

## Important Dates

Parent Coffee Morning  
RC – 27<sup>th</sup> July – 9:30am

Curriculum Day  
RC & LC – 18<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Student Free Day  
No buses running.

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has a warm and restful term break!

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July there was a fundraiser for one of our valued staff members – Shelley who lost her husband to cancer in term one. I would like to thank Andrea Wallace and all the staff and parents who helped organised the Trivia Night.

### Vapes

With the increase in the popularity of Vapes/E-Cigarettes amongst our teenagers, and unfortunately some of our students, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you all that schools are no smoking/vaping environments.

We would encourage you to try and find an opportunity to have a conversation with your young people about the dangers of vaping, particularly at such a young age.

If you would like advice about how to approach this subject with your child, please feel free to contact the Leadership Team who would be happy to offer some guidance.

### NAIDOC Week 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July

National NAIDOC week is celebrated in the first week of July every year.

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islander Day Observance Committee and was originally formed from a number of other Aboriginal associations that were formed in the 1920s.

The purpose of these groups was to highlight the inequity and treatment of Aboriginal Australians.

In 1955, the then named ‘Aborigines Day’ was established as the first Sunday in July and was to be a day to celebrate the Aboriginal Culture. In 1974, the one day was expanded to a week of celebrations and in 1991, the growing awareness of the distinct cultural history of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people saw the birth of NAIDOC.

Since then, a theme has been identified each year, and gives an opportunity to reflect, important issues and events for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people.

This year’s theme is “For the Elders” and gives us an opportunity to explore how we acknowledge and respect Aboriginal elders, from the past, the present and how we look to support and contribute to the elders of the future.

Last week, 10<sup>th</sup> of July until 14<sup>th</sup> of July, staff and students participated in a variety of activities such as reading and listening to stories, completing comprehension activities related to this topic, watching videos about Aboriginal history, Cooking, Attention Autism and making Art and Craft activities.

### Enrolments 2024

We are starting to finalise enrolments for 2024. At this stage we are enrolling 45 new preps. If you have child at home who you wish to enrol at NSA, please email me ASAP.

**Pamela Mathieson**

**Principal**



## NAIDOC WEEK

In 1955, it was decided that Aborigines Day should include a celebration of Aboriginal culture, heritage and achievement. This is now celebrated as NAIDOC Week, which highlights the achievements of indigenous people all over Australia. NAIDOC stands for 'National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee'.

The national NAIDOC theme for 2023, 'For Our Elders', recognises that across every generation, Elders have played and continue to play an important role and hold a prominent place in communities and families. Declaring this year's National NAIDOC Week theme For Our Elders is itself an act of love. This is an opportunity to respectfully connect with Elders, learn treasured stories, drawing on wisdom shared by so many Elders and appreciate legacies of activism and advocacy. It is also a call to all Australians to deepen their understanding of what it means to be a First Nations Elder.

From the 10<sup>th</sup> of July until the 14<sup>th</sup>, staff and students have participated in a variety of activities reading books such as '*Ceremony*', '*Welcome to country*', '*How the birds got their colours*', listening to stories, completing comprehension activities related to the theme, watching videos about Aboriginal history, Cooking, Attention Autism and making Art and Craft activities.

# M Y B

## Middle Years B

The students in Middle Years B (MYB) have been enjoying school and have been engaged in the various activities organized for them.

Excursions are always a big highlight and the students really enjoyed going to Bounce, YMCA Gym, Inflatable World and to their weekly swimming excursion. In school, the students actively engage in a wide range of activities, including English, Maths, cooking, Art and Sports. One of the classes even participated in camp last term, and got to experience 2 nights away from home. The students had such a fun time at camp and did very well for their first camp experience.

# MYB

## Middle Years B

This semester, the students in MYB are working hard for the upcoming Art Show and Concert. They will also begin using the Osmo program in their classrooms to extend their ICT skills.

So far it has been great watching the students form friendships with each other and make great progress in their learning.

We look forward to the progress the students will make over Terms 3 and 4!

# Room 26

Room 26 has had a fantastic year so far! In Terms 1 and 2 the students greatly enjoyed going on weekly excursions to Reservoir Leisure Centre to participate in the school swimming program, Bundoora Action Indoor Sports Centre, Heidelberg Bounce Trampoline Park and Bundoora Inflatable World. 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 many interactive, sensory and hands-on experiences during wonderful Science incursions in our Multipurpose Room. Regular trips to the STEAM building have shown a lot of student interest in the immersive experiences of the VR (Virtual Reality) room, construction using structured lego sets and interactive Math and English activities on the touchscreen Smart TV. Art, Music, cooking, the 'Attention Autism' program, and movement based sessions have also been some of the favourite activities amongst our students! This term, we are looking forward to our Macleod YMCA gymnastics and local walks excursions that will start, showcasing our creative sides at the school Art Show, and practicing our dance moves in preparation for the school Concert in Term 4! We are excited for the learning, development and fun that our classroom members will have during the rest of the year! 😊

# Lalor Campus Room13

## The Café Program

We are excited to share an update on our Café Program at Lalor Campus. This program provides students with a real-life working opportunity in a simulated café environment, helping them develop valuable skills and gain practical experiences.

### **Resume Writing and Interviews**

Students wrote resumes and participated in mock interviews, preparing them for the job application process and giving them a taste of real-world employment.

### **Menu Design and Shopping**

Students designed their own menu, considering dietary preferences and healthy options. They created a shopping list and visited our local Woolworth to purchase fresh ingredients.

### **Setting Up and Operating the Café**

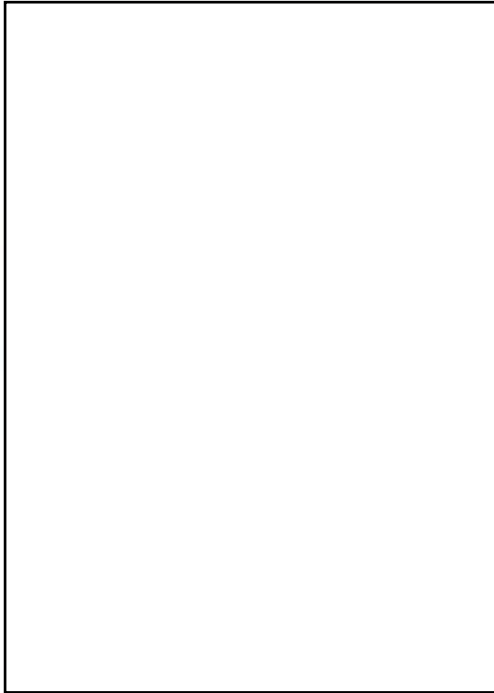
Students transformed our school canteen into a vibrant café. They set up tables, decorated the space, and prepared delicious food and beverages. The café is entirely run by the students themselves.

### **Key Takeaways and Benefits**

- The Café Program has allowed students to:
- Learn teamwork, problem-solving, and essential business skills.
- Develop communication and customer service abilities.
- Gain experience in menu design, budgeting, and inventory management.
- Build self-confidence and resilience through taking on new responsibilities.

We are proud of our students' achievements and grateful for the support of our staff and Woolworth. Together, we are providing our students with valuable real-life experiences.

# SPEECH PATHOLOGY AT NSA



Last term we welcomed a new Speech Pathologist to our team, Phyllis. She is working in rooms 13, 14, 15 & 29 at the Reservoir Campus.

This term, students will continue to participate in communication group work sessions with their classroom Speech Pathologist and teaching staff.

This term we celebrate Speech Pathology Week.

The Speech Pathology Team will organise a range of activities for NSA staff and students to participate in.



**Speech Pathology  
Week**

20th-26th August



The Reservoir Speech Team during our SP week silent morning tea in 2022.