

Respect..... Resilience.....Kindness..... Effort

Lal Lal Primary School acknowledges that the land on which our beautiful school sits is the country of the Wadawurrung people.

We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the memories of their ancestors and celebrate their continuing culture.

Newsletter No: 14

18th September, 2025

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	
Fri 19 th	Gym Session 9:30 – 10:30am
Fri 19 th	Last day of Term 3 – 2:30pm finish
OCTOBER	
Mon 6 th	Term 4 begins – (Bring hats to school.)
Mon 6 th – Fri 10 th	Year 5/6 Canberra Camp
Mon 13 th	Golf clinic
Mon 13 th	MARC
Fri 17 th	Working Bee – From 2:30pm
Mon 20 th	Golf Clinic
Mon 20 th	School Council Meeting 6pm
Fri 24 th	Grandparents Day – Morning Tea 9:30-10:30am
Sun 26 th	Lal Lal Market Day
Mon 27 th	MARC
NOVEMBER	
Mon 3 rd	Curriculum Day – (TBC)
Tue 4 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Sat 15 th	School's 150 th Celebration

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tomorrow is the last day of Term 3. School will finish at 2:30pm. There is much to celebrate this term including our wonderful concert, the myriad sporting opportunities our students participate in, Science Week, Book Week, Preps 100 days of school, 3/4 camp as well as the Father's Day stall, just to name a few of the events throughout the term. All of this in just 9 short weeks.



REMINDERS/NOTICES:

Electronic Excursions Permission.

Please ensure that you have given electronic permission for your child/ren to attend the following excursion/s :

Breakfast Club – Will be held on Mondays & Fridays from 8:25am.

Hot Lunches – Are available Wednesdays & Fridays. Students can bring along food that can be heated in the pie warmer. All food must be wrapped in foil with your child's name on it.

Zooper Doopers: Zooper Doopers Will be available for sale each Friday and any days over 30 degrees for \$1.00 each.

HATS – Please ensure that hats are brought to school on the 1st day of Term 4, as hats must be worn when outside. Our school has a **NO hat, NO play** policy in place.

Get – Around School Concert

Last week Get Around concert was more than just music—it was a tribute to the deep-rooted history of Lal Lal, written by our very own Mrs Reeve, Earl and our students. The concert focused on the rich history of Lal Lal, with our school values interwoven through it. The highlight of night was the school song which is now etched in everyone's minds. The concert brought together students, families, and local community in a night of celebration and fun.

New Website

Our school website has seen an overhaul as we have changed providers. You will need to check out the new website as we will now have a calendar, the newsletter and a gallery. The concert photos will be uploaded over the holidays.

Emergency Management Drill – Off-site

Yesterday, we conducted our quarterly Emergency Management Drill. As an education facility - particularly given our beautiful bushland setting – we are required to complete four emergency management drills each year. So far, we have practiced an evacuation (Term 1) and a lockdown (Term 2). This term, we undertook an off-site drill which means we all walk down to the hall. We encourage families to speak with their student about the importance of these drills in helping us prepare for a range of scenarios.

District Sports

Last Thursday Miley, Evie, Tex, Paige, Xavier and Chevy represented Wathaurung at the District Sports. All six of them gave it their best and tried very hard amongst some tough competition. We were all very proud of you.

Child safety and wellbeing

Lal Lal Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website.

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective. Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing. We hope this gives you an insight into the important, behind-the-scenes work we do to support your child's wellbeing and learning at our school. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me.

Special Blokes Breakfast

Our annual Special Blokes Breakfast for Father's Day was a heartwarming celebration, with dads, grandads, uncles, and special male role models joining students for a morning of good food and great company. The school buzzed with laughter, bacon sizzled, and stories were shared over steaming cups of coffee. It was a wonderful way to honour the important blokes in our lives and celebrate the bonds that make our school community so strong.

A special shout out to Emily and Alison and the staff for assisting in the cooking, serving and cleaning.

Working Bee

We're calling on our wonderful school community to roll up their sleeves and join us for a Working Bee as we prepare the grounds for our much-anticipated School Reunion and Market! It's happening on Friday 17th October, from 2:30pm. We'd love to see as many parents as possible lend a hand—whether it's gardening, tidying, or a bit of elbow grease, every contribution makes a difference. Come along, meet other families, and help us make the school shine.

A sausage sizzle and drinks will be provided as a thank-you for your hard work! If you can't make it on the day that's okay, as there will be a list of jobs that you can tackle over the weekends or an evening.

Footwear

It has been noted by staff that some students are wearing shoes like open toed shoes and crocks to school. These types of shoes are unsuitable for wearing at school as they pose a safety risk. We ask that all student please wear appropriate shoes to school.

Grandparents Day

All grandparents are invited to our Grandparents Day morning tea on Friday 24th October, 9:30 -10:30am. This will be a wonderful opportunity for children to connect with these very special and important family members. Children will be bringing home an invitation for their grandparent/s or special person today. We look forward to welcoming all grandparents and special people on the day.

Our senior students are gearing up for an unforgettable adventure to Canberra in the first week of next term! This educational trip will offer them a hands-on experience of Australia's political and cultural heart, with visits to Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, and more.

Meanwhile, back at school, we're buzzing with excitement for the upcoming market and school reunion later in the term. Stay tuned for more updates!

Siobhan Gosney, Principal

BILBA CLASS – GRADES PREP – 1

Hi Bilba families,
Can you believe we've already reached the end of Term 3? As the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun," and we've certainly shared plenty of fun and learning together in Bilba this term!
This fortnight has been full of some great highlights.

We had a fantastic turn-out for our Blokes Breakfast in honour of fathers and special people. It was wonderful to see so many join us, and we were lucky with the weather! A big thank you to everyone who came, cooked, or generously donated, so many of you helped make the morning truly special.

We enjoyed our LLPS Talent Show, where students had the chance to shine and showcase their amazing skills, a special thank you to some senior students who organised the event as a fundraiser for their 5/6 Canberra camp. We also celebrated with a footy-colours lunch, finishing the term in style.

We were also very lucky that Sue Witherspoon organised some special visitors come and share their knowledge with our school. Barry joined us to talk all about bees, while Roger spoke to us about land care, caring for our environment. Both visits were engaging and sparked lots of curiosity and questions from the students.

Tomorrow, we'll wrap up Term 3 with a big day of activities, starting with gymnastics in the morning, followed by a play and picnic lunch at the park. A quick reminder: please don't send hot lunches on Friday, as students will be offsite from 9:30 am–2:00 pm and there won't be facilities to reheat food. A regular lunch, along with a normal snack and fruit, will be perfect.

Finally, please remember that school will finish at the earlier time of 2:30 pm tomorrow. Wishing all our Bilba families a safe, restful, and happy holiday break! We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for Term 4.

With kindness and gratitude,

Mrs Whitney Stephenson

BILBA class star



Landon Griggs - For always showing kindness to his classmates and teachers. Landon loves to cheer people on and share positive feedback that makes everyone smile. Thank you Landon 😊

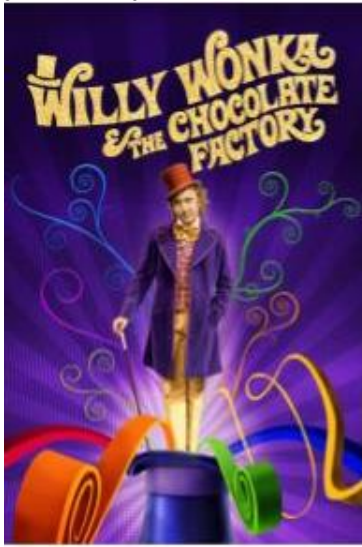
BILBA learning

Literacy

As some of you might be aware, our class has just finished reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. To celebrate, we enjoyed a golden-ticket treat — a screening of the 1971 classic *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, starring Gene Wilder.

Students had a wonderful time comparing the book and film, spotting sweet similarities and fun differences. Their ideas flowed like a chocolate river, leading to a lively, magical discussion at the end.

If you'd like to keep the magic alive at home, you can talk with your children about the story. You can share your family's reflections with me on Class DoJo 😊



Numeracy

In Numeracy, students have been busy learning all about sharing and division. We've been using counters, toys, and even little classroom "treats" to explore how to share things out fairly. The children have loved working together to make sure "everyone gets the same", whether it's teddies, blocks, or even imaginary pieces of pizza.

They are beginning to see that division is really just a special kind of sharing, and it has been wonderful to watch the lightbulb moments as they explain their thinking to one another. Maths has never looked so fun, especially when it feels a bit like a picnic with friends, making sure everyone gets their fair share.

Challenge for home: Why not let your child be in charge of sharing out the veggies, or meatballs at dinner time? Or, if you're watching the footy finals, get them to divide the chips fairly between everyone. It's a tasty way to practise their new maths skills!

Mrs Stephenson

LELON CLASS – GRADES 2 – 3

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are already at the second last day of Term 3 – time really does fly when you're having fun (and learning a whole lot too!). We've had such a busy term, and the last two weeks have been no exception.

This fortnight, students have been learning all about measurement. We've started to learn how to read a ruler (though a few of us were surprised that rulers aren't just for drawing straight lines!). We also became scientists, creating our own drink recipes by carefully measuring and recording the mL of different juices and soft drinks.

The results were... interesting, and let's just say some flavours might be better suited for brave taste testers only!

You can continue this at home by getting your child to measure while cooking, pouring drinks, or even checking labels in the fridge.

Last week was full of energy as we prepared for the school concert. Students worked so hard learning lines, practicing songs, and putting it all together. On the big night, they absolutely shone and represented Lal Lal with pride.

A big congratulations to everyone for their effort and teamwork – it was a performance to remember!

Next term, we'll be focusing on SunSmart practices as the warmer weather rolls in. Don't forget to get sun smart. Check to see if the students' uniforms fit students, a lot of our class members have grown since term 1. If your hat is not at school, please see if we can find them for next term.



Ivy Sheahan

For demonstrating the school value of respect in everything she does. Also for showing kindness not only to students but to all teachers by being the first person to always help others.



Thank you all for your support this term. Wishing you a relaxing break (and good luck surviving the kids' energy levels over the holidays!).

Warm regards,

Rachel,
Lelon 2/3 Teacher

NGARRAMGA CLASS – GRADES 4 – 6

Star Award -Our Star award goes to Logan Portelli for being an enthusiastic and active participant in the Young Authors Workshop and for representing our school with pride.

Indian Day Celebrations at Mount Clear College

Paige, Addi and Evie visited Mount Clear College as part of an Indian Celebration Day. This was a valuable opportunity for them to begin their connection with their new high school in an informal and welcoming way.

Our students had the chance to rotate through a range of engaging cultural activities, including:

- A traditional Indian welcome
- Face painting
- Bollywood dance
- Henna tattoos
- Mini yoga sessions
- A performance by the Mount Clear College Hindi Choir
- Sampling delicious food such as samosas and chai.



The visit was an enjoyable and enriching experience, allowing the students to celebrate Indian culture while also becoming more familiar with their future school.

Understanding Elections

With the Canberra trip approaching, it was important for students to develop a solid understanding of how elections work. To begin, we explored a range of political advertisements and discussed how different parties represent themselves to the public.

Students then split into groups and imagined what they would stand for if they were a political party. Each group identified the issues that mattered most to them and created their own campaign videos to share their ideas. After viewing the videos, a representative from each party delivered a final plea to their “constituents” (the rest of the class) in the hope of securing votes.

We finished with a class election using a **preferential voting system**, where students ranked the candidates from 1 to 4. The votes were collected in a ballot box, counted, and the winner of our class election was **Blythe!**

NGARRAMGA ELECTIONS

Number the boxes from 1 to 4 in order of your choice.

☐ David Wasden - Unity Party

☐ Taj Portelli - TTCM Party

☐ Blythe Rissman - Harmony Party

☐ Havana White - Ballarat Union Party



This hands-on experience gave students a practical and engaging insight into the democratic process.

GET AROUND LAL LAL HISTORY SHOW

Highlights

"Everyone was very excited to be at the concert but there was that hint of nervousness when we walked on stage our hearts raced, we were ready to perform the best concert ever." **David and Taj.**

"We had lots of fun at our last school concert." **Addi.**

"At the end we all did the school song and then everyone clapped and cheered and at the end we got given flowers." **Indy.**



"We had practiced very hard and performed this show perfectly." **Evie and Paige.**

"We sang the school song 2 times and I think the mums and dads loved it very much." **Miley.**



Arena Sorting

By Liam Grade 5

Where did you go?
We went to Myrtleford.

Who did you go with?
I went with my parents.

Where did you stay?
I stayed in the gooseneck at the campgrounds.



What did you do while you were away?
While I was away I was competing in arena sorting. Arena sorting is where you have to get 10 cattle through a gate in number order. My team came third.

What were the names of the horses that went?
The names of the horses we took were Benji, Destiny and Abbey. I rode Benji, he is a brown horse.

How was the competition?
The competition was hard. The other competitors were very good.

Have a great end of term break,

Lisa Reeve

How to teach Children to apologise.

Have you ever received an apology that the other person did not mean. It is obvious, and it does not feel good! When teaching children to apologise, to avoid the 'fake apologies', there are 5 simple steps.

Practice empathy:

For an apology to be meaningful, the person apologising needs to understand how the other person is feeling. One of the best ways to help children learn empathy is to ask questions about how the other person is feeling.

Think about responsibility

When we understand empathy, we can develop our understanding of taking responsibility. When we ask a child to apologise, what we are really asking is for them to take responsibility for their actions. It is important that children understand the importance of taking responsibility for actions, even if they were an accident. It is okay to make mistakes.

Talk about what happens next

Once we understand the 'what' and 'why' of apologies, it is important to think about how we can make apologies meaningful. A big part of this is the steps to change the behaviour or fix the problem. When we offer to make things better, we let other people know we care about them, and we want them to feel better.

Sorry is not always what needs to be said

Apologies can often become overused, and through this, they can lose their meaning. It is important to empower children to decide when an apology is appropriate and when it may not be needed.

Practice!

Learning to apologise meaningfully can take time. For children, learning when to say sorry and when it is not needed can be very difficult, so it is important to guide your child through this. Investing in a child's ability to apologise is something you will not be sorry about!

Sinead O'Riley,
Wellbeing Officer



LAL LAL P.S PARENTS FACEBOOK GROUP

Stay Connected with the Lal Lal Primary School

Parents Facebook Group

The parents club have created a private Facebook group for Lal Lal Primary School families to help share reminders, ask questions, and keep in touch about what's happening at school.

It's a relaxed space to stay informed — no extra work or expectations!

Join us here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lallalschoolparents/>

Group name: Lal Lal Primary School Parents

If you have trouble with the link, please reach out to Ellie or Nardia at school pick up / drop off. A teacher can point them out to you if you don't know who they are.



*To those who celebrate their Birthday
during the holidays.*



*Landon Griggs 24/9
Lawrence Wright 26/9*

Class Stars

Bilba Class

Congratulations to:

Landon Griggs for always showing kindness to his classmates and teachers. Landon loves to cheer people on and share positive feedback that makes everyone smile. Thank you Landon

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Buninyong Little Athletics is starting its season again in Term 4, registrations will be open soon. The first week of LA will be Friday, October 10th (Week 1 of Term 4)


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SUN. 5 OCT. 2025

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For more info contact Junior Co-ordinators:
 Steve Young 0439 658 219 Aaron Burford 0409 945 630

- GET A TEAM OF 8 AND THINK UP A TEAM NAME.
- REGISTER USING THE QR CODE (ITS FREE).
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CHILDREN AGED 4 - 12
 MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE
 SCAN TO REGISTER





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- u13 Open
- u14 Girls
- u15 Open
- u17 Girls
- u17 Open
- Womens (1st XI & Social XI)
- Mens (1st—4th XI)

For more information contact Junior Co-ordinators:
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LAL LAL P.S. WORKING BEE

**17th
October**

**2:30pm
onwards**

BYO tools

**Sausages and drinks provided from
5pm**



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TERM 4 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TERM 4 1 October	6 th Term 4 begins Grade 5 /6 camp	7 th Grade 5 /6 camp	8 th Grade 5 /6 camp	9 th Grade 5 /6 camp	10 th Grade 5 /6 camp
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7 Sat 15th- 150th Celebration	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
8	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
9 December	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
10	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
11	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th Last day of Term 4