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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**2026**

<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Small School's Swimming Carnival at Healesville Swimming Pool</b>  <b>School Council – 7.00 pm online</b>
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Labour Day – Public Holiday</b>
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Canteen Day changed to House Sports Day Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Grade 4-6 Kayaking on the River: 9.00 am – 2.30 pm</b>  <b>(Invitation Only)</b>
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School – House Sports 9.00 am 11.00 am + Canteen</b>
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole School – House Sports 11.30 am 1.30 pm – Changed to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>GRIP leadership Excursion to the City: 4-6</b>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Grade 4-6 Leadership Speeches 9.15 am</b>
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Grade 3-6 District Athletics at Upper Yarra Secondary College</b>
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Last day of term - 2.30 pm dismissal</b>

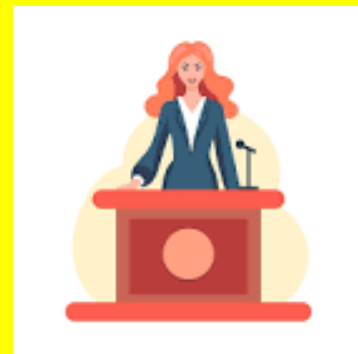
## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our first school council meeting has been moved to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm via Webex.

Any new parents who would like to join school council, there are positions available this year. Interested parents should fill in the attached nomination form and return it to school ASAP.

## LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Our school leadership speeches are being held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9.15 am. All parents are welcome to attend. Students will present their speeches and participate in a Q & A session afterwards.



## AWARDS



## SCHOOL CANTEEN

School canteen day has been changed to the House Sports Day. It is now on the new day of Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. After a demanding time out on the track and field, students can complete the morning by enjoying a hot meal from the canteen for lunch.



## **PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS**

Thank you to all parents who availed themselves. The opportunity to communicate and clarify all relevant information between parents and teachers to ensure our students are engaged, connected, happy and focused with their education is always worthwhile.




# **OPEN NIGHT 2026**

**Mount Evelyn Campus**  
**Thursday 26 March**  
**5.00pm-7.00pm**  
 Information Session at 5.45pm  
 Self guided tours of the college

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**Mooroolbark Campus**  
 Tuesday 31 March, 5.00pm

[yarrahills.vic.edu.au](http://yarrahills.vic.edu.au)

RESPECT ENDEAVOUR ACHIEVEMENT PRIDE



**Lilydale High School**

## **Zoology Centre Open day**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**10am-1pm**

**Gold coin entry**

**BBQ and stalls**

**25 Melba Avenue, Lilydale**

**Zoology Centre located at the South entrance carpark off Melba Ave**

**Queries to:**  
**[tegan.samphier@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tegan.samphier@education.vic.gov.au)**



## How can you support phonics learning at home?

Learning to read takes time and **encouragement**, and everyone learns at their own pace.

It's important to **celebrate your child's small wins** and encourage them to **keep trying**, even when it's hard.

When children **enjoy learning**, they stay motivated and build a **strong reading foundation**.

Making **phonics practice fun** is the best way to keep them engaged. Here are some activities you can stick on the fridge and do at home with your child:



### Read together

Choose a favourite book and read it together.

### Phonics bingo

Create cards with letters/words. Call out a sound and ask your child to find the matching card.

### Memory games

Use flashcards with letters and images (like 'Cc' and 'cat') to find matching pairs.

### I spy

Play 'I spy,' focusing on the starting sound (e.g., "... begins with /b/").

### Sand or salt trays

Trace letters in salt or sand while saying the sound aloud.

### Playdough letters

Make letters with playdough, saying the sounds as you make them.

### Hopscotch with sounds

Draw a hopscotch grid with letters. Say the sound as you hop on each letter.

### Phonics songs

Find fun phonics songs online that use repetition and music to remember the sounds.

### Nursery rhymes and poems

Use rhymes to spot sound patterns and shared letters.

### Sound hunt

Find objects around the house that start with a specific sound (e.g., /s/).

### Word hunt

Hide word cards. Have your child find and read them aloud.

### Letter collage

Cut out pictures from magazines that start with a specific sound and make a collage.

### Phonics jump

Write letters on the floor. Call out a sound and jump to it.

### Sound labels

Label objects (e.g., the door with /d/). Sound it out every time you pass.

### Sound of the day/week

Choose one sound (like /a/). Listen for it in conversation, TV, or books.

### Make your own

Have fun making up your own activities using sounds and words!