

Important Dates

Easter Hat Parade RC
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th April
See flyer attached.

SSG Day 8th April

2022 Term Dates

Term 1:

1st February to 7th April

Term 2:

26th April to 24th June

Term 3:

11th July to 16th September

Term 4:

3rd October to 20th December

Uniform Shop RC

Monday 2:45pm – 3:45pm

Tuesday 8:30am – 9:30am

Thursday 2:45pm – 3:45pm

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From the Principal

Welcome to another Edition of the Newsletter.

Teaching and Learning Portfolios

The students will soon bring home their Teaching and Learning Portfolios. These portfolios are examples of your child's work showing you about how your child is progressing against the goals. The portfolio tells you about their progress. Importantly, they also inform you about your child's capacity to express what they need and want and to manage their behaviour, their development in their ability to communicate and work/play with other children. The teachers will send home two Teaching and Learning Portfolios and write two reports for each student each year. They put a lot of effort into each of the Teaching and Learning Portfolios and reports, so they are a valuable resource to help you see the progress your child is making at school. They also provide a basis for your discussion with the teachers when you meet them at the next SSG.

Student Support Group meetings

Notices have been sent home to book Student Support Group meetings. If parents cannot attend on the last day of term please either arrange a telephone meeting or make time one day after school to meet with your child's teacher.

REMINDER: Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Thank you to those who have been using the Rapid Antigen Tests as frequently as possible. We have developed a system to make sure that all families are receiving boxes at the correct times, so thank you for your support with this. Please make sure that you let us know immediately if your child returns a POSITIVE test as they will need to isolate for 7 days whether they are unwell or not. As usual, if your child is unwell they MUST remain at home even if they test negative. Please be extra vigilant with this if your child is home unwell.

You MUST notify us if your child tests positive at any time.

Punctuality at the Beginning of the School Day

Every day your child is away from school/late impacts on the level of success that will be achieved throughout their time in school. We understand that sickness or important health appointments are a part of everyday life and cannot be avoided.

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We also know that getting students to school every day and on time will enable us to get the best out of your child (academic, social and emotional growth) which is always our priority.

Routines and procedures are critically important in establishing a strong learning environment within each classroom.

For this reason it is extremely important that students are at school, ready to begin their day at 9am.

If parents are dropping their child off late or picking up their child early, please expect to wait as transitioning students after 9am or before 3pm is taking a staff member out of the class which is disrupting the teaching and learning program and compromising duty of care.

Parent Behaviour at drop off and pick up gates

The leadership team expect parents to behave appropriately at the gates when they are dropping their child off or picking their child up. Parents talking about staff in a negative manner or swearing will not be tolerated. ***Under no circumstances are parents allowed to use their phones and film students in the playground. It is crucial the dignity and privacy of all students at Northern School for Autism is protected.***

Pamela Mathieson

Principal

LC Leading Teacher News

Welcome to week 8 of Term 1- it has certainly been a busy and engaging term.

On behalf of the LC Leading Teachers, I am proud to share with you some of the programs and activities the students at Lalor have been involved in so far this term.

Teaching and Learning

In 2022 the Teaching and Learning curriculum will have a strong focus on literacy and numeracy. In addition to this;

- Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will continue to extend their learning through integrated units. The integrated units address the domains of English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Civics and Citizenship and Health. This term the integrated unit has been *'Understanding me and my community'*.
- Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 will enhance their learning by completing a range of ASDAN modules or completing VCAL. This term students have worked towards completing the module *'Developing Communication Skills'*. Students have focussed on their communication skills across the school and in the wider community.

Families will have the opportunity to view the work the students have completed this term at the SSG.

Each term a different integrated unit or ASDAN module will be taught. Leadership and teachers have drafted a 3-year teaching plan with the intention of providing a non-repetitive curriculum for students in their later years of schooling.

Community Access

Over the term students have enjoyed being out in the community; familiarising themselves with local businesses, sporting and recreational venues, and engaging in various social opportunities.

Sailing-This term students from a couple of classes have enjoyed a glorious afternoon on the *Winds of Joy* sailing around Docklands. We had an immense response from families expressing interest in their son/daughter going sailing, so we will look to book more dates in Term 2 and Term 4.

Sporting Activities

Tennis- Students from LC7, LC8 and LC12 have improved their tennis skills, along with improving their general coordination.

Paddle- In the upcoming weeks students from LC10, LC13 and LC14 will be taking part in 3 sessions of Paddle with Paddle Victoria at Westerfolds Park. Paddle Victoria introduce students to the sport of paddling, providing education on basic water safety and paddling techniques. Students will have a fantastic time.

Interschool Sports- This term 15 students have taken part in the Northern Special Schools Sports Association (NSSSA) Interschool Sports on Wednesdays. Students have had the opportunity to try new sports while playing against students from other specialist schools. Sports so far have included Lacrosse, Tennis and Bowling.

Incursions

This term we have had a few incursions happening across the week at the Lalor campus.

Music & Drama program- This year we were fortunate to have Maurice and Peter from 'Music in Me' join us on Mondays and lead students and staff from LC1, LC2, and LC5 in a fabulous and engaging music program. We also have Jacinta who engages students from LC6, LC9 and LC10 in drama sessions.

Robotics - It has been great watching students across a range of classes develop and consolidate their coding skills each week.

Woodwork - Students from LC6, LC8 and LC11 have really enjoyed participating in weekly woodwork sessions where they have been able to make robots, tool boxes and bird houses from timber. Students have learnt skills around using tools safely and with caution.

I look forward to a smooth end to Term 1.

Kind regards,

Maria- LC Leading Teacher

Room 21 Newsletter

We have hit the ground running in Room 21 this year! Our timetable has been jam-packed with extracurricular activities in which the students have enjoyed taking part while learning new skills and knowledge along the way.

Room 21 students have so far been fortunate enough to participate in the robotics program where they have been writing the code to develop their very own handheld gaming systems!

Additionally, Room 21 students have been relishing the physical challenges that our time at Latitude continues to provide along with our swimming lessons at the local leisure centre.

It has been a fantastic start to the year in Room 21 and we are all looking forward to growing and learning together throughout 2022.

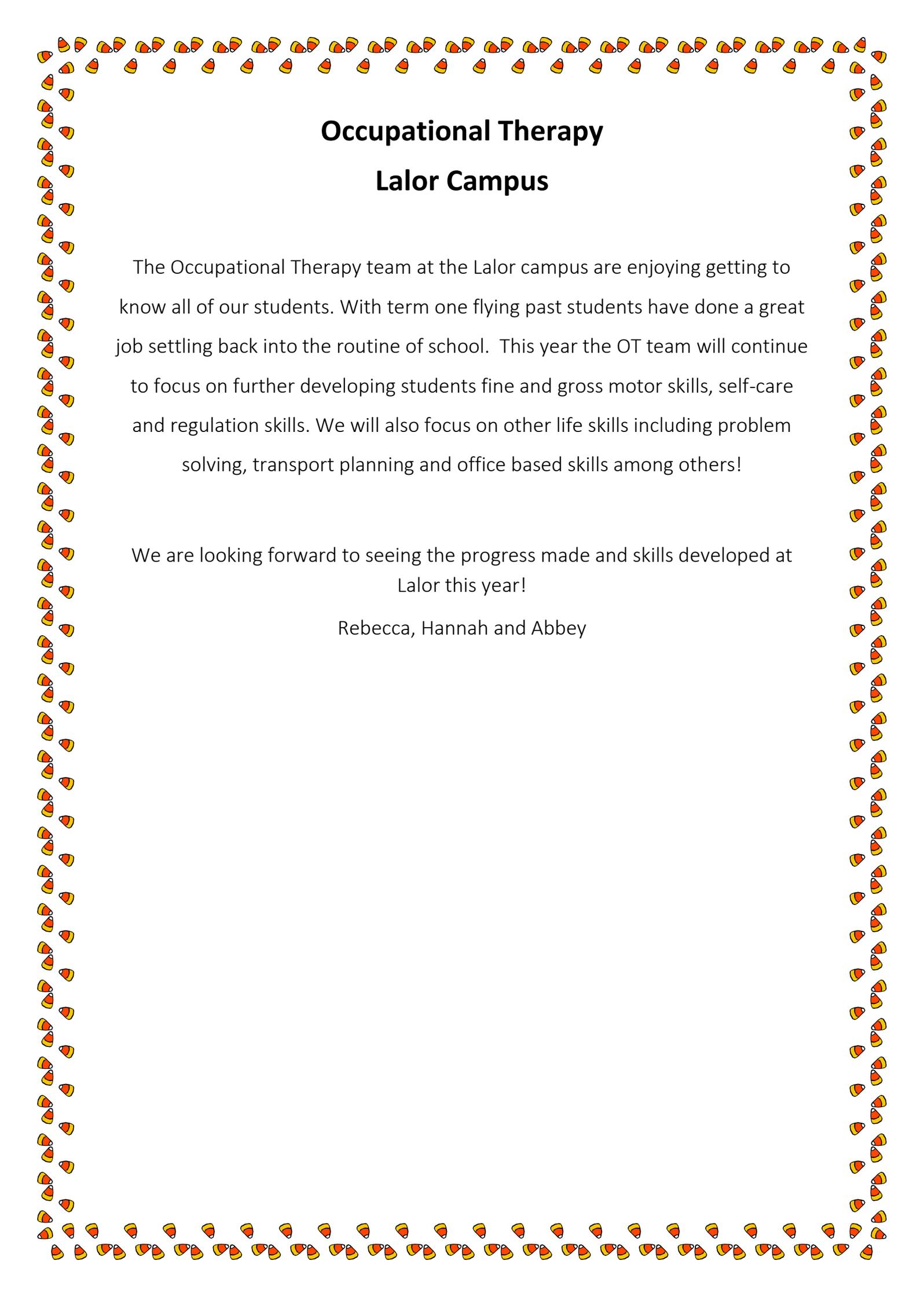
LC1

The students have successfully transitioned into the Lalor campus and settled well in the new learning environment. The students have participated in multiple learning programs this term, such as music incursion, community access, and baking sessions.

The students enjoyed participating in the music incursion. During the music incursion, the students followed the rhythms formed by numbers and colours to create different music.

Also, the students have started engaging in local block walks to understand the geography of Lalor as part of their exercise program. The students will be heading to the local shops to purchase their morning tea once they are more familiarised with the area.

In their weekly cooking sessions, the students have baked chocolate cupcakes and cornflake chocolate chip cookies. It was exciting to see the students use the electric mixer to mix the ingredients! The students will continue to experience using different cooking appliances to make cooking easier.

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Occupational Therapy

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The Occupational Therapy team at the Lalor campus are enjoying getting to know all of our students. With term one flying past students have done a great job settling back into the routine of school. This year the OT team will continue to focus on further developing students fine and gross motor skills, self-care and regulation skills. We will also focus on other life skills including problem solving, transport planning and office based skills among others!

We are looking forward to seeing the progress made and skills developed at Lalor this year!

Rebecca, Hannah and Abbey

Easter Hat Parade

Please join us as students parade their hand made Easter hats,
in playground 6 at the Reservoir Campus

Monday 4th April

9:30am - Rooms 1 – 7

1:30pm – Rooms 8 - 13

Tuesday 5th April

9:30am - Rooms 14 – 19

1:30pm – Rooms 20 - 26

Easter raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 5th April