

Important Dates

School Photos

Thursday 1st June RC LC

Immunisations Lalor Campus

Thursday 8th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 12th June RC LC

NO CLASSES

Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 13th June 9:30am

Photo Make Up Day

Wednesday 14th June RC LC

Last Day Term 2

Thursday 22nd June RC LC

SSG Day

Friday 23rd June RC LC

NO BUSES RUNNING

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin this newsletter discussing the staffing challenges that we have had and continue to face, and the impact this situation has had on our class programmes and our students.

The aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic is still being felt and like so many industries around Australia the Education Department have been struggling to recruit staff, but in particular, Teachers and Allied Health.

The Department has been offering incentives to attract quality staff to come and work at Northern School for Autism and to some degree this has been quite successful, however, we are not receiving the quantity of applications that we need due to the increase in enrolments.

Our staff here at NSA are truly incredible! I cannot express my personal gratitude as Principal enough. Northern School for Autism staff are passionate and dedicated to our students and the continued success of the school. There are days where all teaching staff including the Leading Teachers and the Principal Team are supporting classrooms.

We are all facing challenges that require so much flexibility and are all acutely aware that there is no end date to when this situation will be resolved, which is tiring.

Enrolments for 2024

We are finalising enrolments for 2024, if you have a younger child who is going through the diagnosis process and will need enrolment in 2024 please contact me pamela.mathieson@education.vic.gov.au

Lalor Pathways Expo

Our senior students and their parents attended the Pathways Expo a few weeks ago, that we ran in conjunction with Merriang SDS. This was opportunity for students and families to look at post-school options.

Open Days

It was great to see the families of our students attending the Open Days across all campuses. We had a lot of family and friends attend and we thank you for being able to join us and visit the classroom.

COVID – 19 DET Operations Guide

- Students who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved. Students who isolate as a result of a positive COVID-19 test should be supported in the same way as students with an extended absence due to illness or injury, with learning materials provided to support their continued learning.
- There is no longer a requirement for principals to inform the school community of a positive case associated with the school.

Pamela Mathieson

Principal

Lalor News

The Lalor campus proudly announced that we have begun to run the ASDAN programme with all the students in their later years in NSA.

ASDAN Programme: Towards Independence

Term 1: Using ICT

Using ICT for meal preparation

Students are using the microwave to defrost the frozen chicken nuggets before putting them into the air fryer.

Using ICT to access public transport

LC11 has taken part in the Edendale Farm animal caring program. Students learnt to feed and clean different farm animals.

Using ICT to make purchase

Students are learning to use their debit card to pay for morning tea at the local convenience store.

1. Choose a special occasion/event.

Students vote during Morning Chat to decide which event to celebrate as a class.



Using ICT to prepare for a special event

Students are voting for their 'end of term party' on the interactive whiteboard.

Term 2: Meal preparation

Preparing food ingredient

Learning to shred the carrot to make veggie fritters during the cooking session.

Decorating desserts

Giving the final touch for the dessert they chose to make by decorating it with sprinkles.

Making a hot snack

Working together to make pizza muffins for their classroom afternoon tea.

Preparing food for the café program

Students used the oven to bake the chocolate cupcakes for his classroom's café program.

Running a café program

LC13 run a café program every Tuesday over the term. Students are making coffee for their customers.

Room 7 Education Week

During Education week, the theme was Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate. The students in room 7 were able to participate in an movement session everyday. We made streamers during Art and used them when we dancing. The students were able to choose from a variety of different dances. We had regular movement breaks in the playground during bike riding and exercise sessions. We enjoyed our interactive music sessions where we were able to play instruments and move fast and slow to the music.

ROOM 24!

Excursions and incursions have been in full-swing this semester, with weekly trips to Bounce, Inflatable World, Swimming and Keon Park Wyn City Bowling, to have fun and exercise. The students experience being in different environments and practise important skills like staying with the group and interacting with members of the community.

Room 24 students have also been enjoying their regular cooking. Some of the recipes that the students have completed are pancakes, fruit skewers and nachos. Room 24 students have also enjoyed exploring different chemical reactions during their science sessions.

LC 11

LC11 students have done well settling into daily routines and following classroom schedules. They have been busy exploring the community through regular excursions, as well as learning about food preparation and hygiene by cooking different food in the classroom.

The students enjoyed travelling on the bus to Edendale farm, feeding and touching the animals and learning about how fruit and vegetables grow.

In term 1 and 2, LC11 has also been walking to Lalor Woolworths, where we have been following a shopping list and purchasing items to use for cooking at school.





END OF TERM REMINDER

Last day of Term 2 is
Thursday 22nd of June.

School finishes at **3pm.**

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Friday 23rd of June
is SSG day

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

First day of Term 3 is
Monday 10th of July.

Thank you
Pamela Mathieson
Principal

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