



# Newsletter

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Dear Families,

4/5/2022

## Welcome Back

What a great first week back we had! It was wonderful to see students so focused and engaged in their learning and happy to be back playing with their friends. It is sure to be another excellent term of teaching and learning at Lucas Primary School.

## ANZAC Day

Thank you to our school captains, Zarli and Mark, for representing our school so well in the ANZAC parade and Commemorative Service at the Cenotaph on ANZAC day. We were very proud of their efforts and the way they showed our school value of respect to such a high level. Well done also to Matthew who played in the Ballarat City Brass Band.



## NAPLAN

This year students in Grades 3 and 5 will be completing NAPLAN online. This will be held between 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May and includes Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Grade 5 students will complete all assessments online. Grade 3 will complete their writing as a hard copy and all other assessments online. NAPLAN results will be provided to parents in Term 3.

## Pupil Free Day – Friday 20th May

As you would be aware, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May is a pupil free day. Teachers will be working with Educational Consultant, Andrea Hillbrick to further enhance our teaching of Numeracy. We have already implemented many successful practices from our work with Andrea last year which have had a positive impact on students' learning.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Education Week Open Night

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 5:30-7pm we will be holding an Open Night where parents are invited to come to school and participate in some fun learning activities with their child/ren. More details will be provided soon. Save the date!



## Professional Practice Day – Friday 10th June

As part of the new agreement, schools have been allocated a professional practice day to be taken in Term 2. We will be taking this day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Staff will be working together in teams to complete assessment and reporting tasks in preparation for semester one reports. There will be no school for students on this

## CALENDAR

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May - School Council

10<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May - NAPLAN

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May - PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Open Night

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June - PUPIL FREE DAY

20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Grade 5/6 Camp

## Staffing News

On Friday we said farewell to Mrs Thompson and thanked her for her excellent work at our school throughout Term 1. Starting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Miss Tamara Hansen will be the new 1/2E classroom teacher. Miss Hansen is very excited to be joining the Lucas team and we look forward to welcoming her into our wonderful school community.



# PREP LEARNING



## Prep Learning

Since returning to school we have been very busy in the Prep classrooms. We have been amazed by every student's enthusiasm towards their learning and how quickly they have settled back into our school routine!

In Reading, we have been focusing on making predictions. To do this, we have used text clues to assist us in guessing what may happen next while reading. We will soon be learning about synthesising, which is how our learning changes and grows as we read new information. This includes discussing what we already know about a subject *before* we begin reading a text about it.

**Already, students have produced some incredible writing. We have been focusing on 'Our Local Area' as this is our Integrated Studies topic for the term.** We have begun learning about the history of Lucas, as well as facilities that are important to us today. During our writing sessions students have been focusing on what good writers do, by making sure they are writing in full sentences while working towards their individual learning goals.

In Numeracy, we are currently focusing on place value. We have been learning about how many tens and ones are in a number and how to represent a number with a range of materials, such as bundles. We have learnt lots of fun games to apply our place value knowledge.

Keep up the great work superstars!

The Prep Team



## Traffic Around the School



We understand it is very congested around the school, particularly at home time but we ask parents to please respect our neighbours by not blocking driveways and double parking. Please also use the school crossing when you are leaving via the main gate and ensure your child/ren are well supervised if crossing the road in other places. We want to ensure the highest level of safety for our students at all times. Thank you for your ongoing support.



# SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS

## Week 11 Term 1

**Flynn Prep A**

For being a kind, respectful and inclusive classmate.



**Bree 1/2 D**

For being a kind and patient student. Showing school values every day.



**Alannah Prep B**

For always demonstrating the school values in her friendships and learning.



**Fletcher 1/2E**

For being a kind classmate who is always willing to help others when needed.



**Dylan Prep C**

For displaying all values to a high standard and being a good role model in the classroom.



**Lilly 3/4A**

For being a role model for your peers. For showing the school values every day.



**James 1/2A**

For being a kind and caring friend to all. For being a valuable member of the class.



**Eamon 3/4 B**

For being a kind and responsible member of our class and an outstanding role model.



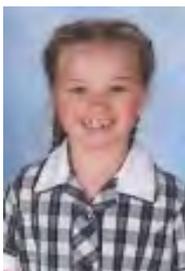
**Nilla 1/2B**

For showing respect to her peers and teachers. She is a kind, caring friend.



**Mollie 4/5A**

For being respectful and kind to all, putting yourself before others and being willing to help.



**Olive 1/2C**

For being kind and caring and helpful to those around her. Showing school values every day.



**Mahathi 5/6A**

For being respectful to others by always being ready to help. A positive member of the classroom.



## RESPECT AWARDS Week 1 Term 2



**Charlee Prep A**

For being a respectful classmate. You always use kind words and listen so well.



**Frankie 1/2D**

For being kind and considerate and listening respectfully.



**Keely Prep B**

For always listening carefully to her friends and teachers.



**Nathan 1/2E**

For always using his manners, being respectful allowing everyone to learn.



**Sienna Prep C**

For speaking kindly to those around her and always using her manners.



**Danielle 3/4A**

For demonstrating the school value of respect by always treating others with kindness.



**Maddison 1/2A**

For always using her manners and kind words.



**Charlotte 3/4B**

For always listening intently, and showing kindness in the classroom and in the yard.



**Logan 1/2B**

For always using manners and kind words. Being a respectful friend, and taking turns.



**Ivy 4/5A**

For demonstrating the value of respect every day, you are polite and listen well to others.



**Keziah 1/2C**

For always using her manners and for helping others.



**Lishanth 5/6A**

For always being caring and respectful to others.

### Performing Arts

5/6A For being great listeners and sharing instruments respectfully



PE 1/2B - For being excellent listeners and looking after PE equipment.



Art Prep C - For demonstrating respect by being fantastic listeners



## Mental Health and Wellbeing Update from Cass Jackson-Lee,



## Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator (MHaWC)

### Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) @ Lucas PS

This year our school is fortunate to be participating in the Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) Research Project and Pilot Program. The MHIPS Pilot Program is being rolled out in over 100 schools in Victoria and is a collaboration between the Department of Education and Training Victoria (DET), the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) and the Melbourne Graduate School of Education (MGSE) at the University of Melbourne. The aim of the MHIPS program is to help address the gaps in the current mental health system by increasing the capacity of the teachers and staff at Victorian Primary Schools, to support the Mental Health and Wellbeing of students. 'Increasing the capacity of teachers and staff' refers to learning background information as well as developing skills and strategies to support students as well as themselves. The hope is that we all learn, practise and share ways in which we are better able to look after ourselves, as well as those around us.

During Term 1 Staff and the parents/guardians of Year 2 and 4 children were invited to join the research by completing a survey. The surveys were to help gather data for the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. We had a wonderful response and would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey. The willingness of staff and parents to contribute to the learning in this very important area is a testament to the wonderful community here at Lucas PS. I feel very lucky and excited about being the MHaWC here at Lucas PS.



### Student Wellbeing Leaders

During Term 1 the Year 5 and 6 students were given the opportunity to present a speech for consideration to be one of this year's Wellbeing Leaders, a new leadership opportunity for our senior students. There was a great response with a number of students excited for the opportunity and we now have three wonderful Student Wellbeing Leaders - **Linkin Petrie, Tilly Ramsey and Serena Harwood**. They have all demonstrated great enthusiasm and our school values are reflected in their leadership. We look forward to formally acknowledging their roles at the next school assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Congratulations Linkin, Tilly and Serena.



### Lunchtime Activities and the Wellbeing Space

In Term 1, Linkin, Tilly and Serena supported Cass by helping with lunchtime activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays, another new initiative. On these days, the Wellbeing Space is open for students to come inside and do mindful colouring, drawing, reading or play games. Outside the Wellbeing Space we have been putting out games purchased through fundraising from the Junior School Council as well as using chalk to create games and puzzles on the ground for students to play. We've also had music playing and it's been great to see the smiles, fun and sometimes even dancing, as students from across the school play and 'hang out' together. The Wellbeing Space will continue to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime in Term 2.



### Lunchtime Clubs

In Term 1 the Year 3 to 6 students were asked to contribute ideas for lunchtime clubs that they thought would interest them. With the support of our wonderful teachers we will be starting some Lunchtime Clubs this term. Clubs will include Lego, puzzles, games, chess, sport, art, craft and performing arts activities. The timetable for clubs is being worked out and students can look forward to these starting in the next few weeks.

