



# The Lilydale Legend

The official newsletter of Lilydale Primary School

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## Welcome Back

What a pleasure it has been to welcome our students and families back for the beginning of the school year. There has been a lovely sense of calm across the school this week, with students settling into routines, reconnecting with friends, and getting to know their teachers. These early days are so important, and we are intentionally creating a gentle, supportive start to help every child feel safe, settled, and ready to learn.

You may notice that staff are taking extra time to connect with students, revisit expectations, and establish classroom routines. This calm approach helps build confidence, supports wellbeing, and sets a positive tone for the year ahead.

Below is some important information for you to read to ensure everyone has a fabulous start to the year.

## Morning Drop-Off Routines

To support a smooth and safe start to each day, I'd like to remind families about our morning supervision arrangements.

Staff are on yard duty from 8:45am each morning. If your child arrives before this time, we ask that parents please remain with them onsite until supervision begins, or alternatively, pre-arrange attendance at [Extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au)

Clear and consistent morning routines make a big difference for children, and we appreciate your support in helping us ensure all students are well supervised and start the day calmly and confidently.

## Staffing

Welcome to new staff who have joined our outstanding team at Lilydale Primary School.

- Nick Camp 1/2C
- Nikki Tenberge 5/6T
- Sayako Nakagawa - teaching Japanese on Monday and Friday
- Elisha Ferguson Integration Aide in 3/4 E

## Booklist's & Curriculum Contributions

Please ensure that you have purchased your child's resources (stationary) as they will begin to use these more prominently from Monday next week.

## Summer – Hats

We are in the summer months so hats are a must from day 1 at play time and in sports. If your child does not have a hat, they will play outside the Library and undercover area outside BER building. The weather is predicted to be a warm / hot start to the year. Please add sunscreen prior to school, and we will remind students to top up.



## Attendance- it's NOT OK to be AWAY

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better results, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behaviour and have a better chance of completing Year 12. But when students are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused—it can have a negative impact. Students who attend school regularly feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to complete Year 12, setting them up for a strong future.

## Annual Privacy Reminder

Lilydale Primary School collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the School's privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website at: <https://www.lilydaleps.vic.edu.au/school-policies-and-reports>

## Mobile Phones

Since 2020, mobile phones will be banned in all government schools. The policy was introduced because teachers and parents regularly raise concerns about the use of mobile phones during school hours as a cause of constant distraction in classrooms. The policy provides consistency for principals, teachers, students, parents and school communities. As part of the policy, students must switch off their phones and store them securely from the moment they arrive on school grounds until they leave at the end of the day. Failure to abide by this regulation may result in a confiscation of the student phone. Students will be reminded regularly of the new arrangements and the School Mobile Phone Policy will be available on the school website.

<https://www.lilydaleps.vic.edu.au/school-policies-and-reports>



## Child Safe Standards

Legislation introduced by the Victorian Government which took effect from January 2017 ensures organisations that deal with children have appropriate and consistent measures in place to prevent and respond to allegations of child abuse. The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all organisations that provide services to children including Victorian schools. The aim of the Standards is to ensure organisations are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. Relevant resources for parents and students can be found at: <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/>

## Free public transport for school students

As you would be aware, from January 1st, young people aged 5-17 (inclusive) can travel for free on Victorian public transport with a Youth myki. They need to carry their Youth myki card when they travel and must tap on and off. No concession identification needs to be shown when travelling with a Youth myki. Eligible forms of concession identification include carrying a Transport Victoria ID (this form can be downloaded from the Transport Victoria website).

Thank you for the warm welcome you have already extended to me and to our staff. We are very much looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and connection together.

Kind Regards,

Emily Murcott

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SCHOOL**



# Upcoming Events

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## TERM 1 2026

### February

**Wednesdays in February - Preps do not attend school**

Thurs 5 Tabloid sports and Welcome back BBQ

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



# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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](mailto:lilydale@extend.com.au) to arrange for your child to attend before or after school care.

## 1800RESPECT

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC  
FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

1800RESPECT.org.au 1800 737 732

### 2026 TERM 1 DATES

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



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](http://1800RESPECT.org.au/daisy)

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

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## 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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