



Issue No. 2 – 22 February 2023

Upcoming Events

Term 1

Wednesday 22 February

No school for Prep students

Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 February

Lady Northcote Camp - Grade 5 & 6

Thursday 23 February

OZ Tenpin Bowling excursion - non campers

Thursday 23 February

NO After school training for interschool sport -

Friday 24 February

NO Interschool Sports for Grade 5 & Grade 6

Tuesday 28 February

Census Day

School Council Meeting - 6.30pm

Friday 3 March

Interschool Sports for Grade 5 & 6 against St John's - AWAY match

Term Dates 2023

Term 1: Mon 30 Jan - Thur 6 April

Term 2: Wed 26 April - Fri 23 June

Term 3: Mon 10 Jul - Fri 13 Sept

Term 4: Mon 2 Oct - Wed 20 Dec

Good luck campers

Our Grade 5-6 campers headed to Lady Northcote camp early this morning for three days of fun and adventure!

The students are feeling very excited and there are a few nerves from a small number of students and parents. As for some students, this is their first time away from home. These feelings are very normal and are a part of the growing up process. It is good to challenge ourselves and be outside our comfort zone in a safe and controlled environment.

Thanks to Amanda, Dean, Hannah and Kristian who all volunteered to give up time with their families to accompany the students to camp. Without their willingness to do this, there would be no camping program and the students would miss out on a lot of fun and adventure. Make sure you take time to acknowledge their commitment to our students by remembering to say 'thanks'. I know they would really appreciate your thoughtful gesture.

Leadership Training Day - Friday 10 February

Scott, Mrs Natalie, Shona, Hannah and I had a wonderful day working with our new student leaders to help prepare them for their important role in helping to lead our school during 2023. It was a very productive day and we covered many important tasks including discussing our expectations of ourselves as leaders and practising our public speaking skills.

The 2023 Leadership Group is a very dynamic and supportive group who have a lot of wonderful ideas about what we can do to make

LEPS even better. We are all looking forward to working with them in 2023.

Lalor North Secondary College - Music Partnership

On Wednesday 15 February I attended the Lalor North Secondary College 'Meet and Greet' for their new year 7 students and families. It was a lovely evening and the highlight was getting to see some of our former students perform. Well done to Theresa (vocals), Luca (trombone) and Charlie (lead guitar) on their stellar performances!



Lalor North SC is renowned for its incredible Music program and I have been blown away on many occasions when I have heard the students perform.

In very exciting news, Lalor North SC is offering Music scholarships, to successful grade 5-6 students, which will cover music tuition for the time students attend Lalor North. In a huge bonus, the music lessons will actually start this year before the students transition to secondary school. The Principal, Tim Contrell, has committed to having one of his talented Music staff members, Lou Rossini, attend our school every Monday morning to provide instruction to the successful students at NO COST to the students, families or school! How lucky are we!

Information packs have been sent home with grade 5-6 students and I strongly encourage our families to read through the information carefully and consider what a difference attaining a scholarship could mean to your child and your family.

Parent Payments

Thank you to the families who have arranged payment for the 2023 school year. While the government may say 'Education is free', the reality is schools are underfunded and every

dollar families commit does make a difference to the quality of the programs we are able to offer our students. We are committed to ensuring that all students who attend LEPS get the best education we can provide them which is why parent contributions make a big difference to what we can offer. Just recently, the school spent just under \$5000 to have an additional basketball ring installed so there are better spaces for our students to play.

Please remember to finalise your payment if you haven't already done so. We are happy for you to set up a payment plan if that makes it easier for families to pay. You can set up Centrelink payments and can definitely use Smith Family Learning for Life scholarship money to cover book costs.

Census Day

Tuesday 28 February is the statewide Census Day. This is the day that the funding the school receives from the Government is determined. It is an important day as every student equals \$\$\$\$. If students are absent or haven't returned from overseas holidays, the school receives less money.

In 2022, the government determined our funding based on 225 students. By the end of the year, our enrolment was 241. This equated to roughly \$135 200 (based on an average of \$8450 per student) in lost money to the school. This is the cost of 1.5 graduate teachers. Imagine what a difference it would make to the programs we could offer, if we had additional funds for more staff???

How can you help??

Make sure your child is at school on Tuesday 28 February so the school is able to receive its full enrolment entitlement.

Ongoing Assessment - Learning Tasks

A reminder to families to continue to check Compass regularly so you can keep up with your child's progress. Learning tasks are published to Compass roughly every three weeks. The Learning Tasks provide a snapshot about performance on a specific task.

The first Learning Task completed by students was a writing recount. By checking Compass, students and families can gain valuable insights into the student's written skills including strengths and areas for improvement. The Learning Task also records if the student is working at the expected level, above the expected level or below the expected level.

The next Learning Task will be published on Friday 10 March and will provide valuable information about progress in Mathematics.

Media superstars

Congratulations to the Bull family on their starring role on the front page of the Herald Sun recently.



All I can say is, I am sure finals time must be very interesting when there are Collingwood, Richmond and Swans supporters in the same house!!

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schools_privacypolicy.aspx

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your

child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages.

Accident Insurance, Ambulance Cover and Private Property

We would like to remind families that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transportation.

Emergency ambulance services are NOT free. The average cost of an emergency transport is more than \$1200. A family membership costs less than \$100 a year and can be paid quarterly.

If a student is injured, we will call the ambulance so visit: <https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/> to sign up today!

Private Property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department of Education does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or valuable items to school. Parents or guardians can purchase policies from commercial insurers if they wish.

As detailed in our Mobile Phone Policy, any phones brought to school need to be signed in at the office when students arrive at school and must not be left in school bags or pencil cases. Phones can be collected at the end of the day.

Linda Richards
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates . . .

13 February

PA - Jackson, Keanu	3/4A - Zarith
P1A - Rayhana	3/4B - Shivansh
1/2A - Mayesha	4/5A - Artin
	5/6B - Zeinab



20 February

PA - Hamza	3/4A - Caeden
P1A - Oliver	3/4B - Hassan
1/2B - Jordan	5/6A - Ayla
	5/6B - Pranshi



Office News

(Office hours 8:30am - 4:00pm)

Change of Details

Please let the office know promptly if you have changed your address, phone numbers, work details or emergency contact numbers.

Spare Uniform

Please consider putting extra clothes in your child's bag in case of any accidents that might occur during the day as we do not supply a change of clothes.

Student Asthma Medication

It is a directive from the Department of Education that students must supply their own medication and equipment if they suffer from Asthma. Students who require Asthma Medication during school hours need to supply their own individual Ventolin or Becotide puffers.

Individual Spacers must also be provided for administering the medication. The items ALL need to be named and will be stored in the sick bay. If you require an asthma action plan please see the office staff.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club is now open at **8:20am** and students are able to enter the school grounds through the small gate next to OHSC but only if they are eating at Breakfast Club. If students are not visiting the Breakfast Club they are to enter the school grounds at 8:45am.

Students can receive a **free** breakfast of toast, cereal, milk and fruit before beginning their busy day of learning. Breakfast Club wishes to acknowledge the kind support from Bakers Delight-Mernda Village, Christina Bakery and Foodbank Victoria.

Wellbeing Space

Resilience, Rights, Respectful Relationships for Term 1

Our RRRR program will be starting up in week 5/6 depending on specific grades. The unit students will be participating in will be **Stress Management**. You can access all of the teaching and learning materials using the link: <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/ResourcePacka/ge/ByPin?pin=2JZX4R>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's learning, please email or make time to speak to your child's teacher.

Wellbeing Wednesday Clubs

Wellbeing clubs are up and running this term. All students participated in their first session in week 4. Due to camp, clubs won't run in week 5, but will be back in action in week 6.

Some of the clubs this term are: colouring, drama, board games, nature, sport, craft and many many more.

Focus on the good

Our focus on good initiative has started this term. We can see Personal Best seems to be our popular value so far. We will be starting our class of the week initiative in week 7 so stay tuned to see which classes have been working super hard!

Dan Petro - Professional Development for staff

This term we will be inviting Dan Petro Behaviour Analyst back to our school on the 6 and 7 March. Dan will be sharing his knowledge with our staff and visiting our classrooms to get to know the students. We look forward to working with him this year.

Extra training during term 2 and 3

The wellbeing team at LEPS will be doing some extra training this term online as well as face to face. This training will involve developing strategies in how to deal with some of our more complex students. This training will be run by Daniel Ioannides from School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. We look forward to working with him during semester 1.

Natalie Iverson
Wellbeing

Sports Report - Round 1 (17/02/23)

Lalor East PS toured to Thomastown Meadows PS last week to compete in the opening round of our celebrated Friday sports program. All teams played their hearts out, but unfortunately, results did not go in our favour with five out of five losses. A huge thank you to all students who competed in the heat this week and to the coaches for supporting their teams in the hot weather.

ROUND #1	Lalor East PS	Thomastown Meadows PS	Result
Rounders			
Girls' Team:	0	12	Loss
Boys' Team:	8	15	Loss
Bat Tennis			
Girls' Team:	11	35	Loss
Boys' Team	19	22	Loss
Cricket			
Mixed	28	54	Loss

This week (Friday Feb 24), Lalor East will not be playing any games as many of our students will be on camp. Games will resume March 3 at St Johns for an away game.

Dean Sharples
Phys. Ed Coordinator



Lalor East/St Johns XXIII Primary School

Natalie/Emerald 0477 177 646

TheirCare are celebrating our cultures this week through art and craft, music and food. We are updating our country flags wall to reflect the children who attend the service. We will be listening to music and learning new dances and languages, we will learn how to write in hieroglyphics and enjoy a variety of different Vietnamese games. We will turn paper plates into armadillos and musical castanets and so much more.

Of course we will still be doing our favourite activities: playing board games, iron beads, loom bands and dress ups. Role playing kitchens, families and 5 star restaurants. We will go outside to the playground and sandpit. We will mingle and have fun.

With the help of St Johns XXXIII PS, we have many children attending the program. Please book in advance if you are able to.

Families- TheirCare is growing a fabulous herb garden. It smells delicious. If you need any rosemary for a roast or thyme/oregano for a yummy pasta sauce- we are the place to visit.

If you are interested in booking your child/children into our fabulous service, please visit <https://theircare.com.au/> or better yet, come visit the service near the carpark. You can email us at laloreast@theircare.com.au or call Natalie/Emerald on 0477 177 646.

*If your child has asthma/medical conditions. Please provide their medication and their medical plan before your child/ren starts at the service. Thank you. It's a legal requirement.





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Lalor East Primary School



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Lalor East Primary School has partnered with **TheirCare** to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average^
Before School Care	7:00am – 8:45am	\$27.30	\$10.71 - \$27.30	\$10.71
After School Care	3:15pm - 6:00pm	\$31.67	\$7.98 - \$31.167	\$7.98
Pupil Free Day	7:00am – 6:00pm	\$65.46	\$9.82 - \$65.46	\$9.82
Late Booking Cancellation Fee	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Service Phone Number: 0477 177 646 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol

Visit **TheirCare** website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs

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2023 applications still open – Apply now



THOMASTOWN

TENNIS CLUB

WELCOME DAY

Sunday the 5th of March
10am - 12.30pm
Rowen Street, Thomastown East Reserve

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-Free Coaching -Trial Membership
-Giveaways -Free BBQ



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TILL 6.30PM

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TILL 7.30PM



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Kindergarten Open Days

Thursday 2 March

5.30pm–7.30pm

and/or

Saturday 4 March

9.30am –11.30am

Visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/kinder for a list of participating kindergartens with their open days and times. No bookings required.

Applications are open from 1 February 2023 for:

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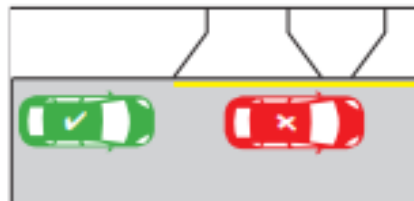
PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Speed



Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

Yellow edge line



A driver must not stop on the side of a road marked with a yellow edge line.

Parking/Stopping signage



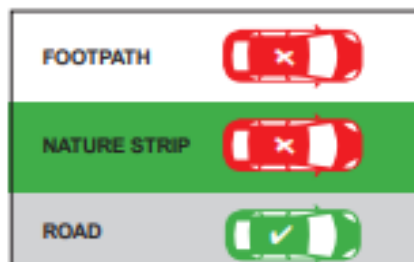
No stopping areas must be kept clear. If times/days are specified, restrictions are only applicable to the specified times/days. You cannot park in a P3 minute area for longer than three minutes.

School crossings



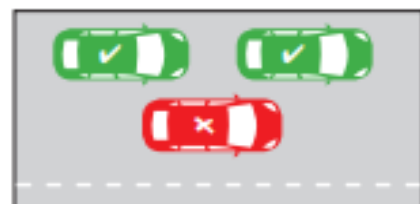
- Look out for flags and Crossing Supervisors
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

No parking on nature strips/footpaths



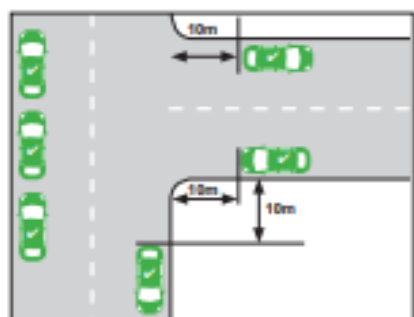
Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

Double parking



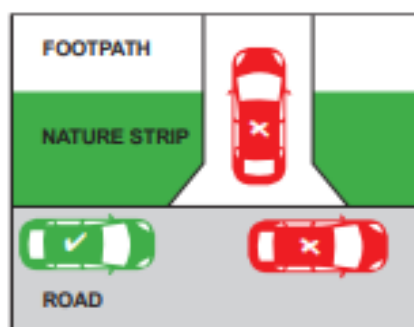
It is illegal to double park at any time. This affects the flow of traffic.

Within 10 metres of an intersection



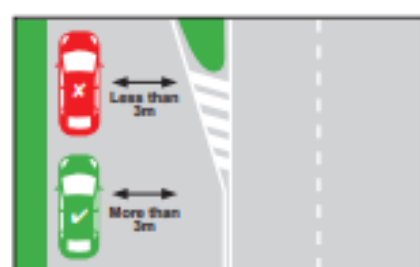
A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

Stopping across driveways



It is illegal to stop/park across a driveway unless you stay in the car and are there for no more than two minutes and move immediately if required to do so to allow entry or exit by the owner/occupier.

3 metre gap for signage



At least 3 metres must be left between your vehicle and the centre dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass safely and not obstruct traffic.

What can you do to stay safe

- Supervise your children in or near traffic
- Walk or cycle to school with your child
- Respect all road rules, parking signs and instructions from authorities
- Wait on the same side of the street as your child
- Always let your child out of the kerb side of the car.

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