

## Important Dates

### Parent & Carers

#### Coffee Morning:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
9.30am

Reservoir Campus

### RC & NB

#### Special Lunch:

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### Reservoir Campus

#### Easter Hat Parade:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March –  
Rms 1-15, 26 & 27

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March –  
Rms 16-25, 28 & 29

Multipurpose Room, 1pm

### Norris Bank

#### Easter Hat Parade:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

NB Basketball Court, 2pm

### Lalor Special Lunch:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### Lalor Hot Cross Bun

#### Afternoon Tea:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March –  
LC Rms 1-8

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April –  
LC Rms 9 -23

Multipurpose Room,  
2-2.45pm

### Last Day Term 1:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April  
3:00pm Finish

### SSG Day:

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of April  
No Buses Running  
Student Free Day

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Hello Families,

Can you believe we've passed the halfway mark of Term 1? Time certainly flies when we're having fun! We're so proud of how well all our students have settled into their routines, especially our new foundation students, who are now attending five full days each week.

### Welcome to Country

I would like to thank Andrea Wallace, who worked with Corey Wanganeen, our Koorie Engagement Support Officer, to organise a Welcome to Country at the Reservoir and Lalor campuses.

### First Aid and CPR

Over the past month, a number of staff across the school have completed Emergency First Aid and CPR training. These staff members are now fully trained to support students and each other in an emergency.

### School Nurse

A school nurse has been employed and will be based at the Reservoir Campus. When we move into the new building at the Lalor Campus, we will employ a school nurse who will be based there as well.

### Late arrival and Early leave

It is important that students are at school for the full six hours a day. Arriving late and leaving early is very disruptive for the classroom and will take one staff member out of the classroom which will impact the teaching and learning programs. Parents who are collecting students early or arriving late will need to be prepared to wait until a staff is available to transition your child.

### CSEF

The Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities.

The applicant must be one of the following on the first day of Term 1 (28 January 2025) or Term 2 (22 April 2025):

- A parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card (please refer to the list of eligible cards below).
- A student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card or Disability Support Pension Card). For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on Mature Minors and Decision Making.
- A parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card but is not considered a mature minor.

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Applications must be submitted to the school by **4 July 2025**.

Where the parent or carer is seeking eligibility based on an eligible financially means-tested card, eligibility will be determined when the relevant concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of Term 1 or Term 2.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

If a school or family is unsure if the concession card is eligible, they are encouraged to submit the application to the CSEF system for validation.

The full list of eligible concession and health care cards is available on the [Services Australia](#) website.

For Veterans' Affairs, gold cards are the only means-tested cards accepted. This card must be sighted, and a photocopy taken by the school to confirm the expiry date and eligibility.

Cards that are not financially tested are not accepted.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school.

CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE, or who is home-schooled.

A special consideration category exists for asylum seeker families and families on temporary protection or Safe Haven visas who are not permanent residents and do not have access to Centrelink or a Health Care Card. Permanent residents or applicants with a Health Care Card are not eligible for special consideration. Applicants' VISA Grant Notice details showing their current residential status are required to apply for special consideration.

Applicants who have a Health Care Card issued by Centrelink should apply as a general application and not under special consideration.

For students in temporary out-of-home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care or foster care, a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (e.g., Mackillop Family Services) or the Department of Families, Fairness, and Housing (DFFH) is required as evidence and must be no more than 12 months old. Copies of court orders are permitted to support special consideration applications.

Permanent care arrangements such as permanent visas and foster care do not meet the criteria for special consideration.

Only one application for each student can be submitted per year. Parents/carers must decide which parent/carers should apply. If the parents/carers are unable to decide who should utilise the CSEF, the first eligible application entered and approved in the system will receive the payment.

If you are unsure if you are eligible, need more information or another form please contact Kristy Fry [Kristy.fry@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kristy.fry@education.vic.gov.au) or 9462 5990

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# Welcome to Room 3

We're absolutely thrilled to be back at school full-time this week. It's been an amazing start for all of us in Room 3!

Room 3 has been busy settling in and getting familiar with the routine. Most importantly, we've had so much fun right from the start! We enjoy playing in the big playground, learning the daily schedule, and celebrating our first birthday party at school.

Along with all the fun, we're also serious about our work. We're learning to communicate using ALD, PECS, our communication book or devices. We absolutely love it, especially when we get to choose our favourite food from the afternoon tea tray. Yum!

Of all the fun activities, we love the gym and STEAM Building Trampoline the most!

## RC Room 21A

Room 21A has had a busy, fun-filled start to the year!

Students have been engaged in all areas of the curriculum including English, Math, Science, Health, Cooking, Art, and Music. In English lessons, students have begun participating in the 'Little Learners Love Literacy' program. In Maths lessons the focus has been on 'whole number'.

In our STEAM building sessions, students have enjoyed using the various pieces of equipment available, such as the Lego corner, Osmo, Beebots and VR room. They are supported to work together in achieving a goal, such as getting from 'point a' to 'point b' using a Beebot, or building a structure out of Lego pieces.

We have enjoyed our excursions to the Reservoir swimming pool, and Wombat's Bend playground in term 1. We also enjoyed our recent Mad About Science incursion, learning about 'heat energy'.



*Great start to the year for LC8 with some familiar faces from last year as well as some new students who we are making feel as welcome as possible.*

*Our goal this year is to work with each other and accept each other's similarities and differences.*

*LC8 has started the year with a range of activities and outings.*

*This has included our local walks within the community, Interschool Sports, STEAM, P.E. and Aert Therapy.*

*The staff are pleased with the group's ability to listen to each other's needs and practice understanding each other so we can have fun, learn new skills, explore and meet and work with new staff respectfully.*

***Our 2025 goal is ...***



***"Respect for ourselves and each other".***





## SCIENCE INCURSION - HEAT AND ENERGY

Our students from the Reservoir and Norris Bank Campuses had an exciting time exploring different forms of energy during our recent science incursion with Lisa from Mad About Science. Through hands-on experiments, they discovered how energy moves, changes and powers the world around us. From heat and light to movement and sound, they explored it all with curiosity and enthusiasm. Below are some photos of our students experimenting with different forms of energy. It was a fantastic learning experience, and everyone had lots of fun!



# EARLY YEARS B

## THIS TERM

IT'S BEEN A GREAT START TO THE YEAR IN EYB. THE STUDENTS HAVE ALL SETTLED IN WELL AND HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

## PLAY SKILLS

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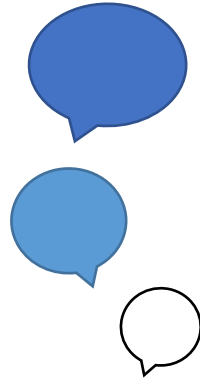
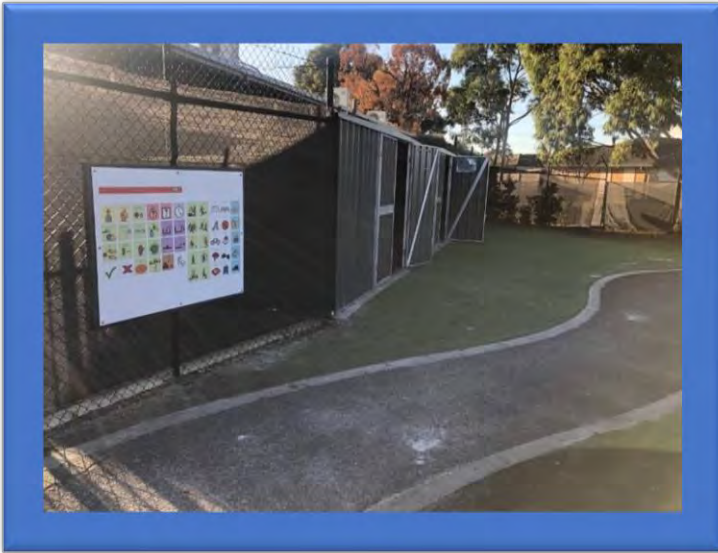
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## SCIENCE + COOKING

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SOME OF OUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE GOING TO THE YMCA GYM, LEARNING TO READ, WORKING ON PLAY SKILLS AND PARTICIPATING IN SCIENCE AND COOKING!



The **Communication Accessible Schools or CAS**, committee would like to reintroduce ourselves to our ever-growing NSA community. To summarise, our committee focuses on creating a school that is somewhere;



everywhere

- Students feel they belong
- Students feel valued
- Every student is thought of as capable of learning
- Every student has the right to communicate
- All students are given access to communicate everywhere with everyone



We look forward to continuing to work towards providing further opportunities and access to engage in meaningful interactions.

Please look out for our newsletter contributions this year to keep up to date with our ongoing projects.



everyone

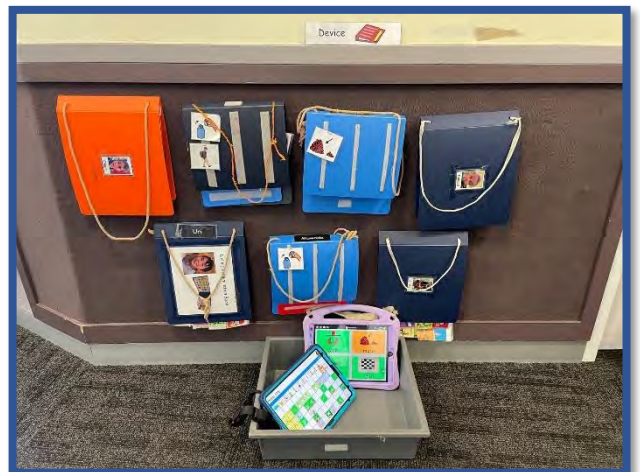
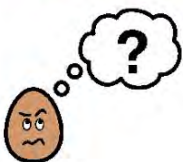
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**Do you have the playground folder?**





NSA PARENT & CARERS COFFEE  
MORNING

TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 9:30AM -  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
RESERVOIR CAMPUS  
COFFEE, TEA & SNACK SUPPLIED



A vibrant Easter-themed graphic. At the top, a row of colorful Easter eggs (orange, pink, white, green, yellow) is partially visible. Below them, a pair of large pink bunny ears sits atop a cluster of green grass. In the center, two large Easter eggs are prominent: one with blue and white diagonal stripes, and another with pink and white polka dots. They are surrounded by several white daisies with yellow centers, a pink flower, and a blue flower. Two green and black butterflies are fluttering around the central arrangement. The background is a bright blue sky with soft white clouds and a sunburst effect emanating from behind the central scene. At the bottom, another row of colorful Easter eggs (orange, pink, white, green, yellow, red) is visible, partially obscured by the grass.

**You are  
invited to  
our...**

**EASTER**  
*Hat Parade*

**EARLY YRS RMS 1-15, 26 & 27 - MONDAY 31ST MARCH 1PM  
MIDDLE YRS RMS 16-25, 28 & 29 - TUESDAY 1ST APRIL - 1PM**

**Northern School for Autism - Reservoir MPR**

**Easter Raffle drawn 2nd April - Donations Welcome!**

— NORTHERN SCHOOL FOR AUTISM —

The title 'Easter RAFFLE' is centered on the page. 'Easter' is written in a large, elegant, brown cursive font with two white bunny ears perched on top of the letter 'E'. 'RAFFLE' is written in a bold, brown, sans-serif font directly below 'Easter'.

# Easter RAFFLE

**DRAWN WED 2ND APRIL**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE SPECIAL EVENTS  
COMMITTEE BY SENDING ALONG DONATIONS  
FOR OUR EASTER HAMPERS**

**DONATIONS IDEAS  
CHOCOLATES | BOOKS | PLUSH TOYS  
STATIONERY - ONLY NEW ITEMS PLEASE!**

**PLEASE SEND DONATIONS BY 24 03 2025**



You're invited to

# NB1, NB2 AND NB3'S EASTER HAT PARADE

Wednesday April 2nd, 2025

From 2:00-2:40

At the Norris Bank Primary  
Basketball Court. We welcome you  
to an afternoon tea in the satellite  
rooms after the parade if you'd like  
to join us.

Please meet in the front car park at  
1:55 for a 2pm start.

**WE LOOK  
FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU  
THERE!**



**NSA'S**

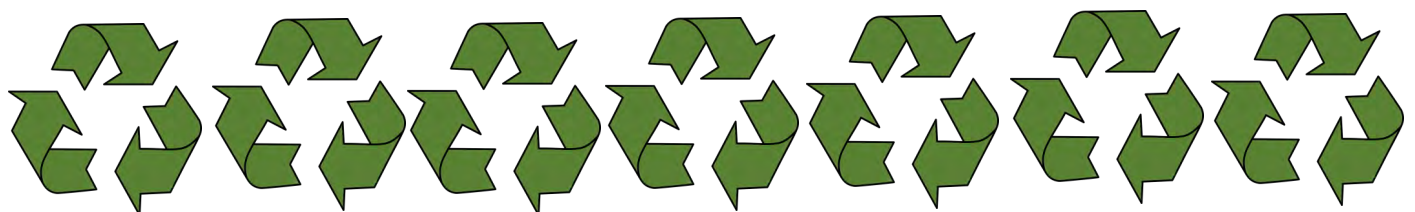
## *Recycling Program Fundraiser*

You may have seen the recycling bins positioned near our Lalor and Reservoir Offices!

Please place empty Drink Cans,  
Plastic Bottles, Juice Boxes & Glass Bottles

**Must have 10c mark on recyclable**

*All proceeds go to the school*



# SAVE THE DATE



## LALOR HOT CROSS BUN AFTERNOON TEA

Monday 31st March LC Rooms 1-8

Wednesday 2nd April LC Rooms 9-23

2.00-2.45pm

**COME JOIN YOUR CHILD FOR A WARM DRINK AND HOT CROSS BUN**

Location: Multipurpose Room at the Lalor Campus

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Lalor Hot Cross Bun Afternoon Tea  
Monday 31st March LC Rooms 1-8  
Wednesday 2nd April LC Rooms 9-23  
2.00-2.45pm

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP: Friday 21st March