

Important Dates

Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 11th May 9:30am

ASDAN & VPC Information

Session LC

Thursday 11th May 2:00pm

Friends & Family Open Morning

Thursday 25th May RC

Early Years A & B

Rooms 1-12 9:15am – 10:00am

Lalor Room 1 – VPC

9:15am – 10:15am

Friends & Family Open Morning

Friday 26th May RC

Middle Years A, B & C

Rooms 13 - 29 9:15am – 10:00am

Norris Bank Satellite Rooms

9:45am – 10:30am

School Photos

Thursday 1st June RC LC

Photo Make Up Day

Wednesday 14th June RC LC

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 12th June RC LC

NO CLASSES

Reservoir Campus

16-18 Gertz Avenue

RESERVOIR VIC 3073

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Fax: (03) 9460 8058

Lalor Campus

2 - 4 Lyndon Street

LALOR VIC 3075

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and that you got to spend quality time with your child during the 2 weeks. This term is a very short term – only 9 weeks! We already know that it is going to be a very busy 9 weeks.

Teacher Shortages

Northern School for Autism is experiencing significant teacher shortages. The Department of Education is aware of the staff shortages, and we do have recruitment agencies trying to find international teachers for the school. I would like to thank the staff for being so flexible and supporting other classrooms if staff are absent due to illness.

Information Session

The Leadership Team will be running an information session on ASDAN and Victorian Pathway Certificate. The Information Session will be held at the Lalor Campus on Thursday 11th May at 2:00pm. I would encourage parents who have a student at the Lalor Campus to attend.

Communication

If you have any questions about class organisation or curriculum, your classroom teacher is the first point of contact. If they cannot provide the appropriate answer, they will refer you to their Leading Teacher. The Principal team are also available to support you further. Feel free to ask questions via email or telephone – we are here to support you and your child!

Child Safe

The Principal Team will be continuing as the Child Safety Officer/s for our school. The role of the Child Safety Officer is to protect students at Northern School for Autism from abuse and importantly inform staff of the school's policies in relation to Child Safe and staff Code of Conduct.

Role Description:

- To inform and make staff aware of policies in relation to child safe.
- To ensure staff are aware that it is their duty to report any concerns regarding improper behaviour and to raise concerns about any person who may present a risk of child abuse, without fear of repercussions.
- To provide all staff with a copy of the school's Code of Conduct and make this publicly available in the school.
- To ensure that all training and induction is delivered to staff so that that they understand that child safety is our collective responsibility and their responsibilities and obligations around child safety, including Mandatory Reporting
- To be the key contact for staff to report all allegations or concerns around child abuse.

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- To provide support to staff in managing and reporting suspected child abuse and assisting other personnel involved in line with the school's Child Protection policies.
- To ensure that the documentation is recorded and responded to in-line with DET and Northern School for Autism legal requirements, policies and procedures.
- To be the single point of contact for children, parents and employees/volunteers to seek advice and support regarding the safety and wellbeing of children at Northern School for Autism.

Pamela Mathieson

Principal

Information from State Schools' Relief

Due to rising inflation and increases in cost of living for Victorian families, SSR have been experiencing a much higher than normal volume of applications and a significant spike in the number of items requested. This has put unprecedented pressure on their budget, their warehouse processing orders, and their stock—which like everywhere else in the world is affected by global supply chain problems we have seen since the pandemic.

At this time, to ensure SSR can help every single student in need in Victoria with critical items for school, they must (at least for a period of time) introduce some limits of item requests.

What this means for NSA: each family is limited to one order for the year and there are limits within that order. Only 2 bottoms, 2 tops and 1 outer garment (hoodie, windcheater, bomber) will be available when applying through SSR.

Families are welcome to purchase navy blue clothes from other sources that may be more cost friendly than our uniform.

SSR thank us for our support of their program and the money we donated through our small termly fundraisers.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Andrea Wallace

Assistant Principal

Room 5

The students in Room 5 have been settling in well in the classroom routine.

All students have been learning to unpack their bags, follow directions and are getting to know each other. The students have 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, Science, Music, Art, Digital Technology and Cooking. In Science, the students followed along to the 'Rainbow Chocolate' experiment using smarties and warm water. Room 5 have also enjoyed using the Bee-Bots during Digital Technology. They are doing a fantastic job!

We are excited to see the students continue to develop and grow throughout 2023!

Room 22

Room 22 has had a great start to the year.

The students have engaged in a variety of activities. Some of the highlights included cooking, swimming, music, Attention Autism, Astronaut Program and art.

This term, the students started practicing their skills to make pizza muffins. They enjoy spreading the tomato paste and are learning to grate cheese. They have also been making and playing with salt dough.

The students are looking forward to the various excursions which will begin in week 2. This term they will have swimming, YMCA gym and regular local walks.

autistic art group

Explore a range of art materials in a relaxing and fun environment.
No art experience necessary
& all materials are provided!

This group is facilitated by Different Journeys and headspace Greensborough staff wanting to create a safe and supported space.

You are welcome to bring your own sensory toys, headphones and iPad/tablet device to this group.

who's invited

Young people aged 12 to 18

where

headspace Greensborough
L1/78 Main Street, Greensborough
VIC 3088

when

Monday 1 May—4pm to 6pm
Monday 8 May—4pm to 6pm
Monday 15 May—4pm to 6pm
Monday 22 May—4pm to 6pm

cost

Free!

register here:



for further enquiries,
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