

Dear families,

2nd December, 2020

Transition Day - Tuesday 8th December

On Tuesday 8th December, we will be welcoming back our 2021 Preps for their final transition session before starting school next year. We have been very impressed with how well our new preps have participated in the transition sessions so far and the positivity and enthusiasm shown.

On Tuesday all of our current students and new students starting at Lucas PS next year will also have the opportunity to spend time with their 2021 teacher and classmates. Students will be in their new grades from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Miss Farnsworth (who will be teaching one of our grade 1/2 classes next year) will be visiting for the transition sessions.

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome two more staff members to Lucas PS in 2021. Kellie Battiston (Miss Kellie) will be joining us next year and will be teaching Performing Arts and Amy Duncan (Mrs Duncan) will be sharing a grade 1/2 class with Miss Lee. Both teachers will be great additions to our wonderful staff team.

House Names - We need your ideas!

We are very excited to be introducing four house groups at Lucas Primary School in 2021 and would love all our families to be involved in the process of naming these houses. Last week your child would have brought home a form to fill out and return with your suggested names. The form was also sent out via Compass. **Forms are due back by this Friday 4th December.**

We are open to all ideas and look forward to receiving your suggestions and the reasons why you think your chosen names would be a good fit for our school community.

Grade 6 Graduation

Due to the easing of restrictions, we are now able to have parents attend our Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony which is great news. The graduation will be held at school on Monday 14th December starting at 6pm. After the ceremony, students will enjoy a meal together followed by a movie.

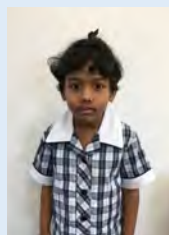


GROWTH AWARDS



Harrison - Prep

For demonstrating growth by persisting with challenging tasks and being a great helper.



Hansini - Prep

For demonstrating growth by trying her hardest with her writing and fixing up any mistakes.



Eamon - Gr 1/2

For demonstrating the value of growth by being positive and giving everything a go.



Lilly - Gr 1/2

For demonstrating growth by working hard to achieve her goals.

Mark - Gr 3/4

For always being ready to learn and showing growth by working towards his goals and the success criteria.



Matthew - Gr 3/4

For being organised and ready to take on new challenges. He works towards achieving growth in every lesson.



William - Gr 5/6

For demonstrating growth in all areas and constantly striving for his personal best.



Danielle - Gr 5/6

For demonstrating growth in writing and numeracy. You have improved so much this year.

PE News

Lucas Junior Athletics Carnival

On Thursday the 3rd of December, Lucas Primary School will have its inaugural Junior Athletics Carnival. The Prep – 2 students will participate in a rotation of five events before recess; long jump, discus, shot put, vortex throw and high jump. After recess they will participate in sprints on the oval. Students will be trying their best as at each event they will be earning dojo points. If they achieve standard 1 they earn 1 point, standard 2, 2 points etc. with a maximum of 4 points available per event. Students have practised their running, throwing and jumping skills in Physical Education classes to be prepared for the event.

Please ensure students have sunscreen on, wear their runners and hat as well as bring a water bottle. We will endeavour to get lots of photos on the day.

Our Senior Athletics Carnival has been confirmed to be Wednesday the 10th of March @ Llanberris Reserve and it would be great to have as many helpers as possible (restrictions permitting) so please put it in your calendar if you will have students in Grades 3 - 6 in 2021.



JSC News

Each Friday for the past five weeks, the Junior School Council have been selling Zooper Doopers from the canteen for \$1. This has been the most wonderful fundraiser, which has made a lot of money for our school. The students have loved coming and getting an icy-pole at lunchtimes, especially on our sunny days! The JSC have been extremely organised and run the collection of money and selling of the icy poles every Friday.



So far we have raised approximately \$300, which is so amazing and we are so incredibly grateful to all the parents, carers and families who have been involved. Money raised will go to purchasing a lot more sandpit toys and containers to store them in. These sandpit toys and containers will be purchased over the summer holidays, ready for a brand new year in 2021.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a Zooper Dooper. We are so grateful for the support we receive from the Lucas Community. Thank you to the members of the JSC who have been giving up some of their lunch time on Fridays to run this fundraiser.

Another big thankyou to Michelle Ladiges for organising a donation from Coles supermarket of \$50. This has been used to purchase Zooper Doopers and we have managed to buy enough icy-poles to last us four weeks. This has really helped in our fundraising efforts.



Semester Two Reports

Reports and portfolios will be sent home on Wednesday 16th December. Reports will be in a similar format to mid year but will also include your child's achievement in Reading, Writing and Numeracy compared to the Victorian Curriculum standard for their grade level.



CALENDAR

Monday 14th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Dress Up (all grades)

Thursday 17th December
Last Day of Term 4 for students
(1:30pm finish)

Friday 29th January, 2021
First day of school for Gr 1-6

Monday 1st February, 2021
First day of school for Prep



The 3BA Christmas Appeal is a fundraiser that many Ballarat families and individuals appreciate/ need over the Christmas holidays.

Many Ballarat individuals and families have been affected negatively by the Covid-19 pandemic and will need support this Christmas to feed, clothe and care for themselves and their families.

In order to help out our local community we are going to hold a Christmas dress up fundraiser day.

When: Wednesday 16th of December

What: Dress up in your Christmas costumes/ clothes and get ready for some **FUN** Christmas activities

Why: To help out the local community

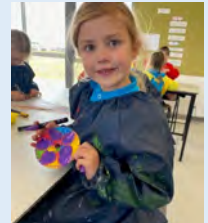
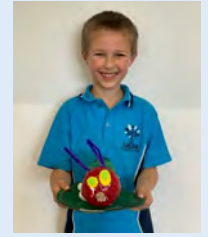
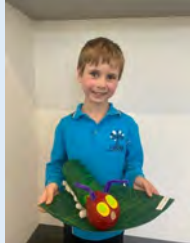
Please bring a gold coin or more if you wish, to raise money and help this important cause!



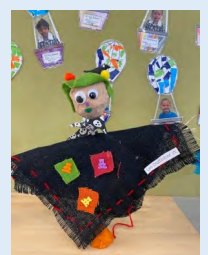
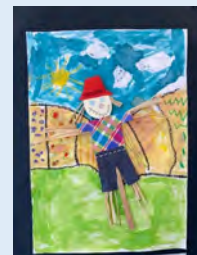
Art Learning

In Art this term all grades have been exploring the art element of 'Form' and have working towards creating 3 dimensional sculptures using various mediums.

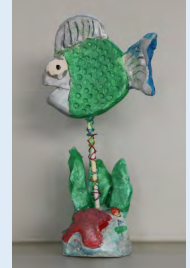
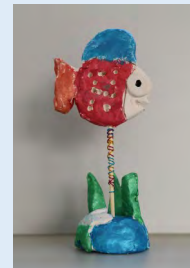
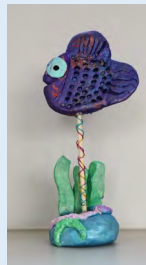
Our Prep students have been amazing! They have taken on the challenge of papier mache and constructed some wonderful caterpillars based on the storybook, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. This was a challenging piece with our students using paper mache for the first time. They all rose to the challenge. Their sculptures look fabulous and they are all very proud of them. They also used a range of repurposed materials, buttons, wire and beads to create some wonderful flower sculptures.



Our 1/2 class have also been working with papier mache and have created some free standing scarecrow sculptures. For many of our students this was their first time working with this medium. They also used textiles such as hessian and felt to decorate their scarecrow. They learnt how to do a simple running stitch with a needle and thread to sew around the outside of their scarecrow's clothing. I am so proud of our 1/2 class for always having a positive 'can do' attitude.



Our 3/4 class have been working with clay to create some wonderful fish sculptures. The learning intention for this piece was to create a free standing clay sculpture where the base could support and hold the weight of a fish. We learnt about correct modelling and clay joining techniques to create a coral reef base and a tropical fish. After they had been fired in the kiln, we painted them with pearl paint and added some shimmer to them. We then assembled the sculptures using wire and a wooden skewer. They look amazing!



Our Grade 5/6 students combined both clay and textiles together to create a ceramic mobile that features a weaving component. We used clay slab techniques and created a base for a weaving loom. We added texture to our loom and then fired it in a kiln. After it was dry we learnt how to thread our own loom so that we could create a radial weaving. Creating the loom was a challenging task for some, but we all got there in the end. Once the loom was made we were all able to achieve success with our weaving. Some students found the process quite relaxing. We are in the final process of stringing our mobiles together and will need one more week for this project to be complete.



As 2020 draws to a close, I would like to say what a privilege it has been to work with all of our wonderful students at Lucas Primary School. We've had a lot of fun making and creating many different works of art this year. I look forward to working with all our students again next year. Don't forget to regularly check for updates on our school art blog. You will find lots of highlights and photos of our learning in art. You can access the blog from the Visual Arts page on the school website and the password is **ARTLPS**.

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