



# The Lilydale Legend

The official newsletter of Lilydale Primary School

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Dear Families,

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mums, grandmas, stepmums, and mother figures in our community!

We hope this Sunday is everything you deserve – a clean house, dishes done, dried, and put away (all the way to the back of the cupboard!), and a day filled with rest, love, and plenty of spoiling.

But beyond the breakfast in bed and the handmade cards, we want you to know how deeply appreciated you are – not just on Sunday, but every single day. The love, patience, and dedication you pour into your children is felt throughout our whole school community, and we are so grateful for each and every one of you.



To our school mums especially – thank you for the morning drop-offs, the packed lunches, the permission slips found at 8:45 am, the kind words of encouragement, and the endless support you show your children and our school.

We hope you have a truly beautiful day. You deserve every moment of it. ♥

#### Looking Ahead to Week 4

- Tues 12th District Cross Country at Lillydale Lake
- Wednesday 13th Pathway to Learning
- Thursday 14th Gr 56 Puberty Program session #1

#### Education Support Staff celebrations

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, we are taking a special moment to celebrate and honour our incredible Education Support staff here at LPS – a little early ahead of the official Education Support Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, but no less heartfelt! Our ES staff are the quiet heroes of our school community, showing up every day with warmth, patience, dedication and an unwavering commitment to every child in their care. They encourage, uplift, support and champion our students in ways that make a truly meaningful difference – not just in the classroom, but in the lives of the children and families they connect with. We are so incredibly grateful to have such a caring, talented and passionate ES team at LPS, and we hope they know just how valued and appreciated they are. Please join us in celebrating them next Friday – whether it's a smile, a kind word, a card, or a heartfelt thank you, let's show our ES staff the recognition they so deeply deserve!

#### Education Week - Showcase Our School – Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May

Although our Showcase Our School week falls just after the official Education Week, we warmly invite all families to come and visit their child's classroom from 2:30pm – 3:20pm on Friday 22nd May instead of assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity to step inside your child's learning environment, connect with their teacher, and take part in some of the activities that make up their school day. We hope it gives you a real sense of the rich and engaging learning that takes place in our classrooms each and every day. We would love to see as many families as possible – so please come along, get involved, and celebrate the amazing things happening here at LPS! We look forward to welcoming you.

#### Celebrating 160 years

If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of organising the 160 years celebration, please contact the office. Thank you in advance.

*Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.*

*Emily Murcott*



# Award Winners

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You are doing  
**GREAT!**



**AWESOME**



**SUPER!**



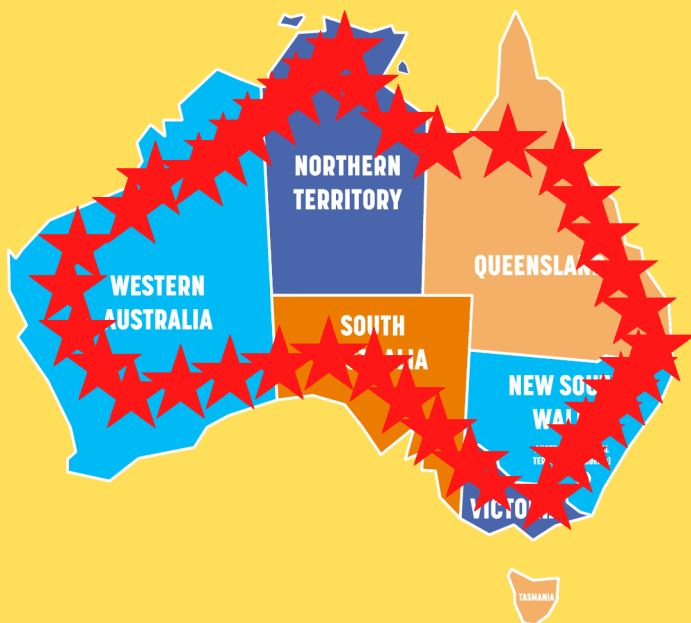
**Fantastic**





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## Run Around Australia Challenge



*We have run a massive 13,486km! We have run through Horsham and only have 99km to get to Ballarat.*

**We have raised a total of \$2,414.80 for sports equipment from recycling.**



**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY**

Thank you to Sam, Em, Allie, Kirstin and Nicole for organising and running the Mother's Day Stall today. The students enjoyed choosing a present for their Mum/carer. We send our best wishes to all our mums to have a wonderful day on Sunday.

*Thank you*

### Stay well this winter

Influenza (flu) can be serious, especially for children.

Choose to protect yourself and your loved ones with an annual flu vaccine. The earlier you and your family get vaccinated, the better your protection heading into winter.

Keeping our school community well

We encourage parents, carers and students to:

- wash or sanitise your hands thoroughly and regularly, particularly before and after touching your face
- cough or sneeze into your elbow
- stay home if unwell and consult your GP or Nurse-on-Call as needed
- stay up to date with your flu vaccinations.

### Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and older.

Some people are more at risk of severe illness from flu, especially babies and toddlers. They can get a free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program.

You can book a flu vaccine through your GP or pharmacy, or find a flu vaccine near you.

### RSV vaccinations for mothers and babies

RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) is a common virus that causes colds and ear infections. In babies, it can cause severe illness like bronchiolitis.

The RSV vaccine is available for pregnant women as part of the National Immunisation Program. In Victoria, eligible babies can also get the RSV vaccine until Wednesday 30 September 2026.

You can speak with your GP or midwife about the vaccine.

Find out more

For more information about staying well this winter, refer to:

- your GP, pharmacist or midwife
  - the Better Health Channel – Don't risk the flu campaign, including information about flu and other vaccines. This information is available in different languages
  - the Better Health Channel – RSV vaccine for mothers and infants
- the Raising Children Network – influenza, COVID-19, bronchiolitis and helping your child prepare for vaccination

LILYDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# OSHC NEWS

TERM 2  
WEEK 4

Here's a look at what we've been learning, creating and enjoying in OSHC!



## FRIENDS & FUN

There's nothing better than spending time with friends! The children love catching up after school, sharing stories, playing games and building strong friendships in a safe and welcoming environment.



## ACTIVE PLAY

Our OSHC space is full of movement and energy! The children enjoy a variety of indoor activities and games that encourage teamwork, creativity and lots of laughs.



## CREATIVE TIME

From drawing and designing to writing stories and colouring, the children love expressing their creativity. We encourage imagination and celebrate every unique idea!



## PUZZLE TIME



Great teamwork, problem solving and persistence in action! The children enjoy working together to complete puzzles and challenge themselves.



## WHAT'S COMING UP?

We have lots of exciting activities and experiences planned for the rest of Term 2, including:

- Special themed afternoons
- Outdoor play and nature exploration
- Creative projects and group games
- Celebrating our wonderful OSHC community!



Thank you for being part of our OSHC community.

We love seeing your children learn, play and grow together each day!



If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to chat with our OSHC team. We're here for you!





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## Smile Squad is coming to this school



### What is Smile Squad?

The Victorian Government free school dental program – Smile Squad – is visiting this school soon.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

### Sign up to Smile Squad:



<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

Let us know if you need a paper form to complete. We look forward to seeing you soon!



## LILYDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S PATHWAY TO LEARNING WEDNESDAYS 2:30 - 3:30



Come along and have some fun at our Pathway sessions. We look forward to meeting you.

### Term 2 Session Dates

- May 6th
- May 13th
- May 20th
- May 27th
- June 3rd
- June 10th



SCAN TO REGISTER  
For more information visit our website

## Walk Safely to School Day is Coming!

We're excited to invite all students and families to take part in our upcoming Walk to School Day - 22 May Friday! Walking to school is a great way for children to start their day feeling energised and ready to learn. It also helps reduce traffic congestion around the school and builds a stronger sense of community.

**When:** 22 May Friday

**Who:** All students and families are welcome

Students can walk with parents, carers, or friends. Even walking part of the way makes a big difference.

We'd love to see as many students as possible getting involved—every step counts!

## DISCOVER. LEARN. PLAY. WINTER EXTEND SQUAD FANTABULOUS school holiday experiences! Snow-Mazing Discoveries!



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# Upcoming Events

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## TERM 2 2026

### May

- Fri 8 Gr5/6 Interschool sport vs Manchester PS (home)  
Mothers's Day stall
- Tues 12 District Cross Country Lilydale Lake
- Wed 13 Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
- Thurs 14 Gr 5/6 Puberty Program
- Fri 15 Gr 5/6 Interschool sport vs Kilsyth/Gladesville PS (home)
- Mon 18 Gr 3 - 6 Be Fit, Be Well incursion  
Gr 3/4 Mt Lilydale Leadership session
- Mon 18 -
- Fri 22 Smile Squad Dental Visit
- Wed 20 Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
- Thurs 21 Gr 5/6 Puberty Program
- Fri 22 Gr 3/4 Immigration Museum excursion  
Walk Safely to School Day
- Mon 25 Gr 3/4 Mt Lilydale Leadership session
- Wed 27 Prep - 2 & 3/4E Gymnastics incursion  
Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
- Thurs 28 Gr 5/6 Puberty program

### 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
- Mon 8 King's birthday public holiday
- Tues 9 Curriculum Day
- Wed 10 Prep - 2 & 3/4E Gymnastics incursion  
Pathway to Learning 2:30pm

## DON'T FORGET!

- Gr 3/4 Immigration museum payment and permission due Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May
- Smile Squad Dental visit May 18-22

### 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

**1800RESPECT**  
NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC  
FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE  
1800RESPECT.org.au 1800 737 732

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.



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### 2026 TERM 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

### CURRICULUM DAYS 2026

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> August  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> November