



The Lilydale Legend

The official newsletter of Lilydale Primary School

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Dear families,

We hope you and your families had a wonderful and restful holiday break! We are so excited to welcome all of our students back for a fantastic Term 2. There is a huge amount happening this term – from excursions and incursions, to health programs, leadership opportunities, and more.

Please take a moment to read through this newsletter carefully and note the key dates in your family calendar. As always, the most up-to-date information can be found on the school calendar via Sentral.

Staffing

Welcome to two new Education Support Staff who have joined our team at Lilydale Primary School.

- Remmi Corbett
- Mollie McGregor

Setting Up For Success – Term 2

This week, students across the school have been focusing on setting the term up for success. Classes have been revisiting and establishing expectations across all areas of school life – in the classroom, in specialist classrooms, on technology, in the yard, and when moving around the school grounds. It has been wonderful to see students actively engaged in this important work through discussions, role modelling, challenges, and fun Bingo card activities. A great start to the term!

Attendance- it's NOT OK to be AWAY

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you, as a parent, 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.

Attendance & Punctuality

School begins at 9:00 am. We ask that all students arrive on time and ready to learn. If your child is absent, please notify the school via Sentral or call the office as soon as possible.

Student Health & Wellbeing

Please ensure all student health care plans and medication authorities are up to date with the front office. If your child has any new medical needs, allergies, or updated information, please contact us as soon as possible.

2027 Prep Enrolments

Prep enrolments are now open. If you have a child starting Prep in 2027 please complete the online enrolment through the link on our school website.

Pathway To Learning is also a fabulous way for your child to meet other students about to start school in 2027, learn different skills, meet the Prep teachers, and be in a classroom so that the transition into prep is less daunting. See page 4 for more details and to register via the QR code.

Kind Regards,

Emily Murcott



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Run Around Australia Challenge



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



The Grade 5/6s walked to the Lilydale RSL on Monday morning. We heard from the local historian, Anthony McAleer, who shared the story of Ernest Pearson who volunteered at the age of 16 and when his true age was discovered after he had suffered shell shock, stayed in France to help treat the injured in the hospital.

We heard from two Vietnam veterans: Mr O'Donoghue and Mr Dobson and a British Navy Marine Engineer: Mr Newell. Wally, an ex-student from Lilydale PS, showed us and played his bugle. We enjoyed Anzac Biscuits for morning tea and had the opportunity to try on some Army, Navy or Air Force uniforms. We all gathered out the front and had our own Anzac Day Service.

We have run a total of 12,719km. We have only got 251km until we reach Adelaide.





What a truly special ANZAC Day assembly we had today! We are so grateful to the many parents and families who joined us to mark this important occasion — your presence made it all the more meaningful.

A huge thank you to Aaron Violi and Bill Dobson from the RSL for joining us; having guests of such significance attend our service was a privilege our whole school community will remember. We could not have been prouder of our students, who listened with respect and sincerity throughout the entire assembly, demonstrating a maturity and reverence that was truly heartwarming to witness. A particular highlight was hearing the bugle played live by Wally — a haunting and powerful reminder of the solemnity of the day.

The wreaths laid by each class were a beautiful and deeply personal touch, reflecting just how much thought and heart our students poured into honouring those who served.

Lest we forget.



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



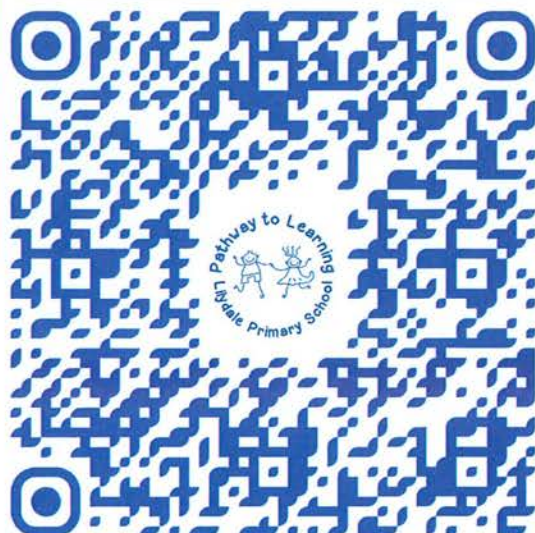
Come along and have some fun at our Pathway sessions. We look forward to meeting you.

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





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MyTime Mt Evelyn

Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

FIND US AT:

Yarra Ranges SDS, Early Years Building
20 Burdap Drive
Thursdays, Weekly 9.30am – 11.30am

CONTACT:

Shaana Teitel - Facilitator
Email: shaanat@mytimevic.com.au
Mobile: 0403 588 322

Unwind and
share experiences
with others who
understand



mytime.net.au

MyTime term plan

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DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
30 April 2026	Welcome Back Morning Tea and Catch Up	Outside Fun
7 May 2026	Mothers Day Pampering – Seated Massage	Puzzles and Colouring
14 May 2026	Mindful Colouring	Ball Play
21 May 2026	Morning Tea and Catch Up	Sensory Play
28 May 2026	Laura and Kristen from Cire talk about Reconnecting with work and/or training	Art and Craft
4 June 2026	Morning Tea and Catch Up	Bubbles
11 June 2026	Mindfulness/Meditation	Playdough
18 June 2026	What's on during the School Holidays	Painting



It's support for you



It's free to join



Professional support



Pre-school aged children are welcome



Every day counts

Missing **one day per fortnight** adds up to missing **four weeks** of school a year.



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WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2 WITH EXTEND!

GET READY FOR TERM 2 WITH EXTEND!

LEARN

GROW

BUILD

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER EXCITING TERM WITH EXTEND!

This term's theme for our OSHC services is:
LEARN, GROW, BUILD!

We're focusing on learning the small things today so we can do great things tomorrow!

Every skill your child begins to master now is a blueprint for future abilities and interests. Through play and exploration, they'll develop important skills like problem-solving, creativity, teamwork, communication and confidence.

We are excited to begin this new term together, fostering positive relationship and supporting their growth!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 2:

Pinch Pots: Children use clay to create their own clay pinch pot and character. It teaches children responsibility and patience.

DR. LILY: Future Self Portraits: Children visualise their potential, explore hidden interests, and build creative confidence.

OUR SMALL WINS BLUEPRINT: Celebrating little steps to great things

The 'Small Wins' Board: Children recognise and celebrate their small victories, focusing on the positive steps they take each day.



SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE AT EXTEND.COM.AU FOR TERM 2!





Upcoming Events

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TERM 2 2026

- April**
- Fri 24 ANZAC Day Assembly 9:15am
Tues 29 Gr3/4 Cultural Heritage incursion
Thurs 30 Gr 6 Sports Day at Lilydale High
- May**
- Wed 6 Pathway to Learning 2:30pm
Thurs 7 School photos
Fri 8 Gr5/6 Interschool sport vs Manchester PS (home)
Mothers' 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
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

DON'T FORGET!

- Gr 5/6 Health program payment and permission due Fri 1st May

made fresh daily drinks hot food sandwiches and more snacks

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

BALANCED LIVING CATERING

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 to arrange for your child to attend before or after school care.



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2026 TERM 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