

Newsletter

Important Dates

Curriculum Day
Student Free Day
Friday 14th August

Book Week Dress-Up
Norris Bank:
Wednesday 26th August
RC and LC
Friday 28th August 2026

Reservoir School Concert
Wednesday 2nd &
Thursday 3rd September
MPR Reservoir Campus
(See poster for class details)
Please ensure you get your
ticket(s)!!

Parent Coffee Morning
Lalor Campus
Friday 28th August @
9:30AM

Reservoir Campus
16-18 Gertz Avenue,
RESERVOIR VIC 3073
Phone: (03) 9462 5990
Fax: (03) 9460 8058

Lalor Campus
35 Duncan Road,
LALOR VIC 3075
Phone: (03) 9464 3480
Fax: (03) 9464 4713



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Parents and Carers,

Winter can be a challenging time with coughs, colds and chilly mornings, so we especially appreciate everyone's efforts to get our students to school each day, ready to learn.

Please remember that if your child is unwell, the best place for them to be is at home recovering. If your child does develop symptoms like a fever during the day, we will contact you to arrange for them to be collected. Keeping on top of illnesses means less impact to our staff absences and ensures class programs can continue.

Despite the weather, this term is going quickly and promises to be another exciting one. Our teaching teams have been busy planning engaging learning experiences that are tailored to all student's individual strengths and goals. Whether students are developing communication skills, building independence, exploring new learning, or celebrating personal achievements, every step forward is worth recognising and celebrating.

Book Week

National Children's Book Week 2026 in Australia runs from Saturday 22 August to Friday 28 August 2026, with the theme "Symphony of Stories."

Students will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character on:

Wednesday, 26 August – Norris Bank Satellite Rooms
Friday, 28 August – Reservoir and Lalor Campuses

100 Days of School

On Friday, 31 July, our Foundation students celebrated their 100 Days of School with their families and teaching team.

I would like to thank Rachael Levine and her team for organising this special celebration for our students and families.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to gather feedback from parents/caregivers/guardians about our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from August 17 to September 18, 2026, and invitations will be sent to primary family emails.

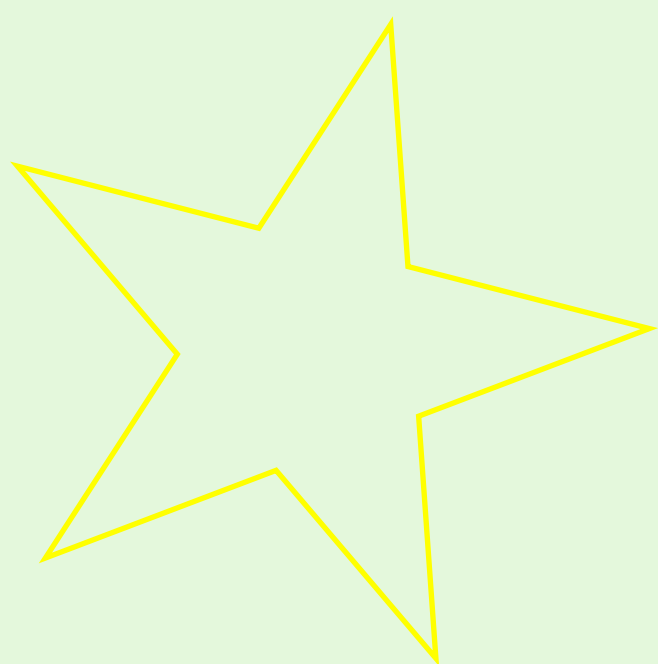
This annual survey, provided by the Department of Education, designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, community engagement in learning, teaching practices for student engagement and outcomes, and attitudes towards school attendance. Participation is optional but encouraged.

Survey results will guide our future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate online, which takes just 20 minutes and can be accessed conveniently on most devices. The survey will also be available in multiple languages besides English.

Pamela Mathieson
Principal

ROOM 11

Room 11 has had a very busy and exciting year so far! It has been wonderful to see students form new friendships in the classroom and on the playground. They have loved playing games together and building positive relationships with their peers.



Our swimming excursions have been a favourite activity for Room 11, with students enthusiastically participating in a range of water activities while developing their confidence and practicing important water safety skills.

One of the highlights of the term has been preparing for our school concert. Students have shown great enthusiasm and excitement each day as they practise and perfect their dance routine. Room 11 has also loved attending the many science incursions throughout the year, where students have enjoyed exploring and learning through hands-on experiences.



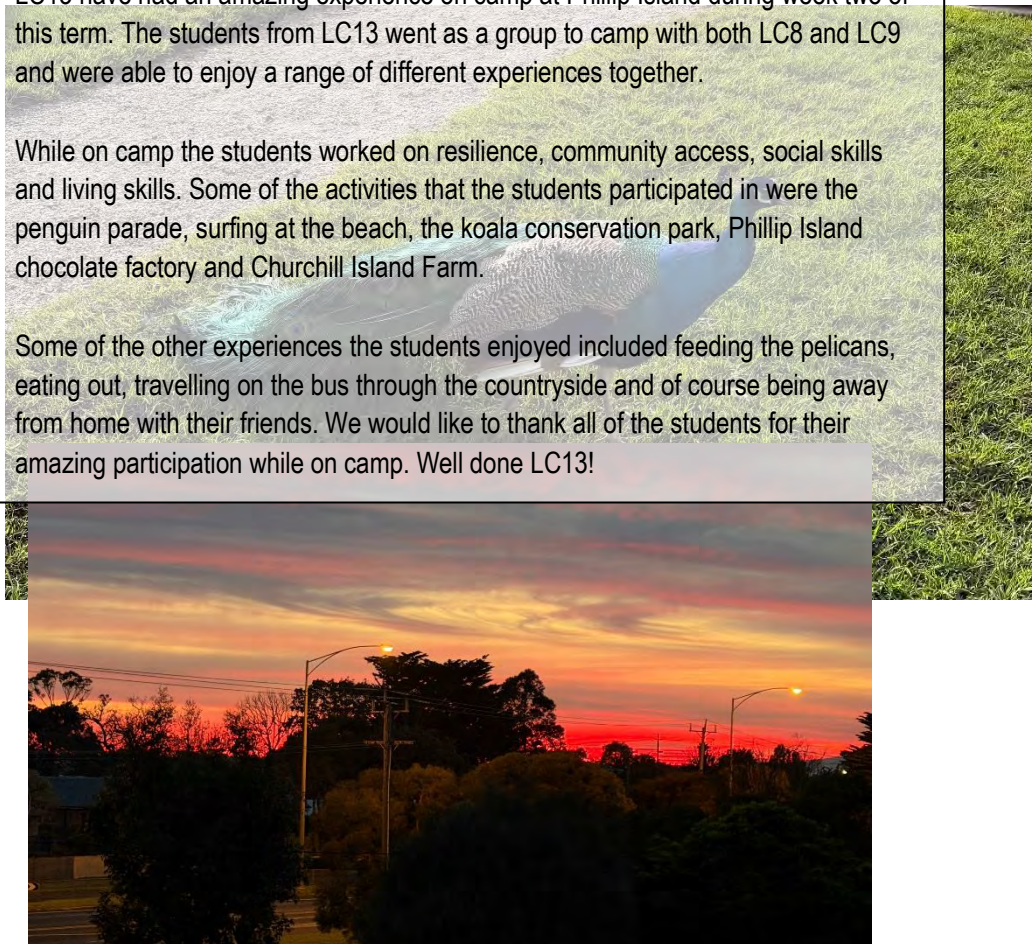
LC13 Phillip Island Camp

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LC13 have had an amazing experience on camp at Phillip Island during week two of this term. The students from LC13 went as a group to camp with both LC8 and LC9 and were able to enjoy a range of different experiences together.

While on camp the students worked on resilience, community access, social skills and living skills. Some of the activities that the students participated in were the penguin parade, surfing at the beach, the koala conservation park, Phillip Island chocolate factory and Churchill Island Farm.

Some of the other experiences the students enjoyed included feeding the pelicans, eating out, travelling on the bus through the countryside and of course being away from home with their friends. We would like to thank all of the students for their amazing participation while on camp. Well done LC13!



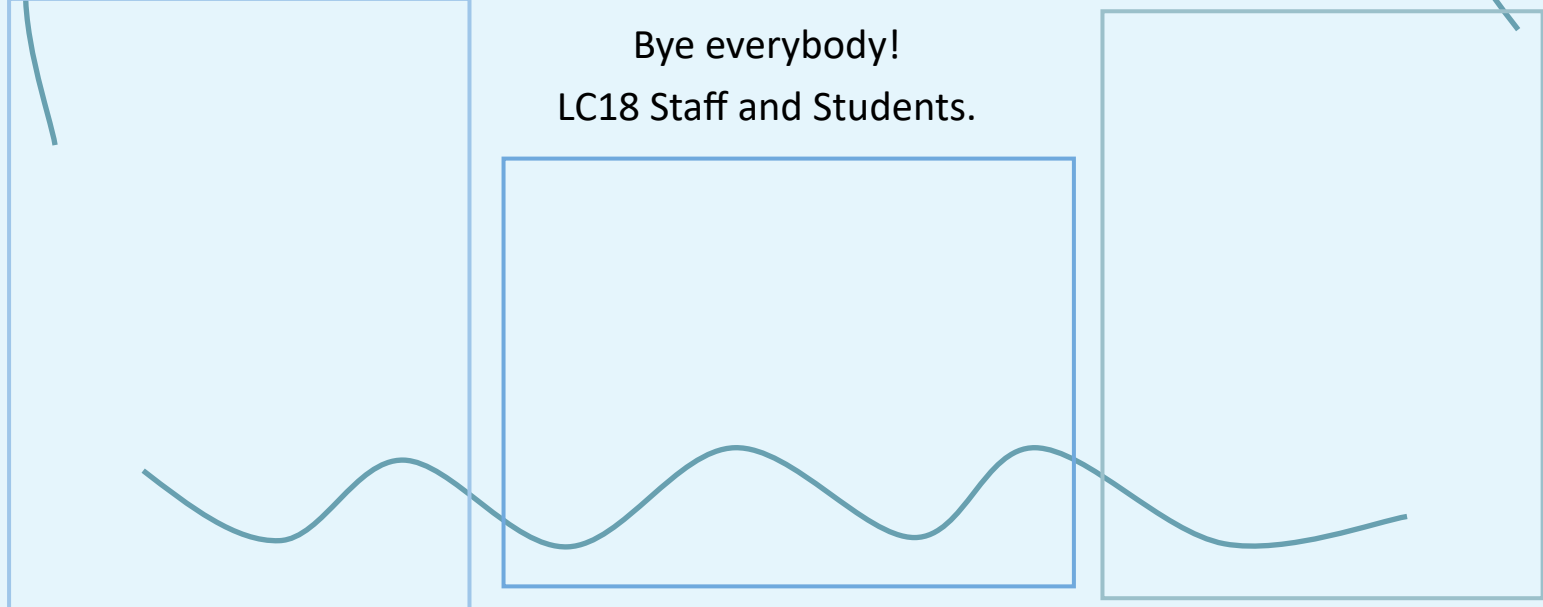
A BIG start to Term 3 in LC18!

We are working very hard and making great progress in our ASDAN Independent Living sessions – learning and practicing cleaning and laundry. This is also being reinforced in group work activities with Ben and Esther in OT/Speech therapy sessions.

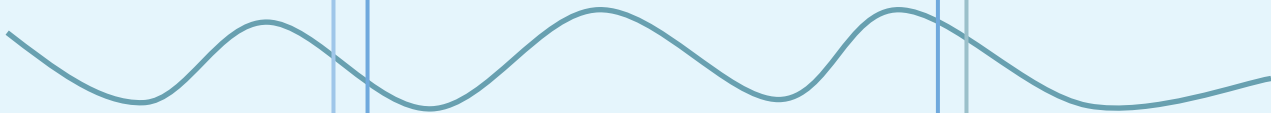
We have also started work towards practicing the skills needed to achieve our ILP goals for the semester. This work is happening in class as well as in the community with the aim of increasing our independence post school life.

And finally, we have also started our new Applied Learning Units for the term. This term we will be developing some vocational and organisational skills in newsletter distribution as well as maintaining the school wide Bike Storage program.

We are all excited to keep working very hard in LC18 and can't wait to start preparing for Graduation as the semester progresses.



Bye everybody!
LC18 Staff and Students.





MYB



It has been a busy start to the term in MYB, with students continuing to engage positively in their learning tasks and activities.

Over the past few weeks, students have been learning about solving Maths problems related to addition and subtraction. They have also been continuing to improve their reading and writing skills through participation in our Little Learners Love Literacy program. Students are looking forward to learning about our semester topics of ICT, Geography and History.

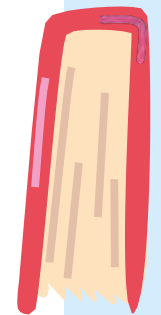


We have been particularly pleased with how well students have transitioned back to school following the holidays. Their positive attitude and readiness to learn have contributed to a calm and settled start to the term. We thank both our staff and students for their ongoing efforts in creating a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment.

Looking ahead, we are excitedly preparing for the school concert. Students have been rehearsing almost every day and are thoroughly enjoying the experience. The excitement is continuing to build as they prepare to perform on stage for their families and loved ones. We cannot wait to see their hard work and creativity come to life on concert day.



Thank you to our families for your ongoing partnership and support. We value the encouragement and communication you provide, which help us support our students to thrive at NSA.



NDIS Navigator News

by NSA NDIS Navigator Alex



Family support and how to contact me



I'm here at NSA to support families with NDIS questions, funding reviews, community programs, and accessing services. If you need help with paperwork, evidence letters, or finding supports, please reach out. There is no cost.

Call or email me: alex.richards@education.vic.gov.au
Available: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time

Upcoming workshops and events

NDIS Disability Expo at Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre (PRACC)

Friday 28th August 2026 10:30-3pm

Tickets: www.eventbrite.com.au (almost full!)

This is a free event suitable for parents/carers of an NDIS participant to connect with NDIS service providers.

What to expect:

- Meet a wide range of NDIS service providers
- Discover allied health and support services
- Visit the Skill to Upskill Career Booth to explore training and employment opportunities
- Children's face painting and family-friendly activities

Supports, grants and helpful resources

Did you know you may be considered a carer? If you support your child with daily routines, therapies, communication, behaviour, or medical needs, you are recognised as a carer — even though you are also their parent.

Being a carer simply means you are doing more than typical parenting, and this makes you eligible for supports like the Carer Card and help through Carer Gateway.





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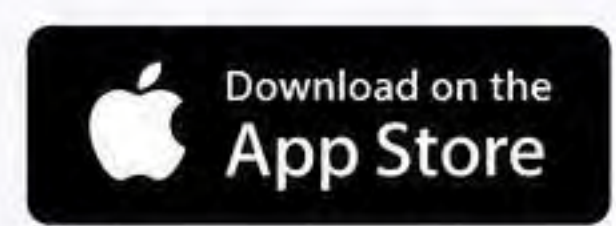
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more daily
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**Mackillop
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Services**

Make your home a haven for a vulnerable child.

Have you ever thought about becoming a foster carer? Throughout the region there continues to be a demand for more foster carers who can provide nurturing care and support for children in their local community. Foster carers come from all walks of life. You can be working full time, part time or retired; partnered or single; and can own or rent your home. The most essential criteria is that you care, can provide a safe and nurturing home, and have space in your home and heart to support a vulnerable child. MacKillop Family Services supports foster carers with comprehensive training, ongoing advice, respite care and a 24-hour helpline.

Foster caring is one of the most important and rewarding roles you can play in your community. Call MacKillop Family Services on 1300 791 677 to find out more or visit our website www.mackillop.org.au/get-involved/become-a-foster-carer and register for one of our free information sessions.



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



Non-English speaking callers can access the Translating and Interpreting Service.

Hearing impaired callers can access Parentline through the National Relay Service.

Parentline is available every day of the year from 8am to midnight.

COFFEE *Morning*

**PARENTS
&
CARERS**

*Join
us*

**COFFEE, TEA &
SNACKS
PROVIDED**

Lalor

Friday

28/08/26

@ 9:30am



Northern School for Autism - Multipurpose Room

LC LUNCH ORDER ONLY

NSA - Lalor LC2 CAFE

FOOD

- Mini Meat Pies (x3) \$2.00
- Spinach & Ricotta roll \$2.50
- Mini Pizza - Cheese or Ham & Cheese ... \$2.50
- Hot Dog \$3
- Hot Chips \$3
- Hot Chips, Cheese & Gravy \$4
- Nachos with cheese,
salsa, sour cream & avo \$4



TUESDAY
10:30 - 12:30



SWEET

- Brownie (GF & Nut Free) \$2
- Choc Chip Cookie \$1.50



DRINKS

- Strawberry Milkshake \$2.50
- Chocolate Milkshake \$2.50
- Can of Lemonade / Pepsi \$2.50
- LC10 Fresh Lemonade / Orange Juice \$1.00