

Newsletter

Important Dates

Parent Coffee Morning
Thursday 4th December
9.30am, MPR
Lalor Campus

Reservoir Grade 6 Graduation
Wednesday 10th December
1pm, Reservoir Campus

Lalor Graduation
Monday 15th December
12- 2.30pm, Lalor Campus

Last Day for Students
Thursday 18th December
School finishes at 2pm
(afternoon buses will arrive
1 hr earlier at pick up)

SSG Day
Friday 19th December
Student Free Day
No Buses Running

2026

Term 1 Commences:
Thursday 29th January 2026
9am start

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello parents and carers, we have past the halfway mark of term 4. It is hard to believe that the end of the year is approaching.

Term 4

The middle of Term 4 is always a busy point in the year, with students focused on finishing their learning programs and a number of key events taking place across the school. Staff are working hard behind the scenes to wrap up assessments, planning, and end-of-year preparations. Thank you to our whole school community for your continued engagement and supporting the smooth finish to the school year as we move through the coming weeks.

School Review

The school review is completed. The reviewer Barry Soraghan congratulated the school community on such a positive process. The reviewer and challenge partners thoroughly enjoyed meeting the staff and students and completing learning walks in our classrooms.

The two goals for the new strategic plan are below

Goal 1 Maximise learning growth for all students

Goal 2 Improve the wellbeing of all students in their personal and social capabilities

Asia Pacific Autism Conference 2025 in Perth

From 13th to 15th September, Ashlea Nave, April Beaton, and I attended the Asia Pacific Autism Conference (APAC) 2025. This year's theme, "Creating and Inspiring the Future Together" set the tone for an inspiring and collaborative event.

I had the opportunity to present on Structured Teaching and the Teaching and Learning Protocols while Ashlea and April presented on Literacy at Northern School for Autism. We felt very proud to showcase the innovative work being done at Northern School For Autism at this conference.

Pamela Mathieson

Principal

Aussie Farm Animals Visit the Northern School for Autism

Over two very exciting days, the Northern School for Autism was lucky enough to welcome a special visit from Aussie Farm Animals! Leah and Jodie brought along a whole barnyard of friendly animals for our students to meet, pat, and play with.

The farmyard was filled with happy sounds as everyone got to know Eddie the rooster, a real character who liked to strut around and show off his feathers. The adorable baby goats (kids) – Ozzie, Freda, Bella, Cheyenne, Hazel, and Murphy – were a huge hit with everyone. Their playful personalities made them instant favourites.

We also met Jezebel the lamb and her friends Peaches and Colin, who were soft, gentle, and loved all the attention they received. There were also fluffy rabbits and guinea pigs for students to cuddle. The rabbits had the cutest names – Sully, Thumper, Oreo, and Nippy – and they enjoyed being patted and held.

The visit was a wonderful sensory and learning experience for everyone. Students showed fantastic behaviour, kindness, and respect toward the animals. The smiles and laughter across the playground said it all – everyone had a fantastic time!

A huge thank you to Leah and Jodie from Aussie Farm Animals for bringing such joy to our school and giving our students the opportunity to connect with these amazing creatures. We can't wait to have them back again in 2026!

LC4

What a fantastic year it has been for the students in LC4! We've truly made the most of our new classroom and embraced every opportunity to learn, grow while making new friends along the way.

Outside the classroom, LC4 enjoyed a wonderful variety of outings, including visits to the local shopping centre, parks, the cinema, Bounce, and Don Bosco. One of the highlights was our time spent with the adorable bunnies, where the students showed their kind and caring side. These excursions provided valuable opportunities for learning, connection, and fun within our community, and they quickly became a weekly highlight for everyone.

A special shoutout goes to our talented students who took part in the NSA Talent Show! It was incredible to watch their confidence blossom in the weeks leading up to the big event. Their performances were fantastic, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

Inside the classroom, the students have been busy with a range of activities, including art projects, cooking sessions, sports, and exploring our new STEAM room. They have loved getting creative and hands-on through these experiences. In English and Maths, learning has continued to progress strongly throughout the year. Students have shown excellent engagement during both group and one-on-one sessions, and their hard work is clearly paying off in their literacy and numeracy achievements.

LC4 continues to grow, learn, and thrive every single day. We are so proud of everything our students have accomplished this year. A huge thank you to all the staff and therapists who have supported our room throughout the year. We hope you enjoyed this year as much as we did!

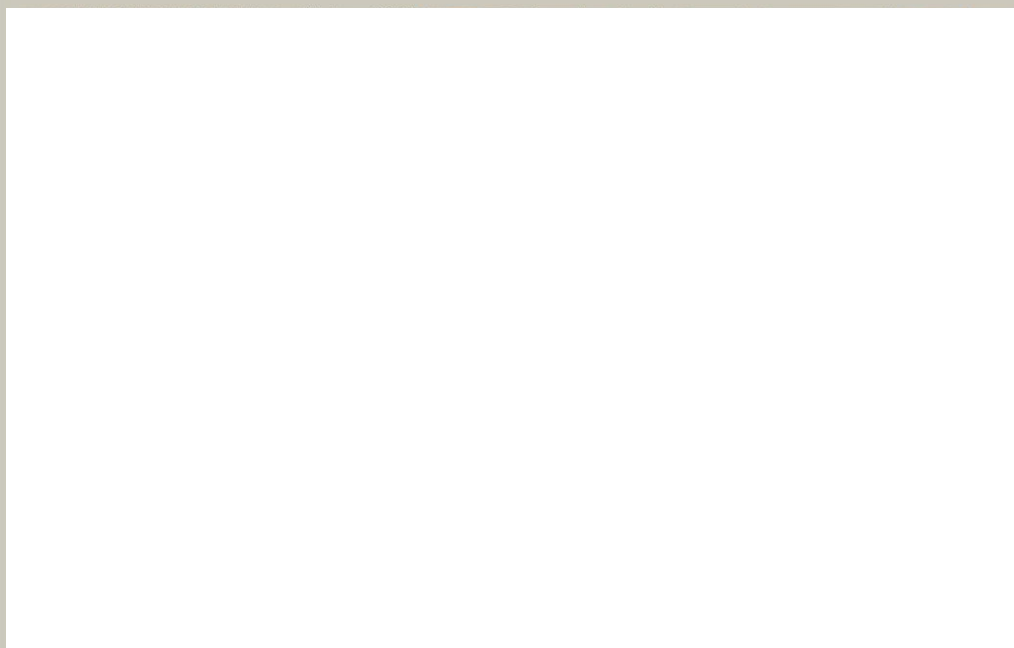
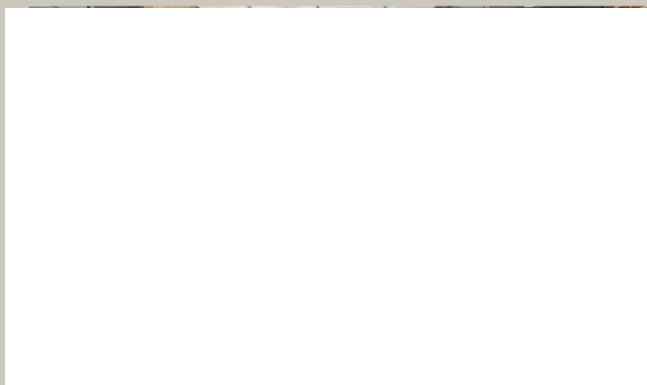


27 October – 2 November 2025 World OT Day: 27 October

Last week, we celebrated OT Week 2025, our annual celebration of the extraordinary impact occupational therapists make every day.

This year's theme, **“Occupational Therapy in Action,”** invites us to highlight the creativity, problem-solving, and compassion at the heart of OT practice.

At Northern School for Autism, our OTs bring this theme to life through their daily work supporting students to build independence, develop social, regulation, self-care skills and engage meaningfully in their school routines. Our OTs are truly “in action” helping students participate, learn, and thrive.





It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of 2025! Our class has been keeping ourselves very busy with our learning activities and excursions. Since Semester 1, we have been participating in gardening and art activities at the Lalor Neighbourhood House and our weekly visits to local supermarket, shops and restaurants have been highlights for our weeks at school. We visited Bounce, Don Bosco, McDonald's, KFC, Hoop City, sailing, and camp on the Phillip Island. While our graduating students participated and developed their essential skills in work experiences and skill developments at Sports for All, Brunswick Factory, and the LNH.

We have worked with our therapist team in many engaging and fun activities that supported us to develop our skills throughout the year. Despite some changes in our class environment, we have shown endurance and adaptability throughout those changes. We are at the exciting time at the end of the year as we are sending five of our graduating friends from our class off on their future adventures and ready for our next exciting year at school for those of us who are staying.

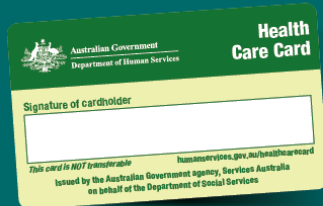
NSA PARENT & CARERS COFFEE MORNING

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

9:30AM

MPR LALOR CAMPUS

COFFEE, TEA & SNACKS
SUPPLIED



Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

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- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
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Christmas Raffle Donations



NSA is having its annual Christmas Raffle.

Every student will go into the draw to win!

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 17th December.

Please support the school by sending in any donations for our Christmas hampers.

Donation Ideas

Colouring Books

Sensory Toys

Reading books

Playdough / Clay

Christmas Craft

Puzzles / Games

Christmas treats / Chocolates

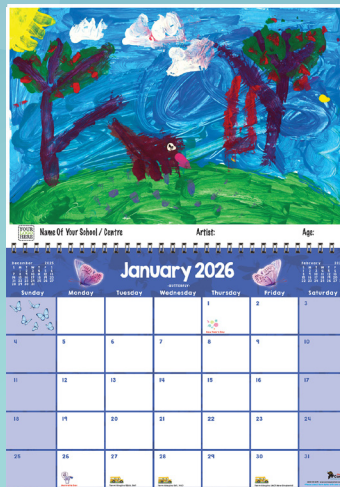
Toys



Please only donate new items. No used Items.

Please send in all donations by Wednesday 3rd December

Northern School for Autism



****This is a generic calendar, the calendar you order will have a different design.**

Calendars - \$15

- These custom Northern School for Autism 2026 Calendars display group/class artwork printed on high quality & paper wire bounded.
- School term and public holiday dates, activity stickers along with plenty of room for noting special occasions.
- 12 Artwork, one per month.
- Printed artwork A4 (300 x 210mm) with A4 calendar attached below.

Celebrate your child's creativity by ordering keepsakes you'll treasure forever!

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Every purchase benefits your school!