

Important Dates

Book Club Online Orders Close

Monday 17th February

Glasses for Kids

Tuesday 25th,
Wednesday 26th &
Thursday 27th February
Prep to Grade 3 Students

Parent Coffee

Morning

9:30am
Thursday 27th February
Reservoir Campus

Preps Start Full Time

Monday 3rd March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 10th March
No School

Last Day Term 1

Thursday 3rd of April
3:00pm Finish

SSG Day

Friday 4th of April
No Buses Running
Student Free Day

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2025 school year! We have had a great start, with most of our students settling well into their new classrooms. They are quickly forming relationships with their classmates, developing routines and expectations, and getting to know their teachers and Education Support staff. This year, we have welcomed over 60 new students and their families to join our school. I hope you quickly feel part of our community, and please know that we are here to make your child's transition to our school as positive as it can be. Don't hesitate to reach out to our staff, including your child's teacher, one of our Principal Class Officers, or one of the school leaders. We are here to help!

We have also welcomed several new staff members to our school this year. I am confident they will quickly become integral members of our team.

Leadership Structure

Principal – Pamela Mathieson

Senior Assistant Principal – Andrea Wallace (Reservoir Campus)

Assistant Principal – Ashlea Nave (Lalor Campus)

Assistant Principal – Jackson Mathieson-Lowe (Reservoir and Lalor Campuses)

Sub School Leaders:

Early Years A – Julia Tenuta

Early Years B – Monica Lee

Early Years C – Dylan Ross

Middle Years A – Elisa Wang

Middle Years B – Tim Farley

Middle Years C – Stevie Parsons

Later Years A – Bernie Lim

Later Years B – Rhiannon Parbery and Anna Scott

Later Years C – Rasheetha Prashanth Sam

Later Years D – Ray So

Student Phones

Just a polite reminder that mobile phones and other mobile devices should not be used at school. If your child brings a mobile device to school, they are expected to lock it away in their locker. I kindly ask all parents to check in with their child and encourage them to leave their phones at home. This will help reduce the challenges some students face when locking their phones away. All staff have a duty of care to ensure students are accessing appropriate content at school, and staff cannot fulfill this duty if students are using their own devices.

School Council Elections

It's time of year again to renew the membership of our School Council. This year, we have vacancies for six parent members and one staff member. Nomination information will be sent out via Compass.

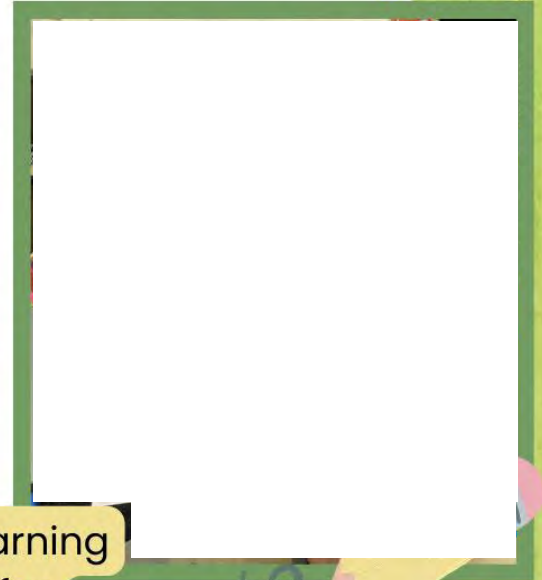
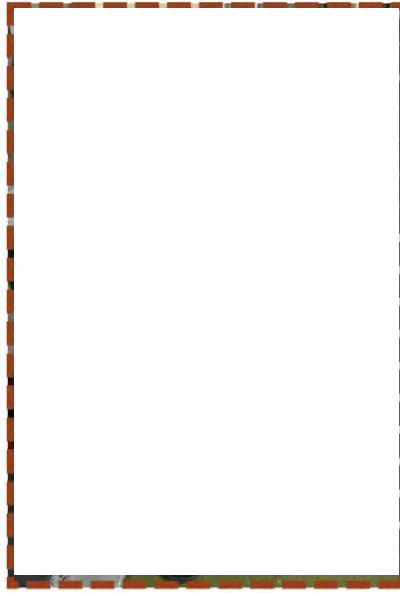
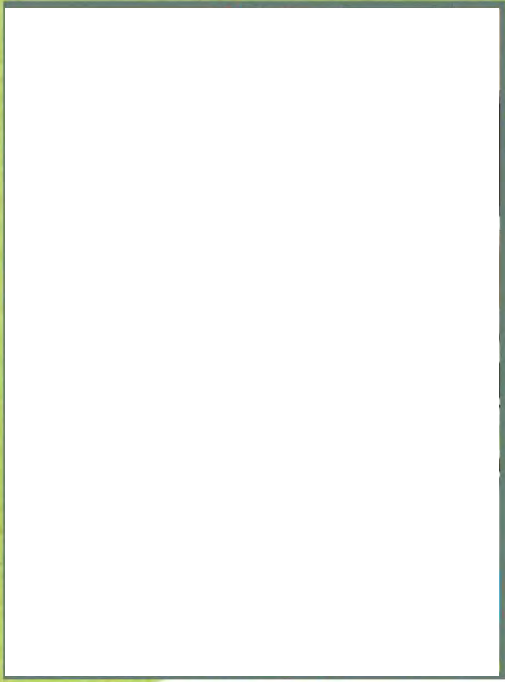
Enrolment Policy

The updated enrolment policy can be found on the Northern School for Autism website at <https://www.northernautism.vic.edu.au/policies-protocols>. A reminder: students are entitled to 13 years of schooling. Therefore, students will graduate from Northern School for Autism after their 13th year of schooling or the year they turn 18, whichever comes first. Students who begin their schooling in another setting are still entitled to a total of 13 years of schooling. For example, a student starting at NSA in Year 2 will only have 11 years of schooling with us, as they have already completed 2 years at another school.

Pamela Mathieson

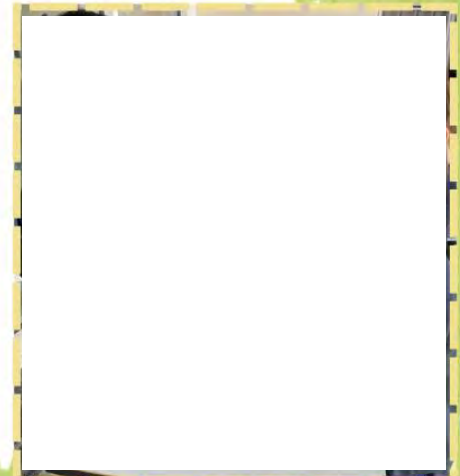
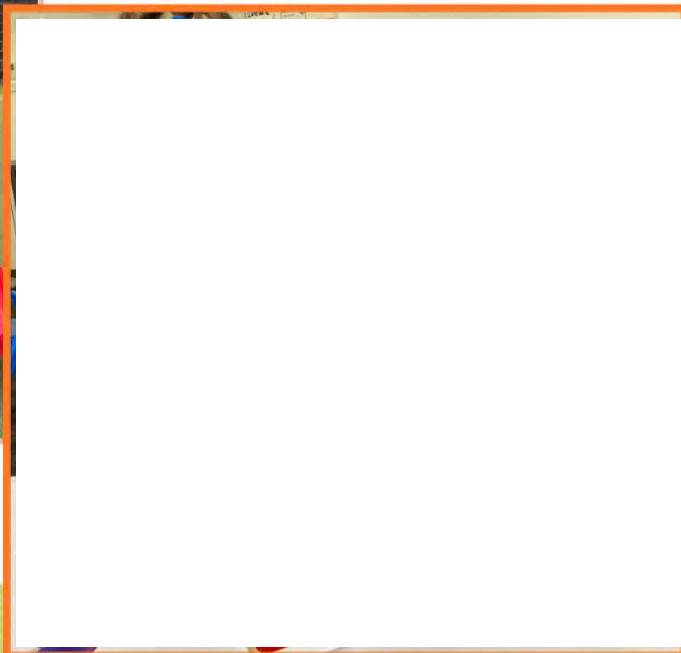
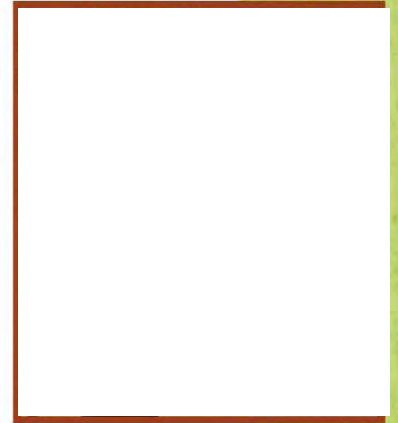
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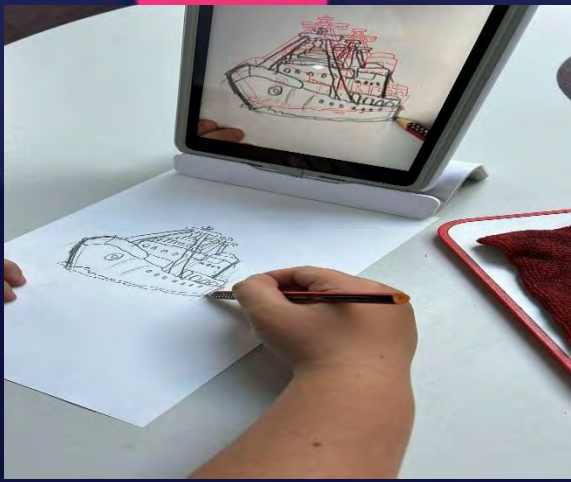
Room 1



This is our first year of schooling and we are learning lots of new names, places and where to go for schedule. We have been enjoying working in small groups to show our teachers all our wonderful skills in Art, Music, Maths, English and more! We have so much fun in the courtyard as there are bikes, water play, bubbles, blocks and our favourite big number puzzle to enjoy.

Keep up the great work Room 1!





ROOM 19

Students in Room 19 have had a brilliant start to the year and are settling in well into classroom routines.

We are excited to venture to our new excursion to Golden Moth playground and swimming! So far, our favourite subjects to participate in are Sport and Art, where we have time to practice our wait and turn skills.

We also really enjoy visiting the STEAM Building utilizing ICT such as Dash & Dot, Bee Bots, Osmo, VR Room and the creative Lego Corner.

We are looking forward to a bright year ahead and making lots of new friendships within our sub school.

Great effort Room 19!



LC7's Exciting Start to a Year of Growth and Learning

LC7 has started the year on a high note, fostering a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment for both new and returning students. The beginning of the school year presents a wonderful opportunity for students to set personal learning goals and explore new achievements, and it has been inspiring to see their enthusiasm and commitment.

From the outset, students have formed strong connections, enjoying a variety of engaging group activities such as *Family Feud*, *Mafia*, and *The Logo Game*. A particular highlight has been witnessing their ability to collaborate and support one another through team-building challenges, including robot construction and the ever-popular spaghetti and marshmallow tower challenge.

Beyond the classroom, LC7 students have shown great enthusiasm for specialist subjects, demonstrating strong engagement in both music and physical education. Our weekly tennis sessions at the Lalor Tennis Club have been a fantastic way to develop gross motor skills while enjoying physical activity in a new setting. Additionally, students have embraced hands-on learning in the kitchen, honing their cooking skills and preparing a variety of meals—tacos being a class favourite!

This term, we have also enjoyed celebrating student and staff birthdays, and we look forward to marking many more special occasions throughout the year—always with plenty of cake!

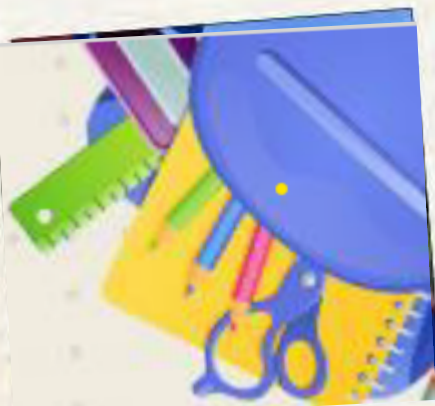
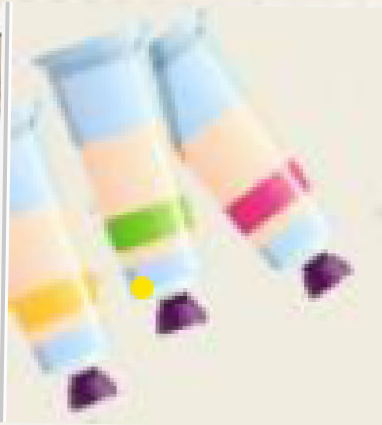
With such a positive and energetic start, LC7 is excited for the opportunities ahead. We look forward to seeing our students continue to grow in confidence, independence, and teamwork throughout the year!

EARLY YEARS A

What a fantastic start to the school year! The first week was filled with warm welcomes, new faces, and lots of opportunities for students to explore their classroom spaces. We're so proud of how quickly everyone is settling in!

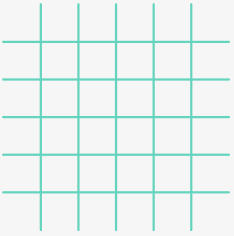
Staff supported students by helping them get comfortable in our structured learning environment. They've had the chance to explore various areas of the school, including the Blue and Green gyms, the STEAM Building, and the playgrounds.

We're excited to continue this journey in the weeks to come, filled with learning, growth, and new adventures. Here's to many more fun and successful weeks ahead!



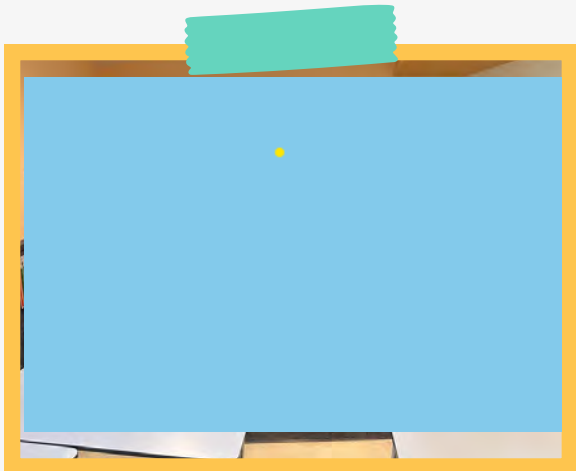
SPEECH PATHOLOGY

Reservoir



Welcome Back To School!

The Speech Pathology team would like to welcome everyone to the new school year! Students have already settled in well to their new classrooms and are getting to know their new staff members and peers. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new speech pathologists, Grace and Maria!



Term 1 is all about continuing the supports that best fit our students. The team and classroom staff have been busy developing visual supports, schedules, updating AAC systems and new classroom routines. It has been fantastic to see old and new friendships bloom between students.

We are looking forward to supporting our student's communication skills this year and watching their progress over 2025.



Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club

Dear Families,

Book Club has gone digital!

SEE WEB ADDRESS below to order from Issue 1.

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/issue-preview/>

In Book Club this month

- Check out a fantastic range of Value Packs on page 13 - something for everyone!
- Get up to 3 FREE BOOKS and boost your collection.
- Discover the hottest New Bestsellers starting on page 2.
- Meet our star of Issue 1, *Ninja Girl*.

\$5 Promo Codes are back in 2025

Every LOOP order on this Issue will receive a \$5 promotional code to spend on Issue 2.

Orders will close on Monday 17th February and those orders will be delivered to the school the following week.

Happy Reading!

