

## Important Dates

### SP Parent Therapy Workshop

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
9:30-11am

### Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
9:30am

### OT Parent Therapy Workshop

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
9:30-11am

### Steam Expo - RC & LC Events

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

### Reservoir Campus

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter and the two weeks of holidays. This term will be a very busy 11 weeks, with our students having their regular classroom learning opportunities plus many year levels undertaking excursions and incursions. In Week 5, we will be running a STEM Expo at both campuses to showcase the great work the students have been doing.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June, we will be hosting the Parent Open Morning. I will communicate the specific details closer to the event.

### Education Week

In 2024, Victoria will celebrate Education Week from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The theme will be Spotlight on STEM, a chance for schools to celebrate and share how they bring science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to life in the classroom. During this week NSA will be hosting a STEM Expo.

### Pathway Expo – Lalor Campus

I would like to thank Brad Harris for organising the Pathway Expo. This was a great opportunity for parents to gather more information about options post school for students.

### Lalor Building News

I am pleased to inform the community that the buildings have been demolished. There were a lot very large boulders/rocks that had to be removed so the plumbing and wiring can go underground. At this stage completion date will be April 2025.





### **Child Safe Standards**

Future newsletters will provide a regular spot to highlight Child Safe Standards and the measures the school puts in place to ensure our students are protected. The guidelines, developed through DET, are based on the recommendations from the Commonwealth Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. We are all aware of the horrific testimonials and evidence of abuse that came out of this royal commission. As a result, the Child Safe Standards are mandated, and the school seeks to proactively ensure the safety and welfare of our students. These steps include imbedding a culture of child safety.

Child Safe Standards at NSA we have a zero tolerance of child abuse.

To continue to embed a culture of child safety at school, it is important to ensure it is part of our everyday thinking and practice. Practices are continually reviewed and evaluated and will be communicated in the newsletter, during discussions, at staff meetings, and in our everyday interactions. Our Child Safe Policy is on our website and will be reviewed over the next few months. As per the school policy, Andrea Wallace, Angeline Chen, Assistant Principals or myself, Pamela Mathieson, Principal are your key contacts if you have any concerns.

### **April is Autism Month**

Autism Month is about raising awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of autism. More than 205,000 Australians are autistic and 1 in 4 Australians have a family member on the autism spectrum.

At Northern School for Autism our vision is for every individual on the autism spectrum to live the life they choose and be part of their wider community.

**Pamela Mathieson**

**Principal**

# Middle Years B

This year it has been rewarding to see all of our students in Middle Years B continue to develop all of their skills. The teaching teams have worked hard to support students to work on their academic learning and build their skills in the areas of communication, play, social and personal learning. The students have been supported to learn the structures and routines within their new classrooms as well as develop social relationships with their new peers. It has been amazing to watch all the students flourish within their classrooms with their dedicated teaching teams and therapists.

Students have had a very busy start to the year where they have all participated in multiple excursions including Bounce & Swimming. Students have enjoyed attending Action Indoor Sports where they have been working with teams to play different sports appropriately such as Basketball, Soccer, Football, Cricket, Dodgeball, Handball & Netball. Students have also participated in both a Science and Reptile Incursion and have been focusing on developing their community safety awareness by participating in local walks where they have begun to visit different shops to order lunch. Middle Years B have enjoyed using all the new equipment within our STEAM Building in preparation for the upcoming expo. Middle Years B will continue to participate in many more excursions this year such as Gymnastics & Inflatable World. As Sub School leader I would like to thank all my incredible staff along with the continued support from all of the parents.



**Jackson Mathieson-Lowe**

# Room 5

Room 5 have been settling into the classroom routines. All students have been learning to unpack their bags, follow directions and are getting to know each other. Everyone has enjoyed exploring the different areas of the school including the Playgrounds, the Green and Blue Gyms, the STEAM Building and the Trampoline. The students have also enjoyed using sensory items such as playdough, coloured rice and kinetic sand in the classroom.

Room 5 students have been engaging in fun activities within the subjects of Maths, English, Music, Art and Cooking.

In Cooking, the students followed a recipe to make strawberry milk. Room 5 have also enjoyed attending the Science Incursions, learning about electricity and Australian animals. They are all doing a fantastic job!

We are excited to see the students continue to develop and grow throughout 2024!



# Room 21B

Room 21B have had a fantastic start to term 2!

The students have all transitioned back to school a lot of success and have enjoyed seeing their peers and staff after the holiday break. There is some exciting learning ahead this term and the students have already got started on a new maths unit and have been learning to use new materials in the STEAM building in preparation for the STEAM expo in week five. Blackwood Camp is also coming up for those students who are attending and this will take place from Monday the 29th of April to Wednesday the 1st of May.

This week students have looked about some of the things they might observe about ANZAC day next week and have completed some different activities to reinforce their understanding. Overall the students have worked hard in all of their curriculum areas this first week back and we look forward to seeing some fantastic things from all of them over the coming weeks. Keep it up 21B!



# LC7



As we reflect on the adventures of term one, we are delighted to share the highlights of our past excursions and activities.

Throughout term one, our students embraced the discipline and thrill of karate. Every week, they honed their self-defence skills, developed focus, and built strength. The karate excursions were a resounding success!

**Adventures at Don Bosco:** Don Bosco has been our haven for fun-filled activities, offering everything from trampolining to table tennis and basketball courts. LC7 students have been embracing the thrill of these adventures, fostering teamwork and healthy competition along the way.

Let's not forget the delicious cooking sessions our young chefs enjoyed. Under the guidance of our cooking specialist teacher, they have been whipping up a variety of dishes, exploring different cuisines and flavours with enthusiasm.

**Active Lifestyle:** Led by our P.E. teacher, LC7 has embraced physical education, honing their athletic skills and promoting fitness.

**Harmonious Melodies:** In our weekly music sessions, LC7 has explored instruments and genres, fostering creativity and self-expression.

Term 1 has been a journey of growth and excitement for LC7, and we can't wait for more adventures ahead!



# Lalor Occupational Therapy

We are very excited to announce that we have two new Occupational Therapists joining our amazing therapy team. The students have been so welcoming to our new OT's and are excited to work with them.

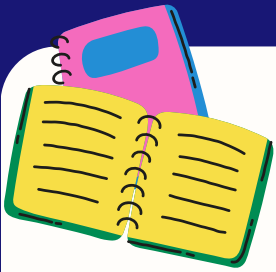
Sherie will be at *the Lalor campus Monday to Wednesday* and at the *Reservoir campus Thursday and Friday*.

Soshanna will be at the *Lalor campus Monday to Friday*.

## Later Years B

We have students who are continuing to further develop their hygiene skills in areas including teeth brushing, deodorant and washing face. Students have been really enjoying the interactive activities that we have been doing to support their learning. These include brushing very big teeth and washing all different textures off laminated faces with a wipe (e.g. vegemite, toothpaste, markers).

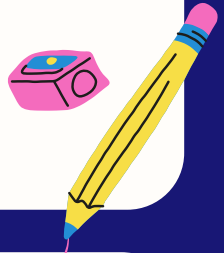
We also have students who are participating in a work skills session. These sessions have been a really fun and engaging way to practice skills including fine motor skills, turn taking and working together with peers by doing production line activities. The students have been creating craft fine motor packets for different classrooms in LYB subschool. They have been choosing images, cutting/ripping paper for the craft, sorting them into plastic pockets and delivering to classrooms.



# Speech Pathology - Lalor

## Lalor Team: New Staff

The Speech Team has grown!  
We welcome Leyla and Belle to Lalor Campus.



## Welcome Back - 2024

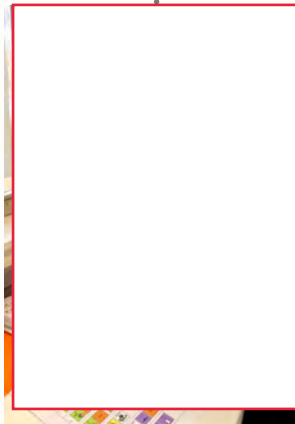
The Speech Pathology Team at Lalor Campus welcomes back all of our NSA students for the 2024 school year. A big welcome to students new to NSA Lalor as well as to our Reservoir grads who have started high school!

Moving up to the senior campus is an exciting stage for many students. There are many new opportunities for communication development and social interaction.

We have had a wonderful first term and are excited to be back after the school holiday break.

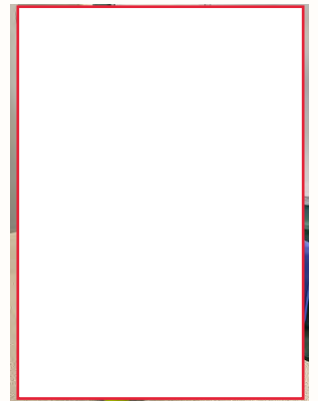
## SP Activities

The Lalor Campus Speech Team work across the campus classrooms. Therapists work with staff to support student communication engaging in a variety of sessions, including: shared reading, social and leisure skills, AAC, language skills, project work, literacy skills, and everyday school life routines and communication.



LC2 - in cooking we work on literacy skills and increasing independence with recipe schedules, following instructions, cleaning, and packing snacks.

LC10 - engaging in language and literacy skills during shared reading, as well as themed activities to extend the story meaning into other life skills.



LC9 - sharing materials for projects, using leisure time for social skills opportunities and interactions, as well as enjoying some cool sensory experiences.





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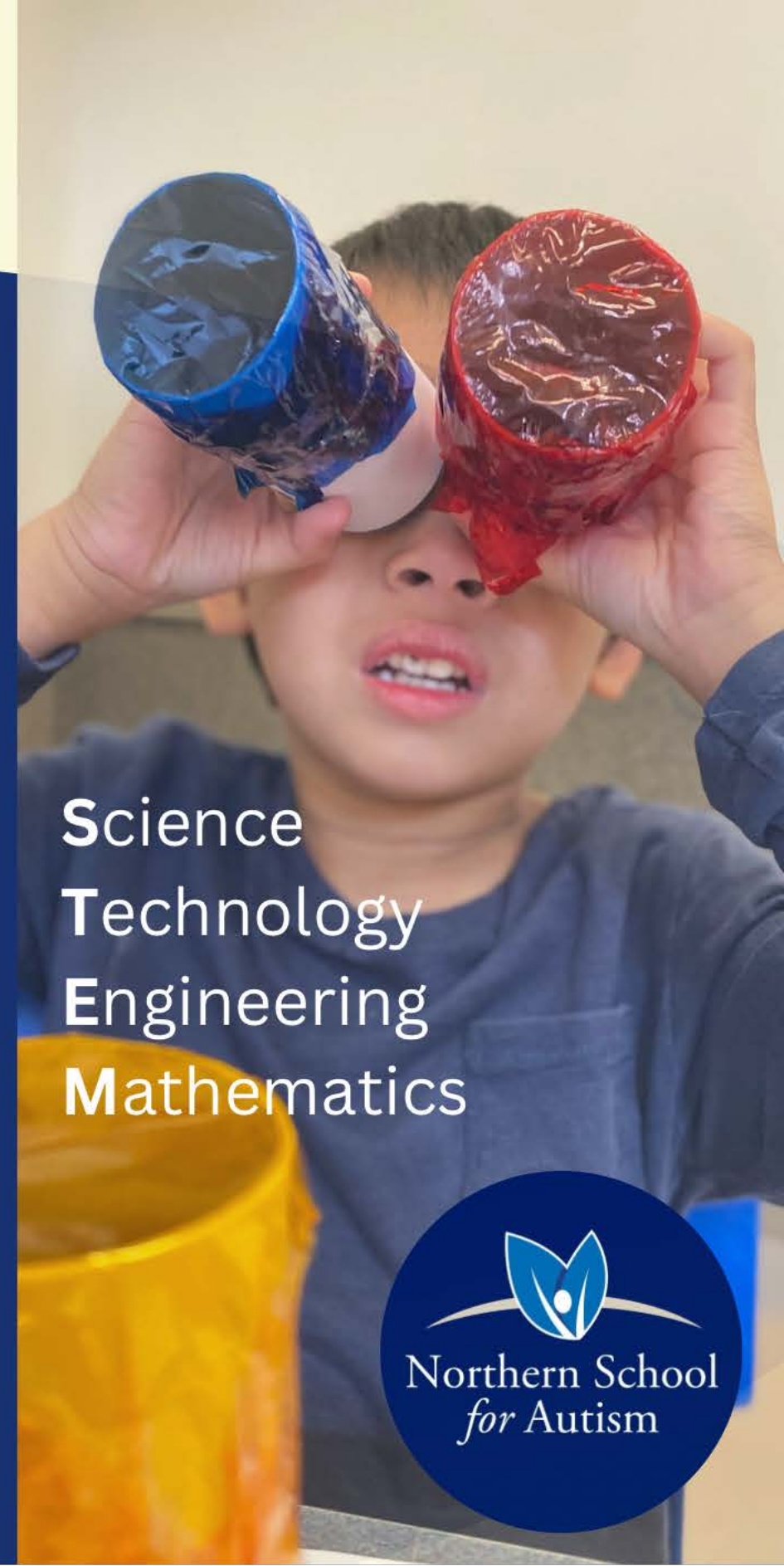
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**Family STEM activities for**  
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**2:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Tuesday 14th May**  
**Wednesday 15th May**  
**Thursday 16th May**



**Location: Multipurpose Room**  
**& STEAM building**  
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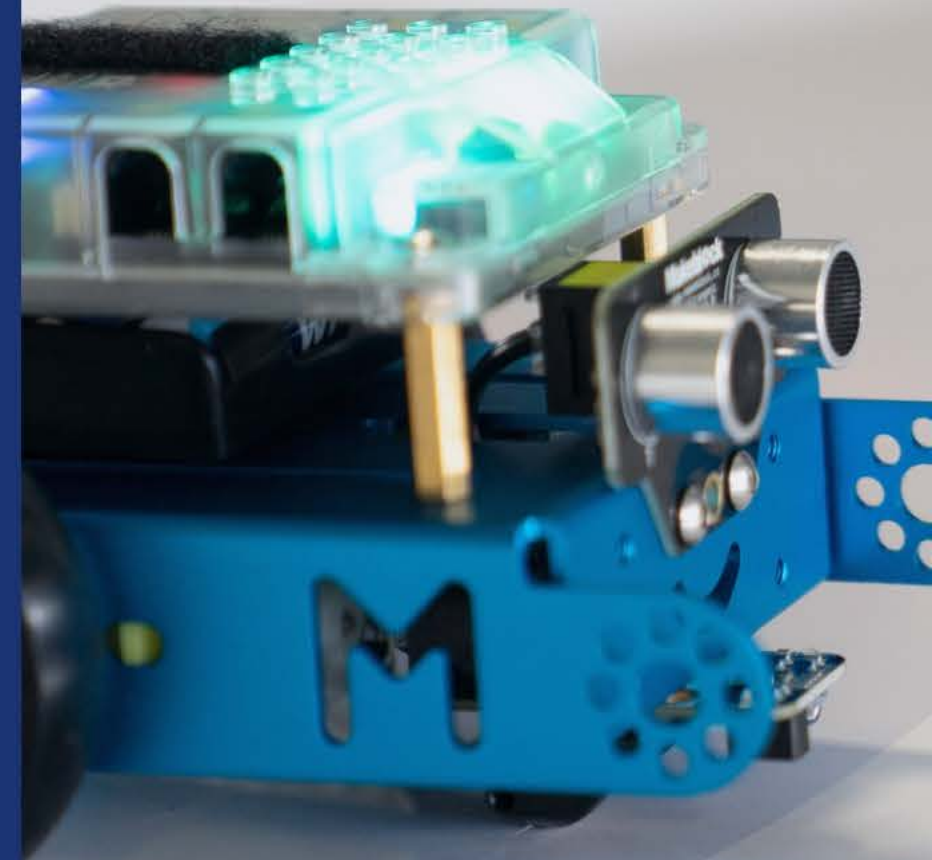
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2-4 Lyndon St, Lalor, VIC 3075

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# Overview of the participant journey – Melbourne

## Register now to learn more about the participant journey

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) invites people with disability, families, and carers to [register for information sessions](#) to learn more about the participant journey at the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

In these sessions we will give you an overview of the participant journey, including information on community connections, access, and creating your NDIS plan, and using your NDIS plan, and changing your NDIS plan.

You can [register for all three sessions, or just one](#).

**Who should attend:** Participants, families, and carers.

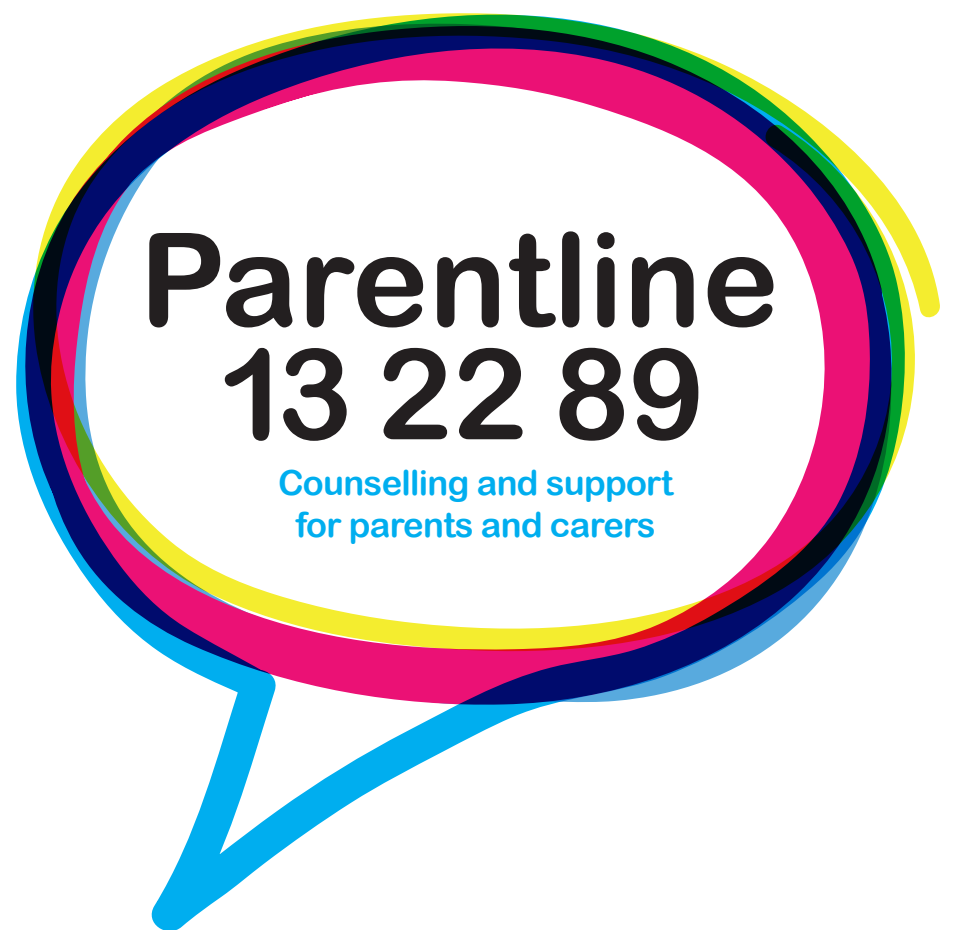
**Date:** 07 May 2024

**Location:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf VIC 3006

Session	Time
Making connections and applying to the NDIS	10:00am to 11:00am
Creating an NDIS plan	12:00pm to 1:00pm
Using and changing an NDIS plan	2:00pm to 3:00pm

**Additional information:** If you have any accessibility requirements, please let us know when you register. Please note – Auslan interpreters have been booked for this event.





## 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.