Friday 27 November 2026

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Northern School for Autism

Newsletter

Important Dates

PARENT COFFEE MORNING
Friday 4th December

Reservoir Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 10th December

Lalor Year 2 Graduation
Monday 14th December

Special Lunch LC
9th December

Special Lunch RC-NB
15th December

Last Day for Students
Thursday 17th December
School finishes at 2pm (afternoon buses will arrive 1 hr earlier at pick up)

SSG Day
Friday 18th December
Student Free Day
No Buses Running

2027

Term 1 Commences:
Friday 29th January 2027 *(9 am start)*

Reservoir Campus
16-18 Gertz Avenue,
RESERVOIR VIC 3073
Phone:(03)9462 5990

Lalor Campus
35 Duncan Road,
LALOR VIC 3075
Phone: (03) 9464 3480

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents and Carers

The weeks are certainly flying by! There is plenty happening across both campuses as students continue working towards the end of their learning programs, while also enjoying the many activities, events and celebrations that make this time of year so special.

With the end of the school year getting closer, there is lots happening behind the scenes as staff prepare for our upcoming graduations, end-of-year celebrations and the transition into 2027. It is a busy time, but also a great opportunity to reflect on the progress our students have made and celebrate their achievements throughout the year. Thank you to our families and wider school community for your ongoing support and involvement. We look forward to making the most of these final weeks together and finishing the year on a high.

Colour Fun Run

I would like to thank Andrea Wallace, the parents on the Special Events Committee and the parents who volunteered to make the Colour Fun Run such as successful event for all the students. Thank you to the families who raised money. The money will go towards STEAM equipment at each campus.

Social Media Laws

The Australian Government is protecting young Australians at a critical stage of their development, through world-first social media age restrictions. These restrictions are now in effect.

As of 10 December 2025, age-restricted social media platforms need to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under the age of 16 from creating or keeping an account. It is eSafety's view that Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, Twitch, X, YouTube, Kick and Reddit are age-restricted platforms, among others. This list may change in the future. The social media age restrictions aim to protect young Australians from pressures and risks that users can be exposed to while logged in to social media accounts. These come from design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens, while also serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents cannot override the law or give formal permission for their under-16 child to hold an account on banned platforms.

The law was introduced to help protect children from potential online harms, including cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and negative impacts on mental Social Media Laws health.

Northern School For Autism is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment where staff, students, and parents work together to prevent all forms of disrespectful and unkind conduct. By following the Social Media laws, the school community sets a strong example for all current and future NSA students

Pamela Mathieson
Principal

Room 16

What a wonderful year it has been in Room 16! The students have grown so much, and it has been such a joy for staff to watch them form friendships, play together, and support one another throughout the year.

One of the highlights has been our engaging Science incursions, especially the visit from the animal farm, which the students absolutely loved another favourite has been our weekly local walks and the school colour run was a great day for all. Our graduating students in the class also got the opportunity to go on school camp which was a fun couple of days!

The students have also loved exploring the STEAM building, especially their sessions with OMSO and time in the VR room. They've made fantastic progress in Maths and English and have enjoyed art and cooking each week as part of their learning program. We've also celebrated lots of birthdays, which the students have really enjoyed sharing with their friends. Another highlight this term was the school concert, where the students did an amazing job performing on stage.

It's been a wonderful year of learning in Room 16, and we're so proud of all that the students have achieved!



Throughout the year, LC20 has been working hard on our learning programmes both inside and outside of the classroom. We started our Coffee Shop program back in Semester 1. We started out small and kept working on our skills and expanded our offers on the menu throughout the year. We worked on using our espresso machine, and even a POS system. We also started working on our Student Newsletter which we published once a fortnight in Term 4.

We have also volunteered to work in the community garden at Lalor Neighbourhood House since Term 2 and we have explored many plants, insects and interacted with other participates, volunteers and staff at LNH. We completed our work experience at St. Vincent's Op Shop in Epping and explored different tasks in a retail environment at the shop.

Our highlight this year has been our weekly excursion to the city. All students planned the excursions including choosing venues to visit, working on risks involved in excursions, and learned how to complete forms needed for each excursion.

It has been a very busy year for our class, and we have grown, developed and connected with each other and other people we have interacted with outside of the school too. 4 of our members are graduating from school this year, and we will miss them greatly. All the best of us who graduated this year and to those of us who continue our journey at the NSA next year!

2026 GRADUATES

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In their final year, NSA's graduating students of 2026 have really grown their social, personal and workplace skills! Through exciting excursions, challenging courses, including VET units, friendships, travel and work experience, they have prepared for young adulthood. New pathways await! And, of course, graduation ceremony is on 14 Dec.
CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE

YOU ARE THE best

STEAM at Lalor - Term 4

Term 4 has been another exciting and productive term in the STEAM Space at Lalor! Students have continued to enjoy a range of hands-on activities that encourage creativity, problem-solving, collaboration and the development of new skills.

This term, students took part in our LEGO Logo Challenge, using our LEGO Wall to recreate familiar logos and designs. Students explored colours, patterns and shapes while developing their creativity and visual problem-solving skills.

We also introduced a LEGO Car and Vehicle Challenge, where students used LEGO to design and construct their own vehicles. This encouraged students to experiment with different building techniques, explore how wheels and axles work, and test and improve their creations.

Another popular activity was building marble runs using GraviTrax. Students designed and constructed tracks, experimenting with height, slopes, gravity and momentum to guide their marbles through different pathways. This was a fantastic opportunity to explore early engineering and physics concepts through play and experimentation.

Our students have finished the year off wonderfully, continuing to show enthusiasm and enjoyment for the many opportunities available in the STEAM Space. It has been fantastic to see students creating, experimenting, problem-solving and building confidence through hands-on learning experiences.

We look forward to continuing to welcome students into the STEAM Space, where they can create, explore, improve and build on their skills through exciting STEAM challenges in the year ahead!

Caroline Inglis

STEAM Learning Specialist

NDIS Good Evidence – Free online workshop

ACD is hosting a FREE online workshop for parents or carers of NDIS participants

Learn about different types of evidence the NDIS looks at and how to make sure the assessments and reports you provide are clear and relevant.

You'll learn about

- What good evidence looks like
- What reports you need
- Parental care required because of your child's disability
- A checklist to help you get ready

Workshop dates

- **Tuesday 1st December 7.00pm**
- **Wednesday 2nd December 10:00am**

Save your place:

Workshop 1:

https://events.humanitix.com/ndis-good-evidence-tue-1-dec-7-00pm/tickets

workshop 2:

https://events.humanitix.com/ndis-good-evidence-wed-2-dec-10-00am

Questions?

- **Email: educate@acd.org.au**
- **Call 03 9880 7000 or 1800 654 013**



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

END OF TERM REMINDERS:

Last day of Term 4:

Thursday 17th December

School finishes early at **2pm**

Buses will arrive at the afternoon stop 1 hour earlier

Friday 18th December

is SSG Day.

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

First day of Term 1 2027:

Friday 29th January 2027

Thank you

Pamela Mathieson

Principal

Northern School *for* Autism

Lalor LC2

SUMMER CAFE MENU

FOOD

Veggie Gyoza's

Freshly cooked vegetable gyoza's. Soy Sauce available.

$2.00



Croissant

Cheese
$2.00

Ham & Cheese
$2.50



Hot Dog

Plain
$2.50



With Cheese/ Onions
$3.00

Potato Gems

Plain
$2.50



With Cheese & Gravy
$3.00

Nachos

With Cheese, Salsa, Avocado & Sour Cream

$4.00



DRINKS

Milkshake



Vanilla
Chocolate
Caramel

$2.00

Cold Can



Pepsi Max
Lemonade

$2.50

DESSERTS

Choc Chip Cookie



Freshly Baked chocolate chip cookie.

$1.00

Ice Cream Sandwich



Filled with crushed Oreo biscuit.

$2.00

OPPORTUNITY SHOP

WHITTLESEA OP SHOP | LC2

Working together. Creating opportunity.

EVERY THURSDAY @ LALOR

9:30AM – 10:30AM



GAMES | TOYS | CLOTHES

EVERYTHING UNDER $5!

CASH ONLY

QUALITY DONATIONS

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

SUSTAINABLE CHOICES

CREATING OPPORTUNITY

SAME COMMUNITY SPIRIT. *New Opportunities.*

See you there!

COFFEE Morning

PARENTS & CARERS



Join us

COFFEE, TEA & SNACKS PROVIDED

Lalor

Friday

04/12/26

@ 9:30am

Northern School for Autism - Multipurpose Room