

Important Dates

Term 1 Dates:

Last Day Term 1:
Thursday 3rd of April
3:00pm Finish

SSG Day:
Friday 4th of April
No Buses Running
Student Free Day

Term 2 Dates:

First Day of Term 2:
Tuesday 22nd of April

T2 Public holidays:
Monday 21st April -
Easter Monday holiday
and
Friday 25th April -
ANZAC Day holiday

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents and Carers, can you believe it is the end of term 1? It has been a busy time with the celebration of Harmony Week, Easter Hat Parades and Hot Cross Bun afternoon tea. I would like to thank the leadership team, teaching teams, the allied health team and the administration team for continuing such a high standard of work.

Student Council – Lalor Campus

This week we also appointed our 2025 NSA Student Council. Over the last couple of weeks, our students have either put their names forward or been nominated for the positions. Badges have been ordered and we will organise an afternoon tea to present the badges.

LYA- Dre McMullan, Lucy Walker and Nairen Dano

LYB- Aaron Morais, Adam Roos and Alexander Androvitsaneas

LYC- Bianca Sculac and Alex Gievski

LYD- Long Pham and Connor Katsifolis

Lalor Building News

We are very busy packing up the A – Wing. Removalist have been booked for week 2 of the term 2. The date of the handover of the new building has not been confirmed yet but we know it will come very quickly.

Harmony Week

The staff and students celebrated Harmony week on 17th – 23rd March. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is a time to celebrate that Australia is one of the most successful multicultural societies in the world. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

Building on over 65,000 years of First Nations cultures, Australia has become home to migrants from nearly 300 different ancestries. Australia's immigration history has helped build our modern nation. An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions. They also take on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation-starters:

- More than half (51.5%) of Australian residents were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
- Since 1945, more than 7.6 million people have migrated to Australia.
- Nearly every single country from around the world was represented in Australia's population in 2020.
- More than 150 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander languages are spoken in Australia.
- We identify with over 300 ancestries.

Office Hours

Office Hours from Term 2 2025

Reservoir Office: 8.00am – 4.15pm Mon – Thurs and 8.00am – 3.45pm Fridays

Lalor Office: 8:00am – 4:00pm Mon – Thurs and 8.00am – 3.30pm Fridays

Pamela Mathieson
Principal

Room 4

How quickly our first term at school has flown by! We are all very proud of the students in Room 4.

We begin our days with table activities, exercise circuits, and a morning circle where students learn how to transition and use their brand-new communication devices and books. The STEAM building, people games, shared reading and our sessions with our Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist are just a few of our class favourites, and every day brings new and exciting learning experiences.

We are thrilled to support and witness the progress our students are making. Well done, Room 4, on a fantastic start to your schooling journey!

Exciting Adventures and Learning in Room 16!

We are thrilled to share the fantastic experiences and achievements from Room 16 so far this term! It has been a fun-filled time of learning, creativity, and hands-on exploration.

In Maths, students have been busy practising counting and addition, developing their number skills through engaging activities. In English, they have been hard at work practising writing, cutting, and reading, showing great progress and enthusiasm.

Our weekly excursions to Wombat Bend Park have been a highlight! The students love being outdoors, exploring the play equipment, and especially zooming across the flying fox. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to build confidence, strength, and coordination while having fun with their peers.

Science has been full of exciting experiments and discoveries! The students loved the "Mad About Science" incursion, where they explored the hot and cold theme through fun, interactive demonstrations. They also had a blast with our Dough Explosion experiment, where glitter burst into the air, creating a magical and exciting moment for everyone!

Cooking has also been a favourite activity in Room 16! Students have been making toast and pancakes, learning important life skills while enjoying delicious treats they helped prepare.

With Easter around the corner, we have been getting creative, making Easter hats in preparation for upcoming celebrations. The students have enjoyed decorating their hats with bright colours and fun designs.

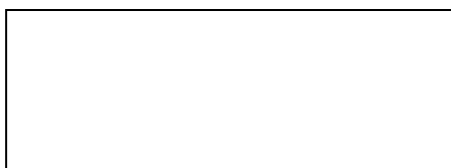
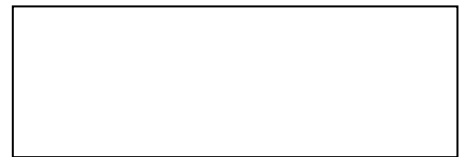
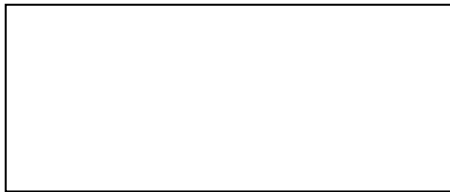
It has been an amazing term so far, and we look forward to even more exciting activities and adventures ahead!

LC9 Newsletter

As we near the end of Term 1, it has been great to reflect on the relationships that have been built, the fun that has been had and the effort that students have put in since January.

Students have given their best throughout the term and it has been a pleasure getting to know them!

Here is a snapshot of the first Term of 2025 🍌



Later Years B

It has been a fantastic start to the year for Later Years B. Students have adapted well to their new routines and classrooms and we have welcomed some new faces along the way.

Whilst regular teaching and learning programs are well underway, regular excursions and outings into the community have been a highlight for many students. Trips to local supermarkets and shopping centres have built upon independence in using public transport and money handling skills. Some students have shared their thoughts and opinions by recording their own radio show and podcasts at SYN FM, while others have represented our school at Interschool Sports.

Our VPC students have enjoyed some wonderful team building excursions this term such as a Scavenger Hunt, the Road to Zero program and visits to ACMI and the Shrine of Remembrance.

Everyone at the Lalor campus have all enjoyed a bite to eat from the student run Café and Canteen—our hats go off to the chefs!

We can't wait to see what the rest of 2025 brings.

Anna Scott and Rhiannon Parbery—Later Years B Leading Teachers



LALOR STEAM NEWS

Wow... Is Term One really finished already? It has certainly been a challenging beginning to the year with limited spaces while the new building is under construction. Nonetheless, students have enthusiastically adapted to the changes and are discovering various ways to engage in STEAM until we transition to our new space next term... how exciting!

Students are still enjoying OSMO, a beloved tool in the STEAM community. The OSMO utilizes a mirror positioned on the iPad's front-facing camera, allowing the apps to recognize objects placed in front of the device. Each game features items that interact with the iPad, whether through tiles for spelling words or solving simple math problems. By drawing on a whiteboard, users can have their creations integrated into the game. Additionally, there are unique coding pieces designed to teach children fundamental coding sequences, helping to familiarize them with STEAM projects.

Other engaging activities for students at the Lalor Campus feature magnets and the exploration of forces, as well as using BeeBots, Dash, and Sphero Robots for coding and obstacle navigation. These activities enable every student to participate in coding, regardless of their starting skill level.

CAS COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATION ACCESSIBLE SCHOOLS

WHO ARE WE?

The CAS Committee are a group of staff at NSA who have a special interest in ensuring communication is accessible for all students. The committee meet regularly to develop resources to support the whole school achieve this goal.

WHY?

Communication is a Human Right. All students deserve the right to communicate. Communication helps us connect with others and express ourselves.



**ALL COMMUNICATION
IS VALUED EQUALLY**

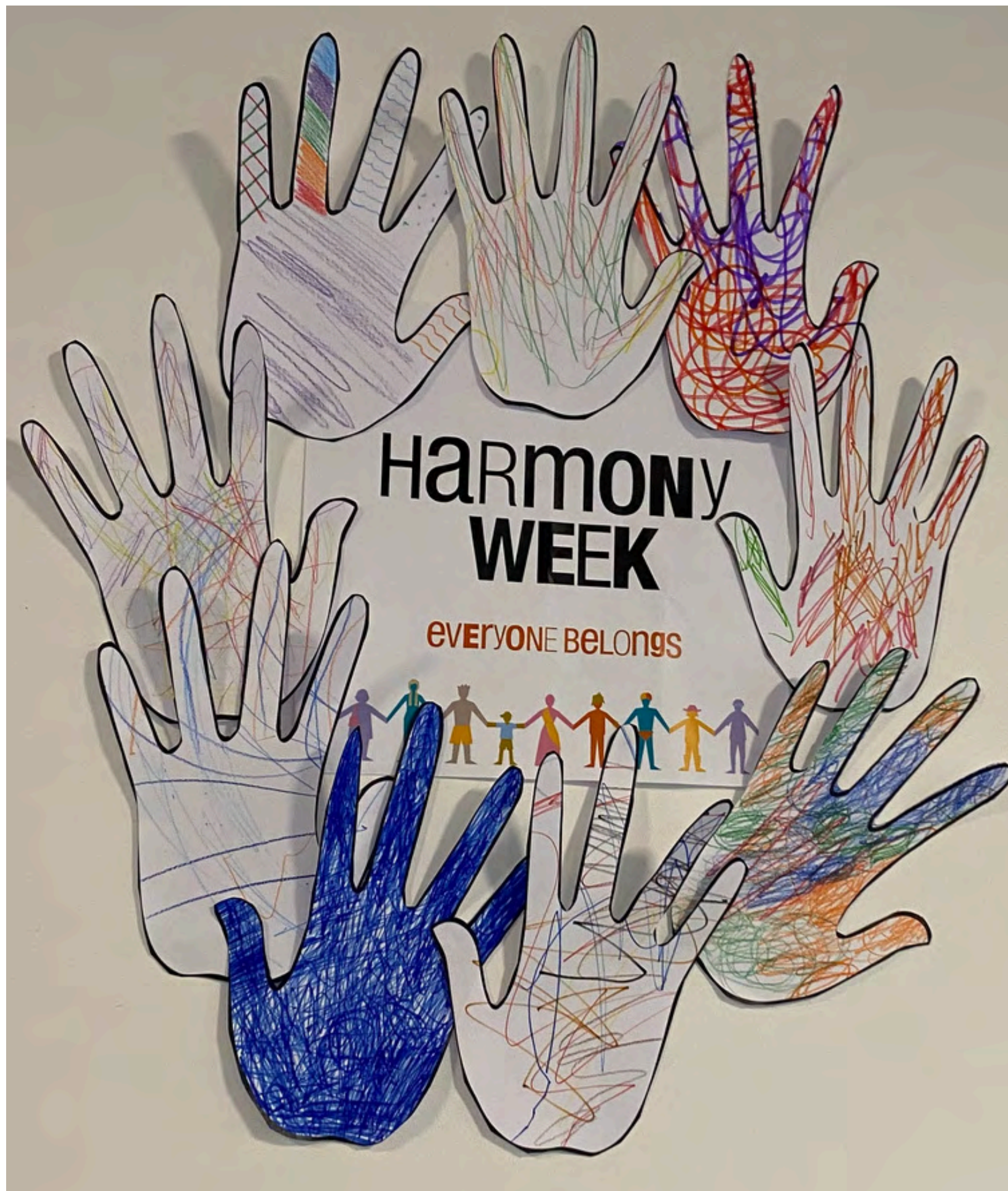
Students at NSA have a wide range of communication skills that are supported by a range of different communication systems such as communication books, speech generating devices, Aided Language Display's as well as gestures and facial expressions

HARMONY

day

EVERYONE BELONGS

March 21st, 2025





EASTER HAT
PARADE



END OF TERM REMINDERS

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