



The Lilydale Legend

The official newsletter of Lilydale Primary School

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Dear Families,

What a term it has been! As we reach the halfway point of Term 2, it is wonderful to pause and reflect on just how much has been happening across our school community.

Walking through our classrooms, the sense of calm and purpose is truly something to be proud of. Our students arrive ready to learn, settle quickly, and give their very best to the tasks in front of them – it is a joy to see.

Beyond the classroom, our students have been treated to a fantastic range of enriching experiences. Just this week alone, we welcomed several exciting incursions to our school, including a visit from **Flynn Kroeger**, our **Puberty Program**, and the popular **Be Fit, Be Well** program – all providing valuable learning opportunities that complement what happens in the classroom. Our students have also ventured out into the wider world, visiting the **Immigration Museum** and participating in a **Tree Planting** excursion that connected learning with community and environment.

We were also thrilled to take part in **Walk Safely to School Day**, with our staff leading a Walking Bus from two different locations – a fantastic reminder of the importance of active travel and community spirit. A big thank you to everyone who joined in!



Finally, **Smile Squad** has also visited us this week, supporting the health and wellbeing of our students – another reminder of the many ways our school community wraps around our kids.

Looking Ahead to Week 6

- Monday 25th - Year 3/4 Mount Lilydale Leadership Activities
- Wednesday 27th - Prep-2 and 3/4E Gymnastics Session
- Thursday 28th - Year 5/6 Puberty Program
- Friday 29th - Showcase Our School 2:30 - 3:15pm
- Friday 29th - Second hand uniform stall 3:15pm outside the library



Showcase Our School - Friday 29th May

We are so excited to welcome our families into the school this Friday! Our classrooms will be showcasing the wonderful learning that has been happening throughout the term.

We kindly ask that families arrive no earlier than **2:25 pm**, with the event beginning at **2:30 pm**. This allows classes a little time to set up after lunch before you arrive. We also ask that all families depart by **3:15 pm**, giving students the opportunity to tidy their classrooms and prepare for dismissal at 3:30 pm.

All students will stay in their classroom, if you have children in different classrooms, please feel free to move between rooms to visit each of them.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note there will be **no assembly** on that day ((29/5/2026).

Assemblies – Exciting Updates Ahead

Thank you sincerely to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts on assemblies at Lilydale Primary School. Hearing from parents, students, and staff about what is most valued has provided our Leadership Team with wonderful insight, and we are grateful for every response.

Based on your feedback, some elements will remain the same, while a few thoughtful changes will be introduced going forward.

Starting on Friday June 5th, assemblies will:

- Be held fortnightly
- Be presented by our School Captains, with each class having the opportunity to take a turn presenting, supported by the School Captains.

Assemblies will include:

- Aussie of the Month
- Academic and wellbeing awards
- Student-led awards
- The Values Wheel, focusing on our school values
- A performance, a presentation, or a showcase of class learnings

Just a reminder that Tuesday June 9th is a Curriculum Day, no students at school on this day.

Warm regards,

Emily Murcott



Award Winners

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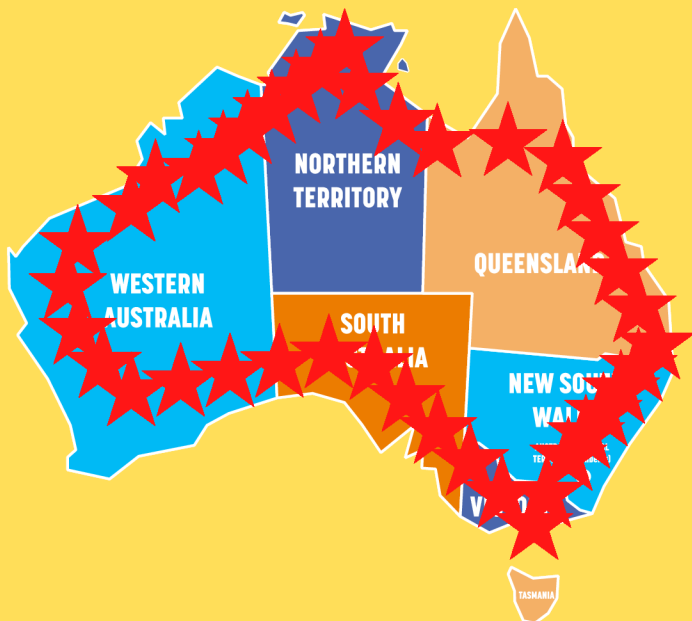
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Run Around Australia Challenge



Wow, we have made it all the way back to Lilydale! We have run 14,010 kms. It has taken just over 1.5 years to run all around the mainland of Australia. We are now 'swimming' across Bass Strait. We are half way, only 328km to get to Devonport.



Thank you to everyone who joined in our Walk Safely to School Day this morning. It was a foggy, cold morning but the walk got bodies moving and warmed up ready for a great day at school.

We have raised a total of \$2,489.20 for sports equipment from recycling.



Last Friday Lilydale PS played Kilsyth/Gladesville PS. Congratulations to Harmony, Emma and Max for winning the Community Sports Award.

SPORT	WINNER	SCORE
Netball (Girls)	Lilydale	15-0
Netball (Open)	Lilydale	8-1
Rounders	Lilydale	No Team
Volleyball	Kilsyth	2 sets -0
AFL	Lilydale	No Team
Soccer	Gladesville	No Team



On Monday Emma Mickle, a Para Cyclist, visited Lilydale PS and gave an inspirational talk on how she came back from breaking 20 bones in her body, which included three vertebrae and being told she would be a paraplegic. She never gave up and set weekly goals, so 4 months after her injury, was able to walk out of hospital. It took her three years to be able to ride a two wheeled bicycle. In her first race she was 15minutes behind the leader, the next year 3 minutes and the next year 18seconds. It was at this stage she was accepted into the Victorian Institute of Sports. When she competed 12 months later, she won by 2 minutes. Emma is now setting goals to represent Australia at the 2028 Olympics.

On Wednesday Flynn Kroeger, his Mum and his carer, visited the school to talk about his life after a dirt bike injury, which left him with a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Flynn attended Wandin North PS. In 2021, at the age of 18, he was drafted to Geelong. In Nov 2023 he rode his dirt bike, without wearing his helmet. He came off his bike and hit his head. He was medivacked out and his parents were told that he had a severe brain injury and was not expected to live. He spent five months in hospital. At the start he was fed through a tube into the stomach and breathed through a tube in his mouth. He had to relearn how to walk, talk and dress himself. He has no memory of riding his dirt bike or any of the time he spent in hospital.

The take home messages for the children were:

- Wear a helmet
- Never give up
- Stay positive and have fun
- Keep family close
- Be part of the community
- Be kind to others

Flynn and his carers, took the children outside to practise some footy skills.





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Free event



Scan to register

Carrots and Sticks Better Ways to Build Boundaries with Your Kids

Knox City Council is hosting a free session for parents with parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson, Carrots and Sticks: Better Ways to Build Boundaries with Your Kids.

Dr Coulson will give a thought-provoking presentation that dismantles traditional discipline methods and reveals powerful, positive parenting strategies.

Wednesday 3 June
6:30pm-8pm
Knox City Council Civic Centre
511 Burwood Hwy
Wantirna South

Register now, scan the code or visit stickytickets.com.au/3OAI4U

Tuesday 21st July



GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO THIS SCHOOL

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide Foundation (Prep) to Year 3 students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)



Scan this QR code to find out more on the GFK website



A Victorian State Government and State Schools' Relief Initiative
Questions? Please contact the GFK team via info@glassesforkids.com.au

2026 KIDS CLUB

CELEBRATING US AT EXTEND

18 MAY - 8 JUNE

Join Extend this Term 2 for our annual Art Competition in After School Care!

Work in teams to colour in each month of the year and learn about cultural events from around the world!

Easter • Diwali • Kodomo No Hi • Hanukkah • Ramadan + more!

Winning services will have their artwork featured in the official Celebrating Us At Extend 2026/27 Calendar!

Plus receive a printed copy to display in your service!



SCAN HERE TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT KIDS CLUB



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Maroondah City Council Youth Services presents

GameDev.exe



Saturday 13 June
1:00pm to 5:00pm

Free for all ages
Registration essential

- Q&A with industry experts
- Code your own game
- Board games
- Game arcade
- Free bubble tea
- And more

Croydon Community Hub, 7 Civic Square, Croydon, 3136

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Check out what's on offer at www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Youth





Upcoming Events

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TERM 2 2026

May

- Fri 22 Gr 3/4 Immigration Museum excursion
Gr 5/6 Interschool sport vs Billanook 9 (away)
Walk Safely to School Day
- Mon 25 Gr 3/4 Mt Lilydale Leadership session
- Mon 25 -
- Wed 27 Smile Squad visit
- Wed 27 Prep - 2 & 3/4E Gymnastics incursion
Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
- Thurs 28 Gr 5/6 Puberty program
- Fri 22 Gr 5/6 Interschool sport vs Victoria Rd PS (home)
- Fri 29 Showcase Our School 2:30 - 3:15pm
Second hand uniform staoutside library 3:15 - 3:45pm

June

- Mon 1 Gr 3/4 Mt Lilydale Leadership session
- Wed 3 Prep - 2 & 3/4E Gymnastics incursion
Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
- Thurs 4 Interschool Chess Competition
- Fri 5 Gr 5/6 Interschool Sport vs Chirnside Park PS (away)
- Mon 8 King's birthday public holiday
- Tues 9 Curriculum Day
- Wed 10 Prep - 2 & 3/4E Gymnastics incursion
Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
- Wed 17 Prep - 2 & 3/4E Gymnastics incursion
- Wed 24 Gr 1/2 Hands On incursion
- Fri 26 Last day of Term 2 - finish at 2:30pm

DON'T FORGET!

- Showcase Our School
Fri 29th May 2:30-3:15pm
- Second Hand Uniform
stall Fri 29th May 3:15pm

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



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.

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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

CURRICULUM DAYS 2026

Tues 9th June
Tues 25th August
Mon 2nd November
Mon 23rd November