



The Lilydale Legend

The official newsletter of Lilydale Primary School

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Changes to digital device use in Victoria

From 2027, the Victorian Government is introducing changes to the use of digital devices for students from Prep to Grade 6.

Under the new guidelines, schools:

- will no longer invite families to purchase or bring their own digital devices to use at school for Prep to Grade 6
- will follow new recommended digital device times, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2; and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for grades 3 to 6.

These changes are intended to support families by reducing cost-of-living pressures. They will also support students by reducing screen-time which can reduce the risk of eye strain, sedentary behaviour, and reduced peer interaction. These reforms complement Victoria's nation-leading mobile phone restrictions, ensuring an integrated approach to addressing digital distraction and the inappropriate use of technology.



What this means for our school

As you know, we already provide school-owned digital devices for student learning, so there is no impact on our programs though we will be auditing our Digital Technologies Curriculum to ensure we are compliant with the new times. Students with disability who use a digital device as a reasonable adjustment are exempt from these changes. You can read more about the changes on the department's website: Digital Learning: Policy.

Trivia Night

Thanks to Michelle and Geoff for organising the Trivia Night on Saturday and to Kirsten and Ali for their exceptional fundraising skills. Those who attended had a wonderful time and we learnt some new things along the way. Thanks to Sam, Nicole, Kirsten and Sandi who organised the prizes and helped run the evening.



Grandparent's Day and Art Show

Thank you to all our special visitors who joined us for the Grandparent's Day and Art Show. It was a fantastic event and the children thoroughly enjoyed showing off their amazing art pieces to their families. A big thank you to Mel Blythe for all her hard work in preparation for this event transforming the art room into Under the Sea. Congratulations to all students for working hard all year on the art work. You are all very talented. Thank you Maria Orlando and the choir for an excellent performance.



Language Program for 2026

As you are aware Karen will be retiring at the end of the year (we will provide details of how we can celebrate her long career soon), however, we need to plan for a language specialist for next year. As there are still a real shortage of teachers available to us we have decided that the Language we will offer in 2026 will depend on the candidates that we get for the role. We did not want to limit ourselves to just Japanese and end up not being able to make an appointment ready for 2026. This will give us the best chance of identifying the right candidate for us. If you have any questions about this please let me know.

Premier's Reading Challenge winners

Congratulations to Prep G, 1/2G, 3/4E and 5/6M for winning the Premiers Reading Challenge. These classes will now enjoy a pizza party on Wednesday 29th October. Thanks to all the parents, staff and students for helping us to set a new school record of 10,226 books read.



Have a great week



Andrew and Joh



Award Winners

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TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT

BRING IN YOUR UNCRUSHED CANS, CARTONS AND BOTTLES

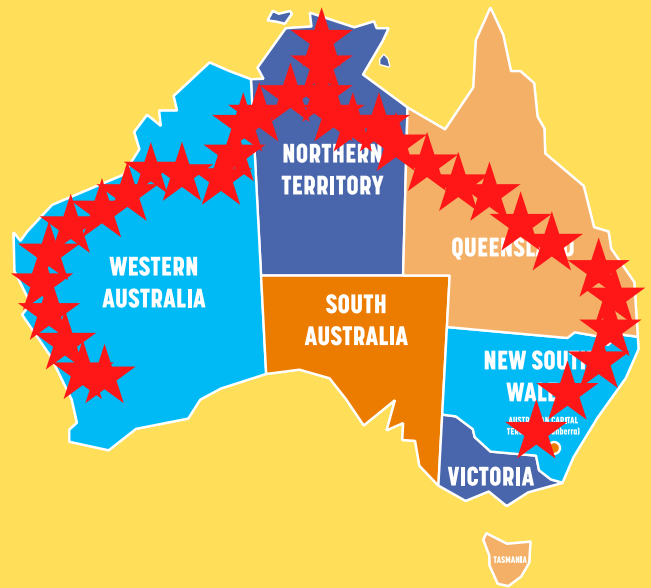
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PLEASE DEPOSIT YOUR CONTAINERS IN YOUR SHARED CLASSROOM TUB



We have raised \$1,646.30 from recycling to go towards new sports equipment for the school.

Run Around Australia Challenge



We have run 10,177km and have 118km to get to Perth.



Prep B having fun during their Mapping lesson using BeeBots



On Tuesday Jack, George and Ryder represented LPS at the Primary State Semi Final Chess Competition. I am happy to announce that Ryder won Silver in the Prep to 2 Section. Ryder has now qualified to compete at the Prep – Grade 2 State Titles on 25th November.





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Lilydale Primary School

Oh, we are the mighty Lilydale
Fighting fun and free!
Enjoying class and all our friends
Oh, how we love our school!
The teachers here are super cool
Friendly fun and true!
They care and teach us everything
Oh, we are Lilydale!



Written by Abigail R



Prep 2026 students enjoying Art during a Pathway to Learning session.



ROTARY KIDS FUN RUN with PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY

Rotary
Club of Emerald & District

30th November 2025 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook
Children 3-12 years running to benefit other children.

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2026 BOOKLISTS

Open for ordering **Thursday 9 October 2025**

Last day for ordering **Thursday 11 December 2025***

*RECEIVE A \$10.00 DISCOUNT FOR EACH ORDER PLACED BY THIS DATE.

ORDER ONLINE

- Go to Booklist Website** booklist.officebrands.com.au/croydon
 - Enter School Access Code: **bluesky26**
 - Select: **Create an Order**
- Enter Details** (Separate orders are required for each student but with single payment on completion.)
 - Enter your child's name and select their year level for 2026.
- Create your order**
 - School predefined quantities for each product are displayed but can be adjusted if required.
 - When finished, click on **Add to Cart**
 - Review your order; (click on **Edit Order** if required).
 - Select **Checkout** or **Add another Student**
- Checkout**
 - Enter your details.
 - Delivery / Collection Details: please select **Collect at School***
 - Click **Next**.

*BOOK PACKS WILL BE DELIVERED TO LILYDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL FREE OF CHARGE AND GIVEN TO STUDENTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF TERM 1, 2026.

- Select payment type and submit your order**
An order confirmation will be sent to the email address on your order.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Orders will be accepted after 11 December 2025 but may not be available for the start of school so please do not delay.

Anyone experiencing financial hardship is invited to contact the school office BEFORE 11 December 2025

We are here to help. Any problems just call us on 03 9839 8400
Booklists by ROSS OFFICE SUPPLIES. 11 Lacey Street, Croydon, VIC 3136





Upcoming Events

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TERM 4 2025

October

Mon 27 Gr 3-4 Edendale Farm excursion
Thurs 30 Halloween Disco
Pathway to Learning 2:30pm

Nov

Mon 3 Curriculum Day - student free day
Tues 4 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thurs 6 Gymnastics Gr 3-6
Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
Gr 1-2 Celebration Day & Rollerskating
Tues 11 Remembrance Day Service 9:15am
Thurs 13 Gymnastics Gr 3-6
Fri 14 Gr 5/6 Community Sport Day
Thurs 20 Gymnastics Gr 3-6
Pathway to Learning
Mon 24 Professional Practice Day - student free day
Tues 25 Prep 2026 Parent Information Night 7pm

Dec

Mon 1 DECS Day
Wed 3 Christmas Carols night
Mon 8 Gr 6 Responsibility Day
Thurs 11 Gr 6 Graduation

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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2025 TERM DATES

- Mon 6th Oct - Fri 19th Dec
- 2026 TERM 1 DATES
- Thur 29th Jan - Thur 2nd April

CURRICULUM DAYS 2025

Monday 3rd November

Professional Practice Day

Mon 24th Nov

DON'T FORGET

- Gr 3-4 excursion payment due now
- Gr 5/6 Billy cart payment due now
- Gr 5/6 Community Sport payment due Thurs 30 Oct
- Gr 1-2 Celebration Day payment due Fri 31st Oct



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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