing items into boxes. Further, these experiences have broadened their exposure to real-world environments, building their confidence and providing meaningful insight into future employment possibilities.

We are especially excited about the new building, which offers dedicated spaces for learning and new jobs and roles for students to explore. The upgraded laundry area now features more equipment, allowing students to gain hands-on experience with various tasks, while the spacious indoor gym provides a ready space for physical activities and programs. These new facilities will support students in developing valuable life and work skills in a modern, supportive environment. We are incredibly proud of our students' hard work, positive attitudes, and willingness to embrace new challenges. Everyone is thrilled for the upcoming semester and looking forward to another round of fun-filled activities and engaging learning experiences!

**Raymond So**

*Leading Teacher*



TIME TO BUY YOUR TICKETS TO THE EVENT OF  
THE YEAR!



# 80's Disco Bingo



TICKETS ARE \$20 EACH OR  
\$160 FOR TABLES OF 8

WHICH INCLUDES ONE BINGO CARD PER ROUND  
EXTRA BINGO CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**DOORS OPEN**

6.30pm

**FOR 7PM START**

**SATURDAY**

9<sup>th</sup>

**AUGUST**

**RESERVOIR**

MPR

**NSA**

**COME JOIN IN THE FUN!**

THERE WILL BE DANCING, SINGING, RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES  
AND GIVEAWAYS, INCLUDING BEST DRESSED, BEST DANCER  
AND BEST HAIR.

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS AT RESERVOIR OR LALOR RECEPTIONS, THROUGH EFTPOS OR CASH

# NSA's 80's Disco Bingo

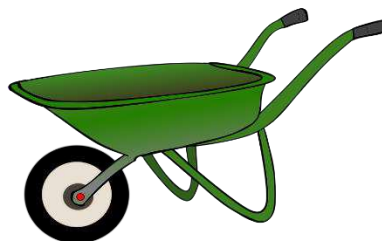
To our wonderful NSA community,  
As part of our Disco Bingo fundraiser, we are doing the 'wheelbarrow  
full of alcohol' game!

We are asking for donations of bottles or cans of alcohol to go into  
the wheelbarrow.

Please drop them off at either Reservoir or Lalor front offices.

We fill the wheelbarrow with as much alcohol as we can get, then  
chain it up, sell off keys for \$50 each and the person who opens the  
lock gets the whole lot for free!

Thank you in advance for your donations and we hope to see you at  
the event.







# 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**

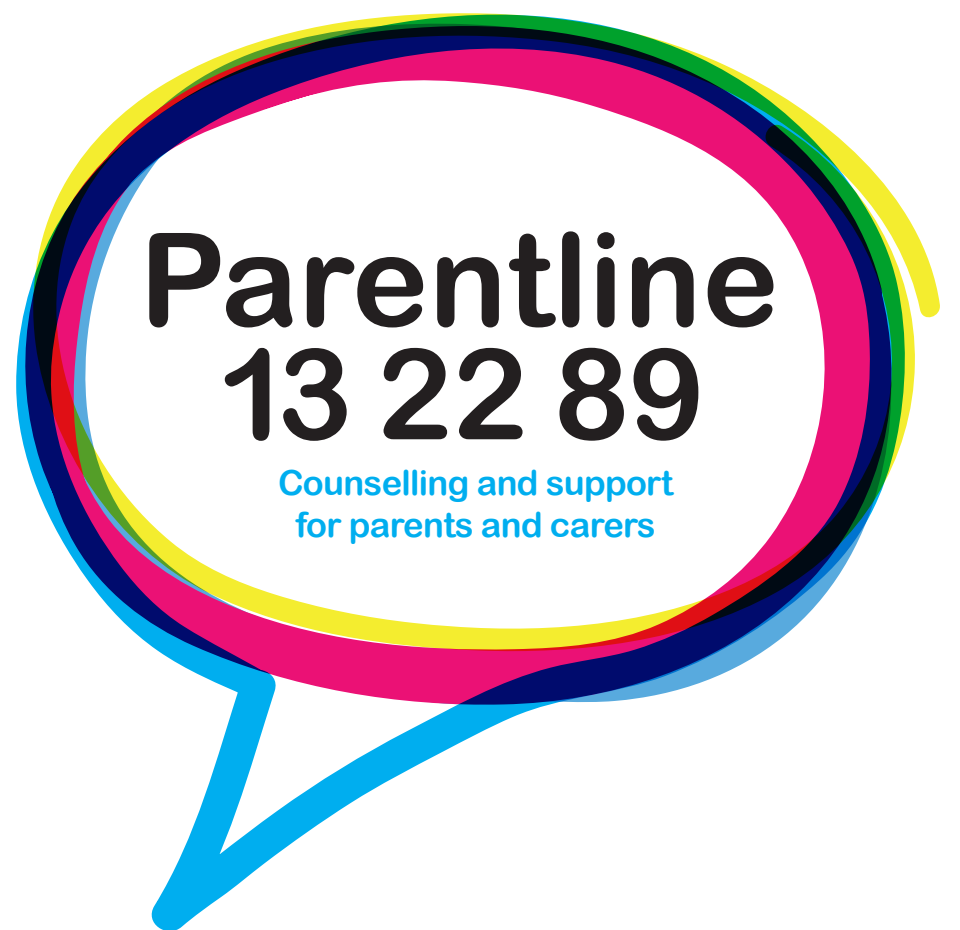
**THURSDAY 28TH OF AUGUST: ROOMS 10, 29, 28,  
1, 3, 6, 7, 13, 14, 16, 21B, 24, 26, 27, NB1, NB2**

**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.**





## Professional telephone counsellors are available to discuss issues including:

- Child behaviour and development
- Parent-child relationships
- Education
- Bullying
- Living with adolescents
- Family violence
- Family breakdown and parental stress

Parentline is available  
every day of the year  
from 8am to midnight.



Non-English speaking callers can access the Translating and Interpreting Service.

Hearing impaired callers can access Parentline through the National Relay Service.



## **END OF TERM REMINDERS**

**Last day of Term 2 is**  
**Thursday 3rd July 2025**

School finishes at **3pm.**

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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
is SSG day

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

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**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2025.**

Monday 21st July is a Curriculum Day - **Student Free Day.**

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Students will commence Term 3 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July.

Thank you  
Pamela Mathieson  
Principal

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