

# Parent Information – Term 1, 2020



Dear Parents,

Well done on a wonderful start to the year. It has been great to see students so settled, happy and engaged in their learning and families so positive about our new school. Thank you to those who were able to attend our official opening last Thursday. This was a very exciting and memorable day for us all. We were lucky to have Minister Merlino visit and open our school. Thank you to Katie, Jeremy, Nathan and Savannah for assisting on the day.



## Welcome Assembly – Friday 7th February

This Friday 7th February at 2:40pm we will be holding a welcome assembly. This will start with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony conducted by a member of the Indigenous community. A special assembly will then be held in the Performing Arts space (next to the gym) starting at approximately 3pm. At this assembly, students will be presented with a certificate and an inaugural student pin to commemorate the first students of Lucas PS. Parents are most welcome to attend this event.

## School Picnic – Tuesday 11th February

On Tuesday 11th February from 6-7pm we will be holding a school picnic. This is an informal event where families are invited to come along and bring their own picnic tea. This event will provide an opportunity for families to get to know each other and the staff. We have made this later in the evening to enable as many families as possible to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Specialist Program

At Lucas PS we offer a high quality specialist program which is proving to be very popular amongst the students. Throughout the year, all students will participate in weekly PE and Visual Art lessons. In semester one, we will be offering Performing Arts and in semester two we will introduce Japanese. This term Performing Arts is on Tuesdays taken by Miss Moir, PE is on Thursdays taken by Mr O'Loughlin and Art is on Fridays taken by Mrs Glanville.



## School Uniform



We have had many positive comments about our school uniform and how wonderful students look proudly wearing it. Thank you very much to parents for your support in ensuring our uniform is worn to a high standard with black shoes, white or navy socks and navy or aqua hair ribbons.

A reminder to please ensure long hair (below shoulder length) is tied back and students are not wearing jewellery, nail polish or makeup. Students with pierced ears can wear small studs or sleepers.

### Attendance

It has been great to see students arriving at school on time and ready to learn. Each day the roll is marked at 9am and any unexplained absences will be followed up by Ruth in the office. Please ensure that you let the school know if your child is going to be away by either ringing the office or sending a message via the school Compass app. Details relating to the Compass app are attached.

### Lunch Orders

A lunch order service will be available on Fridays each week with a variety of food choices. Orders need to be placed online via the QuickCliq app and are delivered to the school at lunchtime. Please find the lunch order menu and QuickCliq app information attached. **The first day for lunch orders will be Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**



### Assemblies

Assemblies will be held every fortnight at 3pm in the Performing Arts space. Our assemblies create a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate learning and acknowledge student achievement. Parents are most welcome to attend. Assembly dates for Term 1 are: 14<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### Newsletters

Newsletters will be published fortnightly and will be available on the Compass app and school website. If you are unable to access the newsletter and require a paper copy, please let Ruth in the office know.

### First Aid / Medication

Please ensure you keep the school up to date with any medical conditions your child has. If your child has asthma, a current Asthma Plan is required. Any medication that needs to be taken during school hours must be handed in to the school office for safe storage.



### Meet & Greet

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm to 6pm we will be conducting Meet and Greet parent/teacher meetings for students in grades 1 to 6. These meetings will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's class teacher, to share information and discuss concerns, goals and expectations for the year. More details will be provided in the coming weeks. Meetings will be booked via the Compass App.

### Lucas P.S. Staff

At Lucas PS we have a fantastic team of enthusiastic, dedicated staff who are committed to ensuring the best for all our students. Staff members are: Mrs Sue Sawyer (Principal), Miss Danielle Lee (Assistant Principal and 1/2 teacher), Mrs Ruth Walter (Business Manager), Miss Clara Richardson (Prep teacher), Mr Dylan Rodger (3/4 teacher), Miss Jess Moir (5/6 teacher), Mrs Michelle Glanville (Visual Arts), Mr Tom O'Loughlin (PE) and Ms Jacinta Shipham (learning support).



We wish all our families a very successful and enjoyable first year at Lucas Primary School. We highly value the home-school partnership and encourage parents to work closely with staff and let us know if you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss.