



The Laler Park Voice

Thursday 3rd April
Term 1, Week 10

Important Dates

TERM 1 dates:

Thursday 10th April

- ANZAC day ceremony

Friday 11th April

- Easter fun day and COLOUR RUN

Last Day of Term 1 Friday 11th April.

TERM 2 dates:

Mon 28th & Tues 29th April

- Staff Development Day - no students

Wednesday 30th April

- First day of Term 2 for students

Students Return Wednesday 30th April.



PRINCIPAL'S *Message*



Dear Families,

I hope this message finds you well.

One of the most valuable skills we can nurture in our children is resilience — the ability to navigate challenges, adapt to change, and grow from experiences. Resilient children develop confidence, problem-solving skills, and a positive mindset that helps them succeed in all areas of life. At school, we encourage resilience by fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where children feel safe to take risks, learn from mistakes, and try again. You can support this at home by allowing your child to face small challenges, helping them develop coping strategies, and modeling perseverance in everyday life.

Alongside resilience, we continue to emphasise the importance of kindness — to ourselves and to others. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference in our school community. Encouraging children to be thoughtful, inclusive, and empathetic helps create a positive and welcoming space for everyone.

As always, my door is open. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to reach out to their teacher or schedule an appointment with me.

Finally, I'm excited to share that our school network is being upgraded between March 31st and May 6th. This upgrade will enhance our digital learning environment, providing students and staff with improved connectivity and resources. While we anticipate minimal disruption, we appreciate your patience during this period.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school a great place for learning and growth!

MRS DEANNE TAYLOR
PRINCIPAL





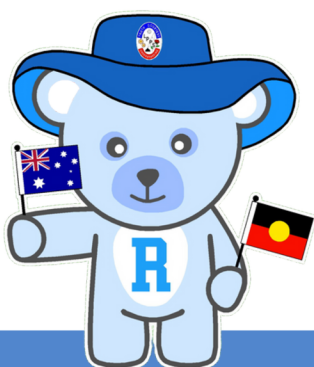
Hello Lalor Park Superstars! Bluey Bear here!

Let's talk about kindness. It's about making our school a happy place for everyone.

You can be kind by:

- Saying nice things to your friends.
- Sharing your toys and helping others.
- Listening carefully when someone is talking.
- Including everyone in your games.
- Being gentle and saying sorry when you need to.

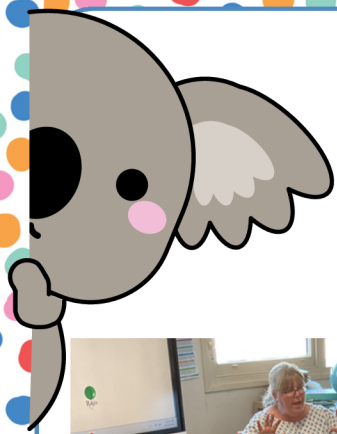
Kindness makes our school shine! Keep being awesome!



**LET'S BE
RESPECTFUL!!!**

Your pal,

BLUEY BEAR  



Koalas



The Koala group have been learning about sea animals and making sea animals to decorate our Ocean room. We have been working on our overarm throwing and learning new yoga moves.



Possums

The Possum group have been learning about animals that live in the rain forest and making animals to decorate our room. We have been working on our overarm throwing and learning new yoga moves. The children have planted some vegetables and are watering them each day.



Maths in K Alpacas



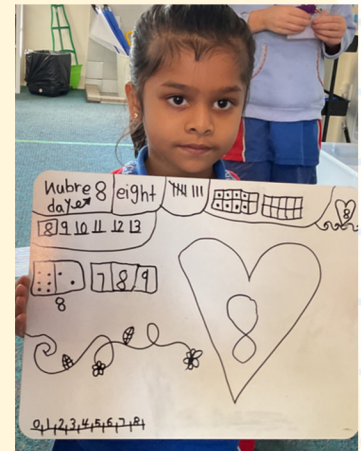
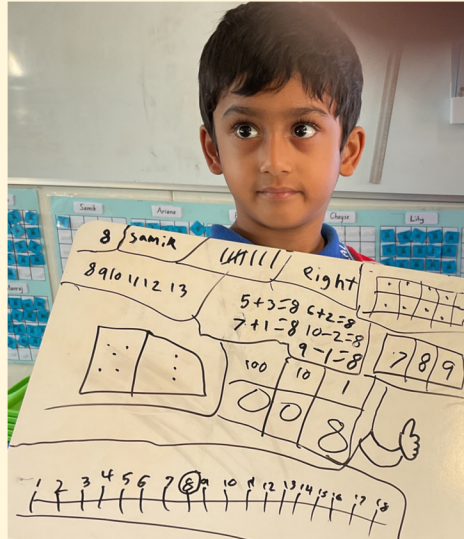
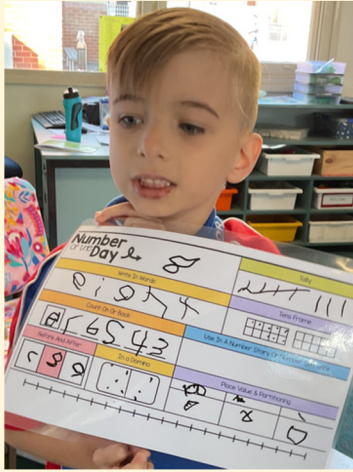
We have explored five by singing the song 'five little ducks' and making an accompanying craft.



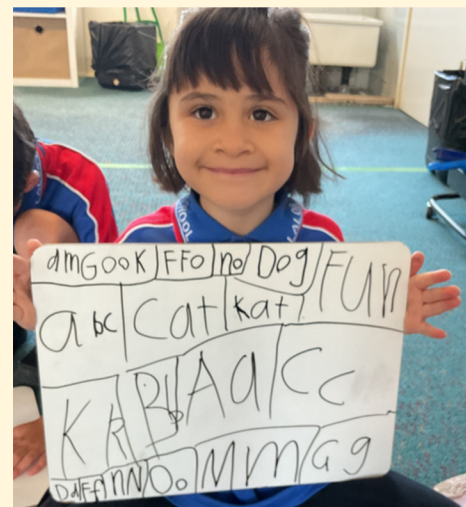
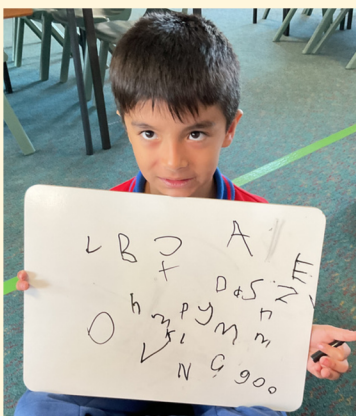
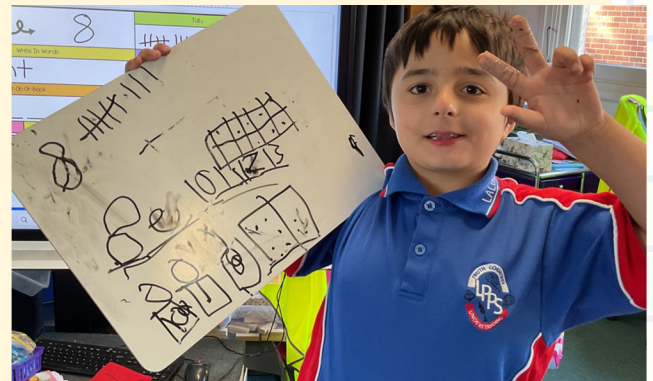
We have made shape robots to practice combining 2D shapes!



1/2 Bilbies



Every morning we work on our sounds and our 'Number of the day' where we try to show all the things we know about that number.



1/2 Budgies



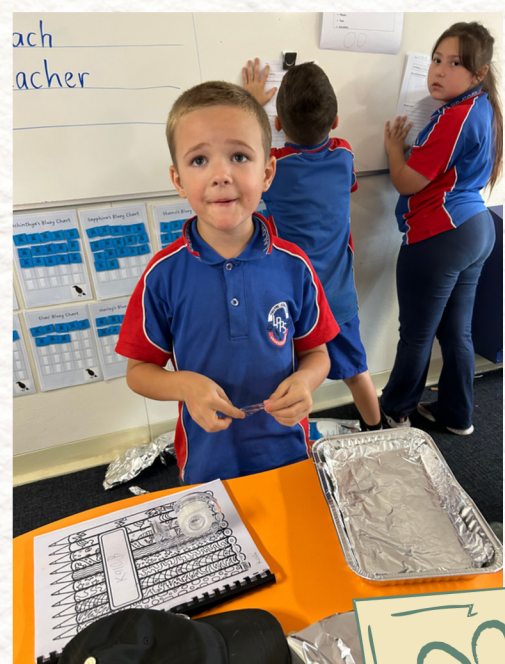
Every Friday the Budgies are visited by year 3 and 4 students for peer support. This helps the students improve their interpersonal, communication, decision making and problem-solving skills.



2-3 CURRAWONGS



During science with Mrs McKinnon, students have been engaged in the design process to solve a problem. They used their knowledge of properties of materials to then make an insulated food storage container. They will test their designs next week!

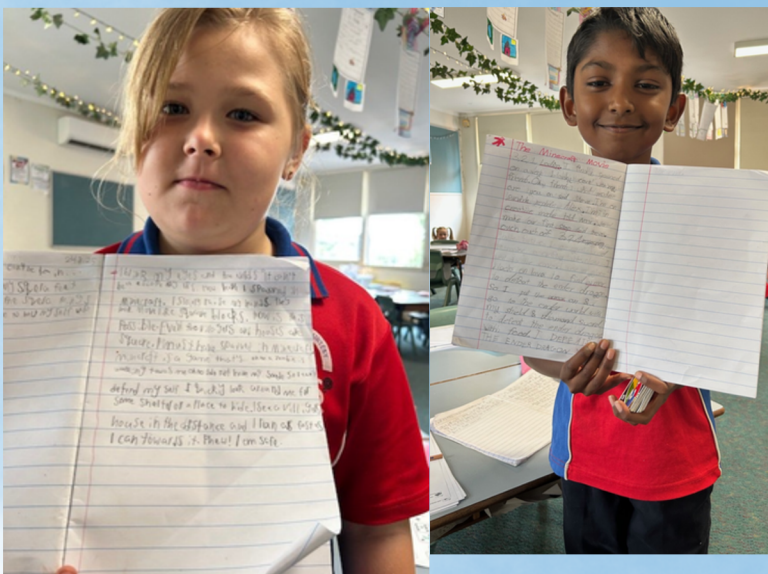


Black Swans

2025



3/4 Black Swans have been studying the novel 'The Thing About Oliver' during our Literacy lessons. We have been learning about narrative structure, figurative language such as similes and metaphors and having empathy for the characters.

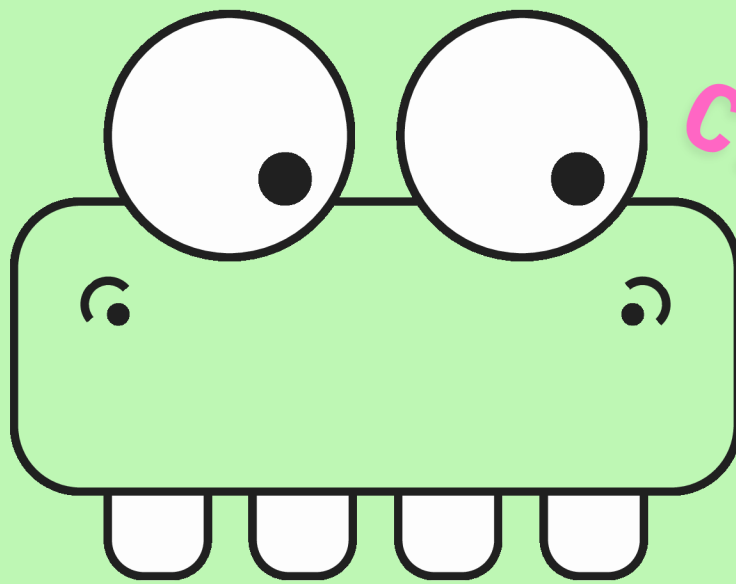


In Mathematics, we have been completing addition and subtraction activities and stretching our brains to remember our timestables. Who will be our next timestable champions?



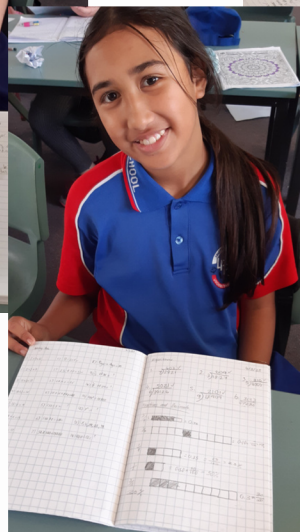
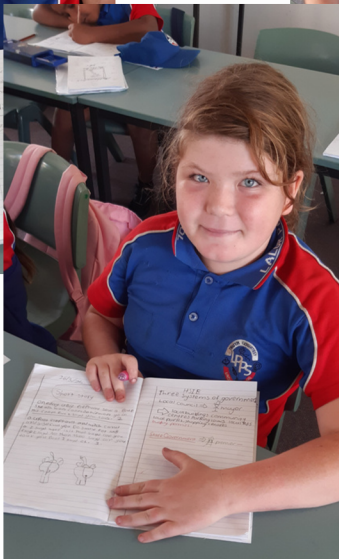
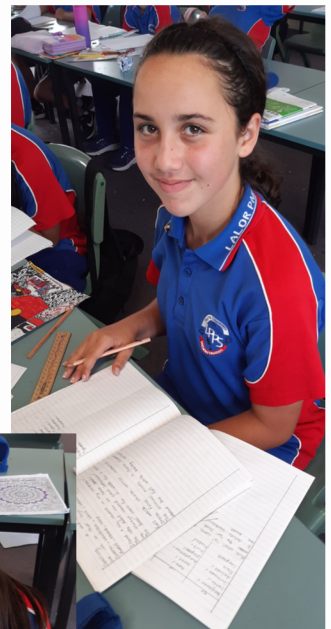
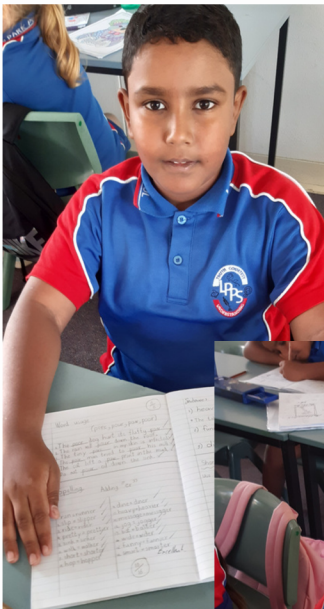
Fun during wet weather





5/6
Crocodiles

This term we have been flexing some brain muscle and making brain connectivity. Writing by hand remains the best way to take in new information. It helps with reading comprehension, creativity, memory, and information retention.



5/6 DINGOES

Solid or liquid??

The students in 5/6 Dingoes have had the opportunity to engage in some fun, hands-on lessons where we made playdough by following a recipe and measuring ingredients, and making goop (AKA Oobleck).

While these tasks were extremely messy, all students were able to participate and explore different materials and states of matter.

GOOP RECIPE

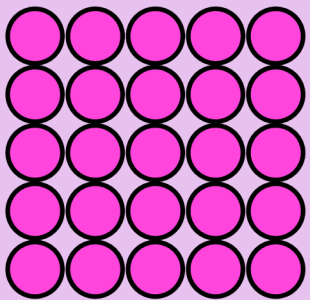
Ingredients

- 1.5 cups corn flour
- 1 cup water
- Food colouring (optional)

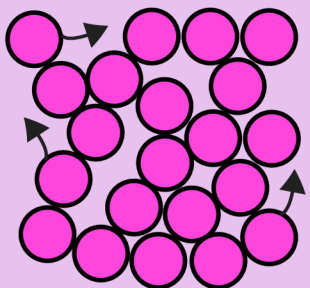
Instructions

1. Place all the ingredients in a large bowl.
2. Use a fork (or hands) to slowly and carefully mix the ingredients together until completely combined.
3. Have fun, and prepare for mess!

Solid or Liquid?



A solid is a state of matter with a fixed shape and volume. Its particles are tightly packed, so they don't flow or change shape easily.



A liquid is a state of matter that has a definite volume but takes the shape of its container. It flows easily, allowing it to adapt to the shape of any container it is in.

The question remains, is goop a liquid or a solid? Try making this at home - feel free to upload some photos to your google classroom!



In 1/4 Emus we are a Rainbow of Possibilities

Play-based Learning 'Mix of Fun and Education'

**Emus developing their
problem-solving skills,
creativity, and
confidence along the way!**



Science

**"DESIGN, CREATE, INNOVATE:
THE FEATHERTAIL GLIDERS IN ACTION!"**

In Science, 3/6 Feathertail Gliders have been exploring the Material World through hands-on experiments and creative problem-solving! We've been diving into the Design Process—learning how to identify problems, imagine solutions, plan, and create.

Students worked to design and construct their own insulated boxes. Check out the action shots of our young engineers at work. Who knew bubble wrap and foil could be so powerful? Science is all about discovery, and 3/6 Feathertail Gliders are soaring high with their learning!





2/6 Flying Foxes



We thoroughly enjoyed making music together, playing bucket drums and singing with enthusiasm

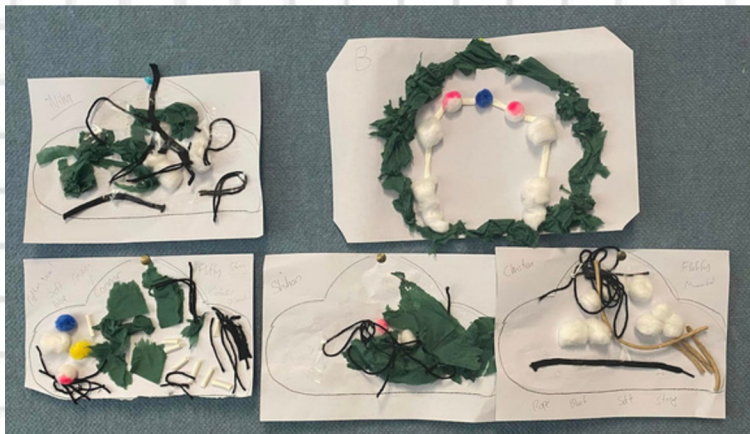


1/5 FRILLED NECK LIZARDS

Mr Robertson



This term in Science with Mr Pirie, the students have been exploring materials that items are made from, and how different materials are better suited to specific purposes compared to other materials.



students first explored how different materials feel, and made representations of hats to show materials that feel different.

Later on, students designed and made their own hats using different materials that might be suitable to cope with conditions on a hot day.





1/6 Goannas



SPELLING FUN. 1/6 Goannas had a blast combining spelling with creativity during a fun-filled activity using letter blocks similar to LEGO! The challenge was simple—spell as many words as possible by snapping the blocks together on LEGO boards. It was a great way to reinforce spelling skills while sparking teamwork, problem-solving, and plenty of laughter. Check out these photos of our young wordsmiths in action!

HARMONY DAY. We had a wonderful time celebrating Harmony Day, embracing diversity and learning about different cultures. Dressed in vibrant orange or traditional clothing, everyone participated in a lively lesson and discussion about inclusion and respect. We explored different flags from around the world through fun games and shared stories about how our own families celebrate special occasions. We also got creative with crafts, expressing the beauty of diversity through art. Check out these photos capturing the spirit of the day!



easter fun day

& colour run!

**FRIDAY 11TH
APRIL**

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY:

11:40am

Easter Hat Parade held on the main playground with parents invited to come along with their children. Easter Hats will be made in class time.

12:15pm

Easter activities will be run for students including pin the tail on the bunny, hot cross bun eating on a string and many more exciting activities. Parents are welcome to stay and watch their children enjoy.

1:15pm

Easter Egg hunt for students and special appearance by a special guest.

1:30pm

Picnic recess with students. Students will be able to order a sausage sizzle. At the conclusion of recess, they will collect their bags in preparation for the colour run.

2:15pm

Colour Run Fundraiser starts.

2:45pm

Colour Run concludes. Pack up and dismissal at 3pm.

What to wear?

Students are able to wear a white or light-coloured shirt in order to see the colours pop. Students must wear shorts or pants that they can move around in and must have runners or joggers on their feet.



**EASTER FUN
ACTIVITIES**

**EASTER HAT
PARADE**

**COLOUR
RUN.**

How to sign up to fundraise?

Fundraising for our school is easy! Simply go to www.myprofilepage.com.au and click the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page. Once you've created a parent account and profile page, you can share that around to family and friends to receive online donations. Please note that this is an online fundraiser only and all cash donations must be converted to an online donation before Friday 11th April 2025.

**We have currently raised
\$6720!**

**if we can get to \$10,000
Mrs Taylor will be Slimed!**



At Lalor Park Our Kindy's Get the Best Start!



Best Start Kindergarten Assessments identify student literacy and numeracy skills on entry to Kindergarten. All Kindergarten students complete the literacy and numeracy assessment in the first 5 weeks of school. It has been conducted in all NSW public schools since 2010.

Congratulations to all of our Kindergarten students who have completed their Best Start assessments. All parents have been given their reports and the teachers are now working hard to utilise the data to plan for learning and the will support the individual needs of each student.



The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, focussing on reading, writing, numeracy and language conventions. NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time, and can assist teachers by providing additional information to support their professional judgement about students' levels of literacy and numeracy attainment and progress. We will now await the results, and will notify parents when they should be expected to be distributed.

Students in years 3 and 5 have now completed their NAPLAN tests - Well done!



Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) are conducted throughout the year with a focus on Reading, Mathematics and Spelling.

These tests establish what students are capable of, then challenge them at the appropriate level for effective learning.

This assists in supporting every student with their learning at their point of need. the year within the three domains.

By conducting these tests in Semester 1, and then again in Semester 2, teachers can monitor student progress across the year within the three domains.



High Potential & Gifted Education

High potential students are those whose potential exceeds that of students of the same age in one or more domains. Their potential may be assessed as beyond the average range across any domain. They may benefit from an enriched or extended curriculum and learning opportunities beyond the typical level of students the same age

Upcoming enrichment programs at LPPS

Think Tank (K-2)

STEAM team (3-6)

Next term we will commence planning for our enrichment programs. Parents and students will be notified if their child will be a part of these programs.

More information to come!

Choir 2025

Our school is thrilled to be joining the combined choir for Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts again this year. The Festival is a wonderful opportunity to come together with other local schools for an evening of singing, dancing, laughter and fun.

Students who are in year 3-6 can see Miss Phillips or attend lunchtime choir rehearsals if they would like to perform in the BFoPA Combined Choir this year.

For this year's Festival, Lalor Park Public School is part of the Rosella Concert Group, meaning our students are scheduled to perform on the evening of Tuesday 26th of August.



2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

BECOME A READING CHAMPION!

Join the challenge and dive into exciting adventures, magical stories, and unforgettable characters. The more you read, the more you achieve!

How to Join the Fun:

Read books from all genres

Track your progress

Celebrate your success and become a reading champion!



Why You'll Love It:

- ✓ Boost your reading superpowers!
- ✓ Explore epic tales and wild adventures
- ✓ Earn cool rewards & certificates
- ✓ Be part of an awesome reading community!

Let's Make 2025 the Year of Reading!

2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Given names

Surname

Year

Book tally:

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

KEY DATES:

- Challenge opens Monday 24 February
- Challenge closes for student entries Friday 22 August



For details, visit <https://prcsupport.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/6000079754-parents-and-students>

2025 NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge

What is the Premier's Sporting Challenge?

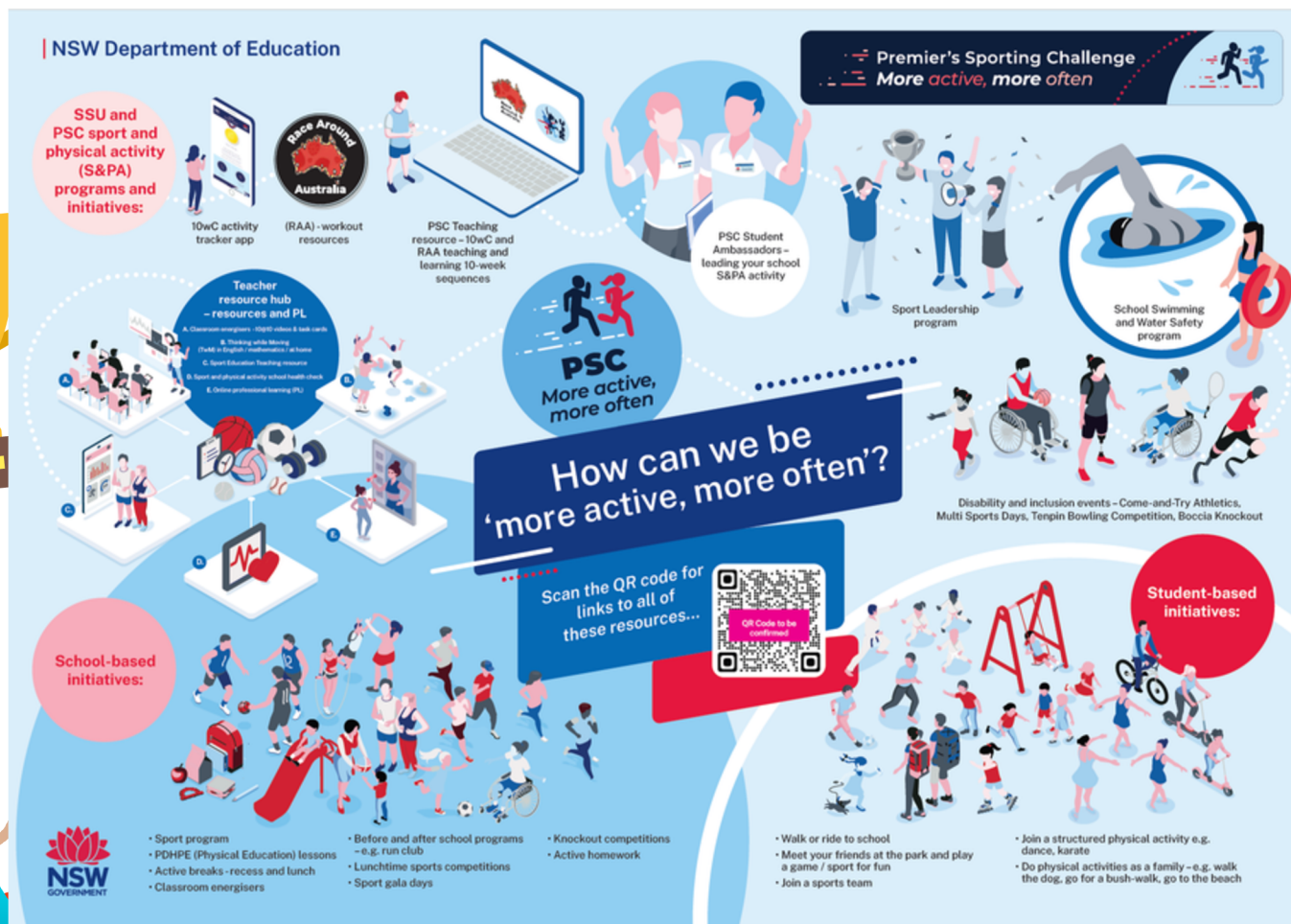
The NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) is a statewide initiative in New South Wales, Australia, aimed at encouraging physical activity and promoting sports participation among students in primary and secondary schools.

Award Level	Daily Activity Time
Bronze	30 minutes per day
Silver	45 minutes per day
Gold	60 minutes per day
Diamond	80 minutes per day

Reasons to get involved!

- Encourages Physical Activity
- Improving your fitness levels and overall health.
- It promotes Teamwork and Social Skills
- Fun and Engaging
- Learn lifelong healthy habits

Which Award Level are you going to work towards ?



KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL

2026 COHORT

Keep an eye out for information regarding enrolments for Kindergarten and Preschool 2026.

Our **Lalor Park Legends Transition to School program** runs for 8 weeks in Term 4 - More info will be provided closer to the date.

Preschool expressions of interest for 2026 are accepted at any time during the year, with acceptance letters and confirmation of enrolment provided later this year.



Ms Wilkie, Mrs Young and Miss Allirah are currently working with a group of students, and members of the community to discuss and write a genuine, personalised Acknowledgement of Country for our school. This will start our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which we will continue working on throughout the year.



Aboriginal education in NSW public schools aims to improve the outcomes for students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, while educating all students about our nation's First People.



Keep an eye out for further information about how we plan to celebrate NAIDOC week towards the end of Term 2. This year's National NAIDOC Week marks 50 years of the week-long celebrations, and the theme, **The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy**, celebrates achievements of the past and the bright future ahead.

Debating Club



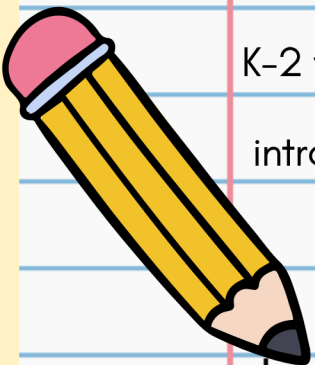
Starting in Term 2, Miss Broker will be running debating club for years 3-6!

Listen out for more information coming soon...

Debating is competitive arguing over important topics!

Students will have the opportunity to present these debates in front of staff, and even in front of the whole school at an assembly!

K-2 will also start doing public speaking in term 2 with the introduction of topic talks in front of their classes!



So you think you can dance?



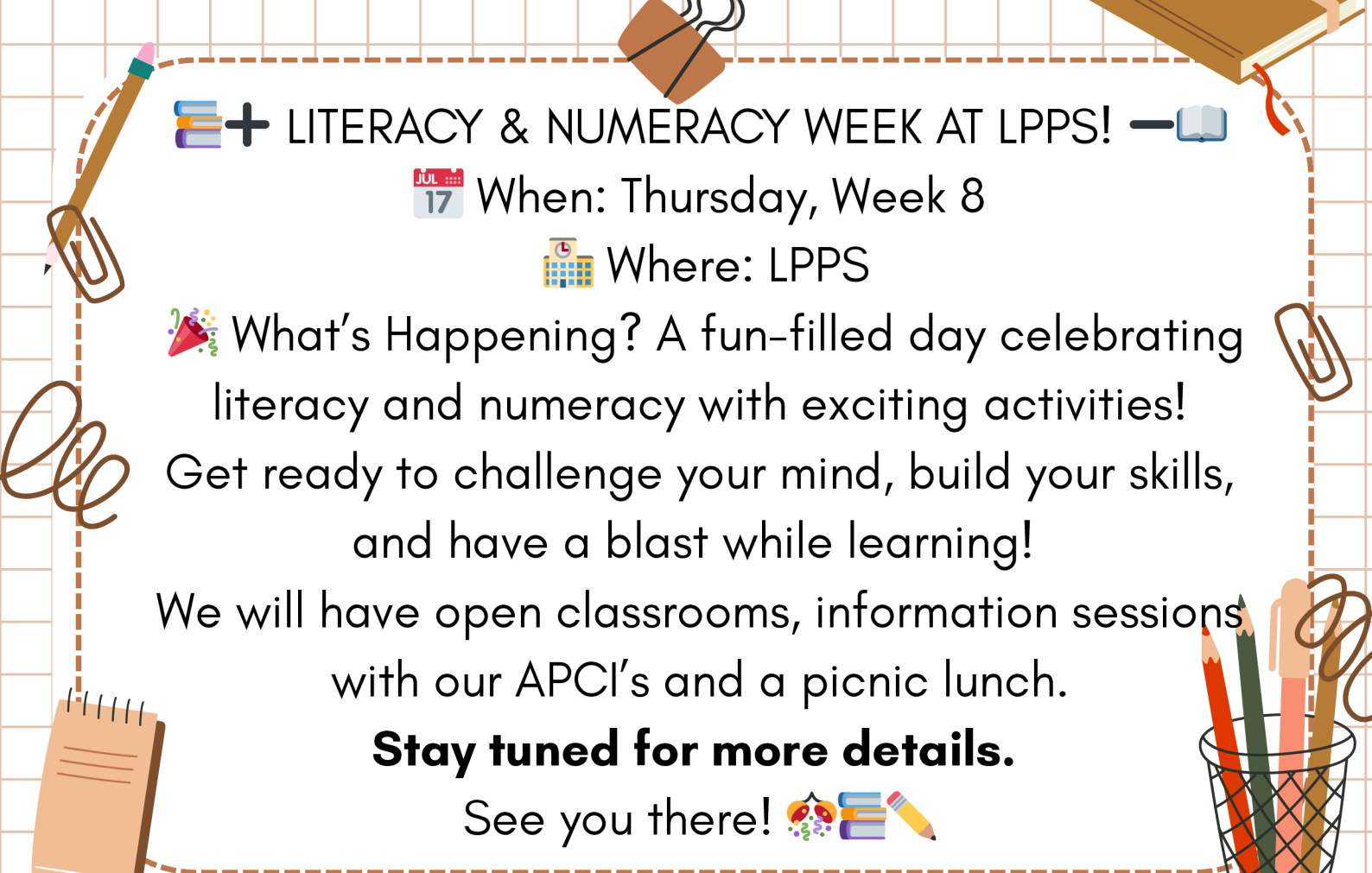
Mrs Young and Miss Vanessa will be starting up our dance groups from Term 2.

Stage 1 dance group (years 1 & 2) & Years 3-6 Dance group

We will also plan a special dance group just for Kindergarten students later in the year

Please note: These dance groups will be dependent on the interest of students and may need to be adapted slightly if needed.

Listen out for announcements for a dance group meeting in Week 11 to express your interest and share your ideas about music and dance styles!



+ LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK AT LPPS!

 When: Thursday, Week 8

 Where: LPPS

 What's Happening? A fun-filled day celebrating literacy and numeracy with exciting activities!

Get ready to challenge your mind, build your skills, and have a blast while learning!

We will have open classrooms, information sessions with our APCI's and a picnic lunch.

Stay tuned for more details.

See you there!   



ART SHOW – TERM 3, WEEK 7!

 When: Tuesday afternoon, Term 3, Week 8

 Theme: Sensory Exploration !

 Food: cake stall – Delicious treats available!

Join us for an afternoon of creativity, exploration, and tasty treats!

Bring your friends and family for an unforgettable time.


More details to come

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

BOOK WEEK 2025

Week 5, Term 3

BOOK AN
Adventure



When: Wednesday 20th August, 2025

Where: LPPS

What: Book Week Parade, classroom visit, picnic lunch

More details to come!

16-23 August, 2025

Peer Support

The Peer Support program is a mandatory initiative conducted during Term 1 as part of the PDHPE curriculum. This program involves senior students being trained as Peer Leaders to guide and support younger students. The aim is to foster students' wellbeing by cultivating positive peer relationships, empowering students to take on leadership roles, and providing opportunities to develop essential life skills such as cooperation, interpersonal communication, decision-making, and problem-solving. These experiences align with the key learning outcomes of the PDHPE syllabus.

Peer Support sessions are held every Friday from 2:00 to 2:40 pm.

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Parent Consultation Group (PCG)

All parents and carers are all welcome to attend our Parent Consultation Group meetings, that run each term. Light supper is provided.



Our LPPS Parent Consultation Group is a group established by a school principal, consisting of parents and/or community members, to act as an advisory group to the school.

This group is designed to provide a platform for parents and community members to offer input and feedback on school matters, contributing to better outcomes for students. The group acts as an advisory body to the school principal and Executive team, meaning they can offer recommendations and suggestions on various aspects of school operations.

Fundraising

Excursion ideas

School budget discussions

Reflect on the school plan

Insight into the curriculum

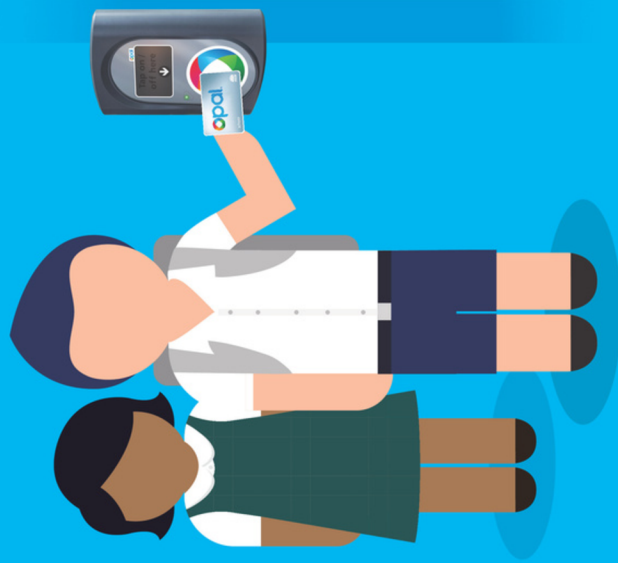
Student learning

School upgrades

Feedback, reflection and suggestions

Transport for NSW provides students with **free** school travel

In return, we ask that you tap on and tap off every time when travelling on public transport to and from school.



Tap on and tap off your
School Opal card every time



Share Our Space - Lalor Park PS

Date : Wednesday 16th April, 2025

Time : 10am - 2pm

Fun, Fast, Friendly Cricket Activities

Scan QR code to register



FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

**Tuesday
15 April
9.30am – 3pm**



Free activities for children up to 12 years at the Parliament of NSW

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament, learn about democracy in NSW, step inside history with guided tours and get creative in workshops and role plays.

- **Make** craft animals and objects
- **Visit** our heritage rooms
- **Learn** how to vote and make a law
- **Participate** in a committee role play
- **Enjoy** live music and more...



FREE ENTRY

Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION

Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

Enquiries P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



**The public café
will be open.**

Healthy Canteen Menu

Tuesday – Thursday - Friday

Everyday **Gluten Free** **Halal** **Occasional** **Vegetarian**

SANDWICHES AND WRAPS (Please specify)

E	Cheese	\$2.50
E	Chicken	\$3.00
E	Ham	\$3.00
E	Chicken, lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
E V	Salad	\$5.00
E	Salad & Chicken	\$5.50
E	Salad & Ham	\$5.50
E	Salad & Tuna	\$6.00
E	Salad & Salmon	\$6.50
E	Tuna	\$3.50
E	Salmon	\$4.00
E	Vegemite, or Honey, or Jam	\$2.00

TOASTED SANDWICHES

E	Cheese	\$3.00
E	Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
E	Chicken & Cheese	\$4.00
E	Chicken, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
E	Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
E	Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50

SALAD BOX

E GF V	Salad	\$4.50
E GF	Salad & Chicken	\$5.00
E GF	Salad & Ham	\$5.00
E	Salad & Tuna	\$5.00
E	Salad & Salmon	\$5.00

ADD ONS

Per salad item	\$0.50
Per cheese slice	\$0.50
Per meat item	\$1.00
Per fish item	\$2.00

Salad: Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, capsicum, onion, & carrot

Optional: Mayo, beetroot S&P. Confirm upon ordering.

FRUIT

E V GF	Apple Slinky (red or green)	\$1.50
E V GF	Frozen Fruit	\$0.50
	Mango, Strawberry, Pineapple, OR Mixed berries	

MEAL DEALS – All come with a drink of choice

6x Chicken Nuggets & Sauce	\$4.50
Single Meal (Lasagne, Mac & Cheese, OR Twista Bol)	\$6.00
Hotdog, Cheese & Sauce	\$5.00
Hotdog & Sauce	\$4.50
Ham & Pineapple OR Cheese & Bacon Pizza	\$4.00
Sausage Roll & Sauce	\$4.50
Chicken Burger	\$6.00

HOT FOOD

O H	Chicken Nuggets Each	\$0.50
O	Hotdog, Cheese & Sauce	\$4.00
O	Hotdog & Sauce	\$3.50
E	Lasagne	\$5.00
E V	Macaroni & Cheese	\$5.00
E	Twista Bolognese	\$5.00
O	Sausage Roll (120g)	\$3.00
O	Noodle Cup (Chicken or Beef)	\$3.00
E	Pizza Ham & Pineapple	\$3.00
E	Pizza Cheese & Bacon	\$3.00
O V H	Seasoned Potato Wedges	\$3.00
O V	Sweet Potato Fries	\$3.00
E	Chicken Burger	\$5.00

SAUCES

E H GF	Tomato	\$0.50
E H GF	BBQ	\$0.50
E H	Sweet Chilli	\$0.50

SNACKS

E	Bread sticks x3 (Pizza or Plain)	\$0.50
O V GF	Popcorn	\$2.00
O H	Noodle Snack (Chicken or BBQ)	\$1.00
O H GF	Vege Crackers	\$1.00
	BBQ Cheese, Honey Soy	
O GF	Delites (S&V, Swt Chilli & Sr Crm)	\$1.00
O H	JJ's Snacks Chicken	\$1.00

FROZEN SNACKS

E GF	Juicies Fruit Tubes	\$2.00
	Lemonade, Tropical, Orange, Wildberry	
E V GF	99% Fruit Ice Block	\$1.00
	Apple, Pineapple, Tropical, Orange, Mango, Blackcurrent, Raspberry, Strawberry	

DRINKS – Available all year

E	Bottle Water 350ml	\$1.50
E	Just Juice Popper	\$1.20
	Paradise Punch OR Apple	
E	Juice Bomb	\$2.00
	Apple Blackcurrent, Grape, Lemonade, Watermelon	
E	Glee Bubbling Fruit Juice	\$2.00
	Grape, Tropical, Raspberry, Watermelon	
E	Chocolate or Strawberry Milk	\$2.00

SLUSHIE – Available Terms 1&4 ONLY

O	Lemonade, Raspberry or Mixed	\$2.00
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HELP US STAY WELL!

AS WE APPROACH THE WINTER MONTHS, WE WANT TO KINDLY REMIND ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN AT HOME IF THEY ARE FEELING UNWELL. WHILST WE MAINTAIN REGULAR CLEANING IT IS HARD TO STOP THE SPREAD OF ILLNESSES SUCH AS COLDS, FLU, AND OTHER VIRUSES ARE MORE COMMON, SENDING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL SICK CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPREAD OF THESE GERMS.

IF THEY DISPLAY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS, THEY SHOULD STAY AT HOME AND SEE A DOCTOR:

A FEVER OF 38°C OR ABOVE

VOMITING OR DIARRHOEA

COUGH OR RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS

COLD OR FLU SYMPTOMS

RASHES OF AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN.

KEEPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME WHEN THEY'RE NOT FEELING WELL HELPS PROTECT OTHER STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM GETTING SICK, WHILE ALSO ALLOWING YOUR CHILD THE TIME THEY NEED TO REST AND RECOVER FULLY.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN HELPING MAINTAIN A HEALTHY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.



STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY!