



# The Lilydale Legend

The official newsletter of Lilydale Primary School

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## Carols Night

What a fabulous evening of Christmas fun! We have very talented students led by the wonderful Mrs Orlando. The joy the students brought to the evening was incredible and it was great to see all our families enjoying the end of year celebrations too. The whole staff get behind these events and it really highlights for me the dedication and care of the staff at LPS. There are too many people to thank individually, but I will give a special mention to our parent volunteers! Thank you to everyone and Merry Christmas or Feliz Navidad!



## Decorations Day

The classrooms are looking fabulous. The teachers and students are certainly showing their Christmas spirit. Mr Ellis and Mr Irvin's rooms came an equal first place! Well done. I personally loved the cooling, white snow theme in the 4-6 rooms in the BER along with the air conditioning, but this might have something to do with the weather towards the end of this week 😊

## Twirly Apples

Our grade six students have been running the twirly apple lunchtime activity. They are doing an amazing job. Students can bring their own apple or purchase one on the day with money going to charity. Apples definitely taste better when they come in cool, slinky shapes!!

## Second-hand Uniform Shop

In preparing for 2026, please remember we have a small selection of second-hand uniform available. Tops and windcheaters, dresses, skirts and pants between \$2-\$5. Located in the BER, select items and pay at the front office. Thank you to families who have donated their clean items for resale.

## 2026 Planning

Families have discovered the 2026 teachers for next year and there are lots of smiles. Change can be tricky but please trust that our staff have been incredibly thoughtful as to where students will be and who their teachers are in 2026. That said, feedback is always welcome! We have secured a LOTE teacher for our Japanese program, and we will be welcoming Sayako Nakagawa next year to our staff. We can also confirm Mrs Gomers will be working in our student support team as our Tutor Learning Teacher. ES staff are still to be confirmed but will be announced shortly.

## Coming up

Monday is Responsibility Day, and we will hand over control of the school to the future leaders of our community. We are not worried at all! 😊

Tuesday will see our whole school 'step up' to their 2026 grades for the morning. This will be great practice for next year. Thursday night will see all our grade six graduates, staff and families celebrating this important milestone together in the BER. And, lastly, Friday's school assembly will have a special presentation for our Preps. So don't miss this one.



## Get ready for the new social media minimum age

The Australian Government is taking world-leading action to reduce online harms experienced by young Australians by introducing a minimum age to access social media. From 10 December 2025, a new law will require social media platforms to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 from having a social media account and deactivate or freeze existing accounts held by people under 16. Delaying access to social media accounts until the age of 16 will protect young Australians at a critical stage of their development, giving them 3 more years to build real world connections and online resilience. This change will reduce access for young people to some of the harmful aspects of social media, such as algorithms that recommend content, infinite scrolling, and other features designed to keep users continuously engaged. The law is intended to capture social media platforms like TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, X, Facebook and YouTube. But it won't stop young people from staying in touch with friends online, playing games, learning new things and being entertained. In fact, they will still be able to access messaging apps, online gaming, professional networking and development services, and services that are primarily for the purposes of education and health support. This delay to social media will give young Australians more time to develop real world connections and digital literacy skills before they join global platforms. For more information, and tips for helping under 16s prepare for the change, visit the eSafety website.



*Have a great week*

*Angela*



# Award Winners

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# TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT

BRING IN YOUR UNCRUSHED CANS, CARTONS AND BOTTLES

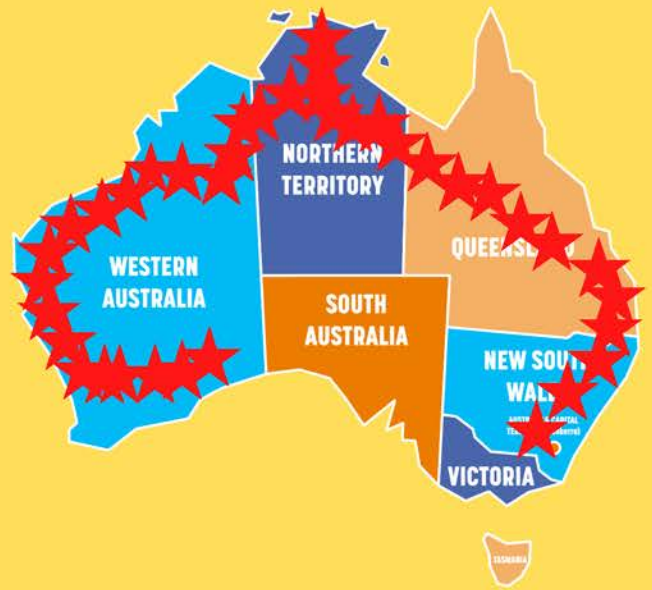
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PLEASE DEPOSIT YOUR CONTAINERS IN YOUR SHARED CLASSROOM TUB



We have raised **\$1,807.20** from recycling to go towards new sports equipment for the school.

## Run Around Australia Challenge



We are 235km past Norseman on our way to Ceduna. We have 965 km to go to get there.



iRock's students presented what they have learnt this term. **Matty** got a standing ovation at assembly when he sang 'Rolling in the Deep' by Adele. What a performance! Congratulations **Matty**.

Children in Grades 3-6 have enjoyed four sessions of Gymnastics. I was really impressed how all children showed improvement and confidence in jumping, rotating and turning, using a variety of apparatus. A big thanks to Ben who really challenged the children to attempt more difficult moves. The kids enjoyed it that much that 6 children used their bees to be able to get a double session.





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All children have been able to participate in two Tennis Clinics presented by coaches from Pro Touch Tennis. I helped out with 1/2G and was amazed at the skills the children are developing. A big thanks to Pro Touch Tennis as they have been providing the school with free clinics for the last three years.

Last Tuesday Ryder travelled to Brandon Park PS to compete in this year's Prep to Grade 3 Junior State Chess Championship. I'm happy to announce that Ryder won the Bronze Medal in the Grade 1 Category. What a star! His parents delayed him going on holidays to ensure he could compete. This is what I call commitment!



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ST JOHN'S LILYDALE

# Christmas Craft + Games

FOR CHILDREN

Sat 6 December | 2 - 4pm

Come along and join in the fun, with games, crafts, a Christmas themed storytime and afternoon tea!

Adults: please bring a plate to share.

Free Event

St John's the Baptist Anglican Church  
69-71 Castella St, Lilydale 3140

Ages  
2-12

Email [kerrie@stjohnslilydale.org.au](mailto:kerrie@stjohnslilydale.org.au)  
to book your child's place

Children must be accompanied by  
an adult at all times.

St  
John's  
Lilydale



2026 BOOKINGS  
ARE NOW OPEN  
LET'S CELEBRATE!

BOOK NOW FOR 2026



TERM 1 BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

START YOUR CHILD'S 2026 SCHOOL YEAR WITH EXTRAORDINARY CARE!

We're opening our doors in 2026 for another year of engaging activities and games, yummy nutritious snacks, and a space where children can learn, play and feel safe outside school hours!

Book in your child's Before or After School Care sessions now for the new year! From all of us at Extend, we wish you a restful break over the holidays and we look forward to welcoming your family back into our service in 2026!

Plan ahead and save! Book online 14 days in advance and secure the Early Bird Rate for all your sessions!

DISCOVER, LEARN, PLAY! SUMMER  
**EXTEND SQUAD**  
FANTABULOUS school holiday experiences!

CHASE YOUR DREAMS  
HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

EXTEND IS BACK WITH ANOTHER JAM PACKED  
SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM YOU DON'T  
WANT TO MISS OUT ON!



BOOK TODAY AT [EXTEND.COM.AU!](http://EXTEND.COM.AU)

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## FAMILY FUN DAY EARLYBIRD SIGNUP



SUNDAY 7TH DEC

10:00AM START

Meet the coaches

Small sided football

Ball games

Give aways

Meet the LMU Team

Free Coaching session @ 9am

Ask questions

BBQ

Special guest from the North Pole

COME CELEBRATE TOGETHER!



95 SWANSEA RD, MONTROSE



LILYDALE TOWNSHIP  
ACTION GROUP  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

CAROLS  
IN THE  
PARK

SATURDAY  
13TH  
DECEMBER  
5:30 - 8:00PM

WITH MUSIC FROM PARTY PACK

SANTA WILL VISIT!

MELBA PARK, MARKET ST, LILYDALE  
Free Entry, Free Sausage Sizzle  
Bring your own picnic rug & chairs



**Office National**

Ross Office Supplies

## 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

1. **Go to Booklist Website** [booklist.officebrands.com.au/croydon](http://booklist.officebrands.com.au/croydon)
  - Enter School Access Code: **bluesky26**
  - Select: Create an Order
2. **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**.
3. **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
4. **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.***5. 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

### Dec

Mon 8	Gr 6 Responsibility Day
Tue 9	Prep 2026 Orientation day 9.30am Step up day 9.15 - 11am
Wed 10	Billy cart races
Thurs 11	Gr 6 Graduation
Mon 15	Step up day 9.15 - 11am
Tue 16	Gr 6 Big Day Out
Fri 19	Last day - finish at 1:30pm

## DON'T FORGET

- Gr 6 Graduation payment due now
- Prep Christmas lunch payment due Thurs 11 Dec

### First Day Term 1 2026 - Thursday 29 th January

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



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.

### 2025 TERM DATES

- Mon 6th Oct - Fri 19th Dec

### 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



## 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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