



The Lilydale Legend

The official newsletter of Lilydale Primary School

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the Future*

Dear Families,

As we move into our second week of the school year, it has been wonderful to see our classrooms settling into routines and our students reconnecting with friends and teachers. There is a real sense of positive energy across the school as learning gets well underway.

Welcome to Our New Students and Preps

A very warm welcome to all of the new students and families who have joined Lilydale Primary School this year. Starting school is such a special milestone, and we are delighted to have you as part of our school community. Our Prep students have already shown great enthusiasm and courage as they begin their learning journey, and we look forward to watching them grow throughout the year.

Tabloid Sports

Students and families seemed to enjoy Tabloid Sports yesterday afternoon, working collaboratively and participating enthusiastically in a range of activities. The afternoon was a wonderful way for students to build teamwork skills, confidence, and house spirit while having plenty of fun and staying active. The results from the evening were as follows:

Prep – Grade 3:

1st Melba
2nd: Ingram
3rd: Castella
4th: Goode

Grades 4 – 6

1st: Castella
2nd: Goode
3rd: Ingram
4th: Melba

The overall results for the night were:

1st: Castella
2nd: Goode
3rd: Melba
4th: Ingram



A big congratulations to Castella.

A huge thank you to Mrs Matthews for organising the night, the staff for supporting the running of the activities and the BBQ, the house captains and past students for supporting the running of the activities, and the admin staff for ensuring the staff knew when it was time to change activities and supporting the purchases of food and drinks. As you can see, it was a huge community effort. Once again thank you.

Getting To Know You Interviews

GTKY Interviews is fast approaching, and the administration team has shared the times with you to book an appointment on Sentral. Please ensure you book a time with your child's teacher so that you can share your child's strengths, challenges, or any medical concerns that may influence your child's learning throughout the year. This is a perfect opportunity to share what your hopes are for your child to achieve throughout 2026.

Parent Approvals

Today the office has sent home several permission forms with your children. We kindly ask that families take the time to read and approve the relevant forms as soon as possible.

Please note that the Photo/Media permission form has three options to be considered. Please complete this and return it with your options.

If the form is not returned we will assume you do not consent.

The approvals requiring attention are:

- IT Acceptable Use Agreement
- Local Area Excursion Permission
- Student Photo/Media Permission

And for Grades 5/6 only:

- PG Movie Permission

Thank you for your prompt attention to these important documents, as they support the smooth running of school programs.



School Council Elections

All information relating to our School Council elections will be advertised in the coming newsletters. For families new to the school, the School Council is presently made up of 8 parent members and 4 staff members. Each year, half of the positions are declared vacant, and all parents are eligible to stand for election.

School Council meets monthly (eight meetings per year) and plays an important role in determining school policy and discussing key matters relating to the school. Meetings run smoothly and professionally, commencing at 5:00 pm and usually run for 1 hour.

Being part of the School Council is a wonderful way to become actively involved in your child's education and our broader school community. If this is something you may be interested in, please be sure to keep your eyes out in the upcoming newsletters.

Kind Regards,

Emily Murcott



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Elite Sports Students to try out for VIC State Team

At various times throughout the school year, School Sport Victoria (District, Division, Region and State levels) communicates with schools about opportunities for elite sport students to be nominated to participate in competitions or state team trials. If your child did not bring home an application letter and fits the criteria listed, please see Mrs Matthews to get an application form.

If your child is competing/performing at an elite level, your child will have the opportunity to participate in their respective sport, within the school sport program. The targeted sports include: AFL, Cricket, Netball, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, Diving, Athletics, Cross Country, Rugby League, Golf, Soccer, Softball/T-Ball, Hockey, Volleyball + others.

If your child fits within all three criteria points outlined below, and you are interested in them potentially taking part in an SSV event or trial, (if an opportunity arises throughout the year) please see Mrs Matthews to complete the required form by Friday 13th February, 2026

CRITERIA

- Child is in Year 3*, 4, 5 or 6 in 2026
- Child participates in a sport at an 'ELITE' level outside of school. (i.e. Rep Basketball/Netball in the top teams, Squad Swimming, AFL/Soccer Most Valuable Player Winner)
- Child demonstrates an acceptable level of behaviour within the school environment.

Michelle Matthews



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CONFIDENCE STARTS HERE

A SAFE, FUN AND EMPOWERING INTRODUCTION TO JUDO FOR GIRLS 8 - 15.

J-GIRLS PROGRAM
STARTS SOON!

START DATE: MONDAY 23RD FEB, 4-5PM
LOCATION: 30 MARKET ST, LILYDALE

In the J-Girls 6-week program she'll:

- learn self-defence and body awareness
- gain confidence and resilience
- grow physically and mentally
- join our community of strong young women.

She'll learn to fall and get back up. To hold her ground. To trust her body and her voice.

EARLY BIRD

\$130

STANDARD PRICE

\$145

SAVE HER SPOT

SCAN TO SIGN UP!



THE BALLET STUDIO
DK STUDIOS
18/70 CAVEHILL RD
LILYDALE

PRESCHOOL BALLET
3+ YRS

CLASSICAL BALLET
5+ YRS

**TEEN BEGINNER
BALLET**

ADULT BALLET

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Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival

Sunday 15th March 2026

10am until 4pm

Hookey Park, Charles Street, Mooroolbark.

There will be market stalls, food vans, animals on the move, go karts, along with the always popular kids' activities tent, roaming performers, and all-day entertainment on the Rotunda. So, bring a picnic blanket and make a day of it.

Free Colouring Competition:

See the school office for the colouring page if you would like to enter. This year, the drop off point is the Mooroolbark Library, 7A Station Street, Mooroolbark, before 4pm on Friday 13th March. We won't be accepting pages to be entered on the day.



JUNIOR TRAINING

Pre-season Training will be on Monday
Get Into Rugby
Come and Try
6pm

GRIFF HUNT RESERVE

54 Lyons Rd Croydon North 3136

www.maroonrughby.com.au

LILYDALE MONTROSE UNITED
**COME PLAY WITH US...!
SEASON 2026**

REGISTRATION

**JUNIORS
BOYS/ GIRLS**



**SENIORS
SL7 OR SOCIAL**



95 SWANSEA RD, MONTROSE





Upcoming Events

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TERM 1 2026

February

Wednesdays in February - Preps do not attend school

- Fri 13 Book Club issue 1 due
Mon 16 -
Wed 18 Getting to know you interviews

March

- Mon 2 Preps start full time
Mon 9 Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 11-
Fri 13 NAPLAN Gr 3 and 5
Mon 23-
Fri 27 Swimming

DON'T FORGET!

- Swimming permission and payment due Thurs 26 Feb
- Gr 5/6 interschool sport payment due ASAP

Lilydale Primary School staff are on duty before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm. Outside these times students will be unsupervised in the playground. If your child needs to arrive before this time in the morning or after the time in the afternoon please contact Extend at lilydale@extend.com.au to arrange for your child to attend before or after school care.

1800RESPECT

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FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

1800RESPECT.org.au 1800 737 732



Daisy
connecting women

Daisy is a free app that easily connects you to a wide range of support services in your state and local area.

1800RESPECT.org.au/daisy

Search Daisy and 1800RESPECT in the App Store or Google Play.

2026 TERM 1 DATES

- Thur 29th Jan - Thur 2nd April
- Mon 20th April - Fri 26th June
- Mon 13th July - Fri 18 Sept
- Mon 5th October - Fri 18th Dec

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THE MEAT
INN PLACE



FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Orders are available
on Friday's

Ordering cut off time is:

- 2pm for Daily Specials
- 9pm for ALL ORDERS
the Thursday prior

Place your order via the
Flexischools App



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