



Issue No. 3 – 14 March 2023

Upcoming Events

Term 1

Wednesday 15 March

NAPLAN Testing commences (Writing)

Thursday 16 March

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (Out of school uniform day - Come dressed as your favourite superhero)

After school training for interschool sport
Grade 5 & 6

Friday 17 March

Interschool Sports for Grade 5 & 6

Tuesday 21 March

Annual General Meeting - 6:30 pm in the staffroom

**Donations
needed for
Easter
Raffle
fundraiser**



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

Lady Northcote Camp

Our 40 grade 5-6 campers had an incredible time at the Lady Northcote Camp earlier in the month. The staff were really impressed with the behaviour of the students.

The camp provided many challenges for the students from a physical and mental perspective. It was the first time away from home for many of the students and they were challenged with some of the activities they completed, but the overwhelming response to the experience was very positive. Students learnt a lot about themselves and extended their abilities to operate successfully outside their comfort zone.

We have included an overview about the camp from some of the campers and a few photos so you can see how much fun we all had!

I would like to sincerely acknowledge the willingness of Kristian Carrocci, Hannah Sutherland, Dean Sharples and Amanda Einsiedel to attend camp and give up time from their family. Without their commitment, the camp would not have been able to run. Many schools are having to scale back or cease their camping program as a result of the costs associated with providing camps for students.

Under the new workplace agreement, staff who attend camp are entitled to time away from work for camp attendance. This is a cost the school must cover, not one that is subsidised by the Department of Education. That is why I encourage all those families who haven't paid the Parent Contribution payment to do so. Every dollar we spend on having to pay for books, is

less money available for special programs like camp.

Our Noncampers all had a wonderful time back at school and participated in a number of fun activities including bowling, craft and cooking.

A report from the Noncampers is also included in this week's Jumbunna.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 6:30 pm on Tuesday 21 March. All members of our community are invited to attend the presentation of the Annual Report.

The Annual Report details the successes and areas for improvement from 2022. It provides analysis regarding student academic achievement and the Students' Attitudes to School and Parent and Staff Opinion Surveys.

The meeting will be held in the staffroom and we encourage all those who are able, to attend.

A copy of the report will be published on the website once it has been ratified.

Student Progress

The school uses a variety of different ways to update families about their child's progress at school. This includes Learning Tasks, Three Way Conferences and Semester reports.

Learning tasks are made available approximately every three weeks and provide specific feedback about a student's progress in Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Personal and Social Learning. Make sure you take the time to check Compass to receive feedback regarding your child's progress so far this year in Writing and Mathematics.

Three Way Conferences are scheduled for the last week of term 1, after school on Monday 3 April and Wednesday 5 April. Information will be sent to families soon, so you can make a booking to meet and chat to your child's teacher. I encourage all parents to make time to attend these interviews so you can receive feedback about how your child has settled into their new grade level.

Preps

Our preps have settled in well and have adjusted to attending school full time now. It was terrific to see them outside on Friday practising their number skills by writing their numbers in the courtyard with chalk. Some are already writing their 'teen' numbers!



Linda Richards
Principal

Gardening Leaders



The gardening leaders were very excited to be presented with their badges at assembly.

They designed the badges themselves using a photo of our amazing tomatoes as the background. They can't wait to teach everyone about growing plants and composting!



The Gardening Leaders have been very busy getting our garden beds back in shape and pulling all the weeds out which grew over the break. They are a very dedicated and hard working group and we would be lost without them!



Library Monitors

The library monitors were very excited to be presented with their badges at assembly. Their badges include a cute picture of a bunny reading a book in our library. They are looking forward to helping everyone with their borrowing needs.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

27 February

PA - Mila	3/4A - Rayden
P1A - Elliott, Michelle	3/4B -
1/2A - Anelia	4/5A - Aleena
1/2B - Janice	5/6A - Rhea
	5/6B - Ivy



Tuesday 14 March

PA - Hanine	3/4B - Rayden, Anabelle
P1A - Aydin, George	
1/2A - Matilda, Anastasija	4/5A - Alice, Jack
1/2B - Amar, Maya	5/6A - Dilan
	5/6B - Kassem
3/4A - Caeden, Ian, Elias	OHSC - Caeden



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

Dan Petro - Behaviour Analyst visit

On 6 March and 7 March Dan Petro, a Behaviour Analyst, visited our school. Dan spent time in all classrooms and all specialist classes observing students and teachers. After each observation, Dan shared feedback with teachers to enhance their practice. Staff also engaged in further professional development on Tuesday afternoon where Dan presented a specific direction in which our school can move into.

We thank Dan for his time and sharing his expertise with us.

Term 1 - RRRR lessons

Our **Stress Management** unit is now coming to an end. This unit has focused on children and young people experiencing a range of personal, social and work-related stressors in their everyday lives. Activities within this topic have an explicit focus on teaching positive approaches to stress management. Assisting students to recognise their personal signs and symptoms of stress, and to develop strategies that will help them to deal with stress effectively, will help students cope with future challenges. The activities focus on the ways in which self-calming strategies can be used to manage stressful situations

As you would have read in previous newsletters, each term our students engage in Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationship lessons. Next term students will be focusing on the unit **Help Seeking**. Learning activities in this topic area are designed to help students discuss the importance of seeking help and providing peer support when dealing with problems that are too big to solve alone.



Phys/Ed

Interschool sport has commenced for 2023. Students are loving being able to compete against other schools after three very disrupted years.

3 March - St Johns PS

ROUND #1	Lalor East PS	St Johns Ps	Result
Rounders			
Girls' Team:	13	1	Win
Boys' Team:	5	19	Loss
Bat Tennis			
Girls' Team:	37	20	Win
Boys' Team	33	34	Loss
Cricket			
Mixed	43	59	Loss

10 March - Thomastown West PS

ROUND #1	Lalor East PS	Thomastown West PS	Result
Rounders			
Girls' Team:	5	14	Loss
Boys' Team:	3	7	Loss
Bat Tennis			
Girls' Team:	23	5	Win
Boys' Team	16	19	Loss
Cricket			
Mixed	37	55	Loss

Next week (Friday March 17), Lalor East will be playing away against Lalor North PS

Dean Sharples
Phys. Ed Coordinator

Focus on the Good - Class of the Week

Congratulations 3/4A on winning the first certificate for the year!



Grade 5/6 Lady Northcote Camp

Nervous . . .
Fun . . .
Breathtaking . . .
Exhilarating . . .
Encouraging . . .
and Challenging . . .

are just some of the words we would use to describe our experience at Lady Northcote Camp.



When we first arrived we felt **nervous**. For some of us it was our first time away from home. We quickly realised how **fun** it was to be away and on camp.

For those of you who haven't been to Lady Northcote Camp, the views are **breathtaking** and so was the sunrise we saw on our first morning walk.



Another **breathtaking** moment was when you first pulled the cord on the giant swing and went hurtling through the air! Some of us felt nervous, zipping through the air. But we are really happy we took on the challenge.



The flying fox was **exhilarating!** We all felt a little **nervous**, but we kept **encouraging** each other to **challenge** ourselves and push ourselves beyond our comfort zones.



Sharing a cabin with our friends was great **fun**. We loved cooling off in the pool. We felt **nervous** holding the yabbies . . . worried they would pinch us with their sharp pincers.

My highlight was catching the yabbies! I loved picking them out of the net and I didn't get nipped once! (Malek)



My highlight was going to the top of the giant swing and then dropping down. It was **exhilarating**. (Jayla)

I also loved the giant swing. I loved the feeling of time freezing when I pulled the cord. (Louis)

I loved the pool because it was a new experience with different people. We had great fun playing games together and it was refreshing being able to cool off after a busy day of activities. (Rhea)



If you want to feel **exhilarated, challenged, encouraged, eat delicious food** and have LOTS of **fun** we strongly encourage you to go to camp when you are in grade 5/6.

Thank you Kristian, Hannah, Mr Sharples, Amanda and Linda for going on camp with us so we could have these amazing experiences. Thanks to Mrs l'a for booking it all for us.



Non Campers Program

The campers left and we, the non campers, sat there looking at the children that were in our group. There were many different faces, we hadn't been in the same room for many weeks.

Old friendships were renewed over the *'Escape from the Forest Activity.'* We had to do some serious mathematical problem solving to work out the solution.

We started Thursday with a craft activity and then straight after lunch we went bowling. This was a new activity for many of us. Alice got the highest score of 111 points.

Friday morning was taken up with cooking and sport. Shona showed us how to make Anzac Biscuits, they were yummy, she is a good cook. As it was hot we watched Shrek 1 after lunch and we finished the day with coding on the computers.

We had a lot of fun doing all the different activities during the 3 days.

By Jina





Lalor East/St Johns XXIII Primary School

Natalie/Emerald 0477 177 646

At TheirCare, we aim for the stars. This week we are actually going to board our imagined rockets and blast into our solar system. The stars will become bigger and brighter as we explore our neighbouring planets. I am quite excited to see Jupiter and its giant storm (from a distance obviously). We will also turn into astronauts and befriend a few friendly aliens. THAT'S ONE SMALL STEP FOR CHILDREN AT OSHC, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR HUMANKIND.

This week we have lots of arts and crafts based on Space. We will be making planets using kinetic sand, making rockets using recycled materials and clay for our friends aliens. Of course, there will be board games, outside adventure, cooking experiences and all our favourite activities.

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 as it is a legal requirement.

Please try to book in advance using FullyBooked. Our wonderful service is getting bigger and bigger each week. We don't want to disappoint any families.





About the program

TheirCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children and an environment where children come and enjoy their time in their program. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

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	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Cancellation Fee				
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

^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed



1 day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed





Discover Lalor North!

***Our Year 7 students are waiting to show you around!
A community gathering for families seeking innovative
learning experiences for their Year 7 Child in 2024***



4th of the 4th

Tuesday 4th April, 6:00pm

INFORMATION EVENING Year 7 in 2024

Bookings essential www.lalornthsc.vic.edu.au

Phone: 9401 3888

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FREE KINDERGARTEN
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starts in 2023

Kindergarten applications open 1 February for:

-  Three year old kindergarten in 2024
-  Four year old kindergarten in 2025

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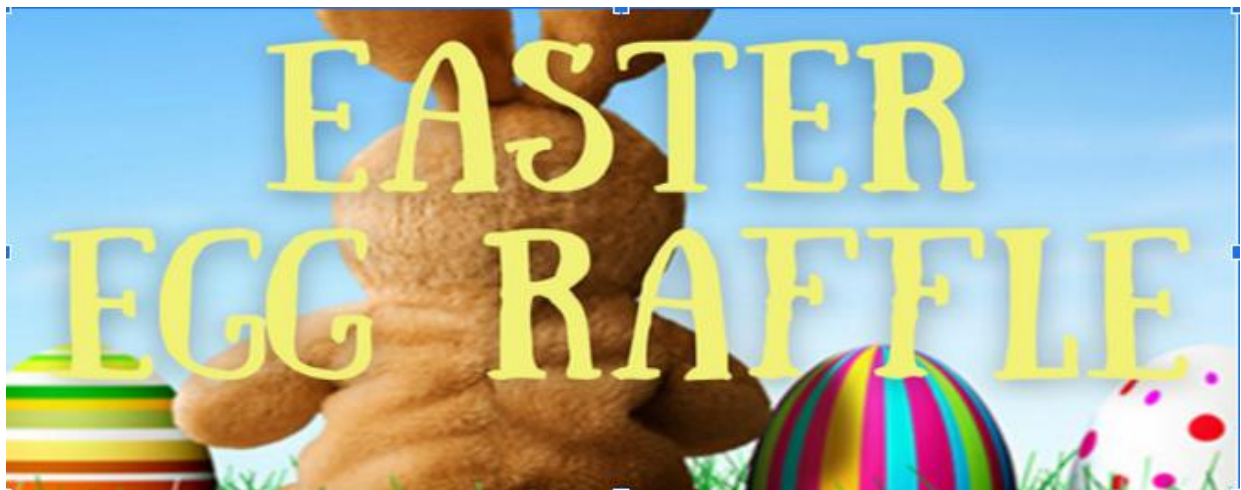
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We are raising funds for our new Prep-2 playground

How can you help?

Donate Easter chocolates for the grade hampers (1 prize for each class)

AND

Buy raffle tickets (\$2 each or 12 for \$20)