

Dear families,

1/6/2022

## Assembly News

Last week we once again welcomed parents to our Friday assembly as we celebrated and shared some of the excellent learning happening across our school. It was wonderful to see our Grade 1/2 classes enthusiastically sharing their Numeracy learning, by singing the 'Place Value' song. We also had some Grade 3/4 students share their book reviews about the story, 'Family Tree' which was read in all classes this week as part of the National Simultaneous Story time event.

As there will be no school for students on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, we will be having an assembly this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June instead of the 10<sup>th</sup>. Learning from the Grade 4/5 and 5/6 classes and Visual Arts will be shared at this assembly.

## Education Week Open Night

Thank you to everyone who attended our Education Week Open Night last Tuesday. It was great to see families having fun, participating in the activities together and students so keen to find all the 'Little Lucas' clues and solve the mystery message. What an amazing, supportive school community we have here at Lucas!

## Winter Sports Day

On Tuesday our Grade 5/6 students participated in a Winter Sports day with other Ballarat schools. Our netball and soccer teams both played well on the day, winning some games and displaying excellent teamwork skills. Thanks to Mr O for organising this event and to Miss Moir and Mr Compston for coaching the teams. Thanks also to the parents who assisted on the day and came along to support and cheer on our students.

## Book Launch

Last Thursday, Mrs Sawyer and our school captains attended a special community event where the new picture story book, 'Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and One Trees (And Each One Has a Name!)' was launched. The book tells the story of the Avenue of Honour and Arch of Victory and the important role the Lucas Girls had in the development of these. Well done to Noah, Mark and Zarli who represented our school with pride at this event, interacting with other community members and showing our school values to a high level. Thanks to Integra for donating some copies of this book for our classroom libraries.



## Professional Practice Day – Friday 10th June

A reminder that Friday 10th June is a Professional Practice Day for teachers. On this day, 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 day.

## Reports / Portfolios

On Thursday 23rd June, all students will be bringing home a portfolio of learning tasks they have completed throughout the semester. The portfolios provide a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate their learning achievements and growth with their families. I'm sure you will love seeing these.

A report will be provided showing your child's achievement related to the expected standard for their grade level. Reports will also include comments from the class teacher and specialists and information about attendance. Reports will be posted on Compass on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

## COLD WEATHER

As we approach the colder months, please ensure your child has a coat to wear outside during the recess and lunch breaks. School coats and beanies are available at PSW but it is also fine for students to wear a coat and hat of any colour.

Please also ensure that all items are clearly labelled!



## Swimming Program

In the first two weeks of Term 3, Grades 1/2, 3/4 and 4/5 will be involved in a five day swimming program at Shayne Reese Swimming. Grade 1/2A, 3/4A, 3/4B and 4/5A will have a 30 minute lesson each day from 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July and Grades 1/2B, 1/2C, 1/2D and 1/2E from 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July. The cost of the swimming program is \$65 per student. This is part of the Excursion Levy. For any families who have not paid the levy, this amount must be paid before the swimming program.

The swimming program for Grade 5/6 and the Prep classes will be held in Week 2 of Term 4 (10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October).



### CALENDAR

Friday 10th June - *Teacher Professional Practice Day (No school for students)*

Monday 13th June - *Public Holiday*

20th-22nd June - *5/6 Camp*

Friday 24th June - *Last day of Term 2*  
*Students finish at 1.30pm*

Monday 11th July - *First day Term 3*

Week 1 Term 3 - *Swimming*

*Grades 1/2A, 3/4A, 3/4B & 4/5A*

Week 2 Term 3 - *Swimming*

*Grades 1/2 B, 1/2C, 1/2D & 1/2E*

## Preps Visit to the Lucas Community Garden

As you know, the Preps at Lucas are learning all about our local community in their Integrated Studies lessons. We decided to take this learning out of the classroom by visiting the Lucas Community Garden!



With the help of our amazing volunteers Katherine and Emily, the Preps participated in so many fun activities. They got to help weed the planter boxes, plant flowers for a new bee garden and plant their own seed to take home. Some students were even lucky enough to help paint a Lucas Primary School mural on one of the planter boxes. If you're in the area, please be sure to check it out!

We wanted to say a big thank you to our volunteers Emily and Katherine. Without their help, this excursion would not have been possible. If you would like to participate in the upkeep of this amazing part of our local community, please visit their Facebook page: @lucascommunitygarden.





## EXCELLENCE AWARDS Week 3



**Wade Prep A**

For demonstrating excellence by always considering and trying to use our success criteria in writing lessons.



**Myra Prep B**

For demonstrating the school value of excellence by always giving her best effort with all learning tasks.



**Harang Prep C**

For demonstrating excellence by using his class time wisely and taking on feedback given to him.



**Louisa 1/2A**

For always striving to complete her best work in all areas of her learning.



**Ruby 1/2 B**

For always staying focused and taking pride in all learning tasks.



**Ailish 1/2 C**

For staying focused on her writing and working towards her goal during writing lessons this week.



**Lily 1/2 D**

For always taking pride in her work. She remains focused until her work is complete. Lily is a very organised student.



**Angad 1/2 E**

For being highly organised, taking pride in his work and staying focused until his work is completed to a high standard.



**Mitchell 3/4 A**

For striving for excellence by challenging himself with his learning and seeking extension opportunities.



**Alexis 3/4 B**

For consistently striving to complete her personal best, persevering with challenges and being a wonderful friend to her classmates.



**Sathvik 4/5 A**

For demonstrating excellence by striving for your best and consistently seeking improvement.



**Noah 5/6 A**

For always giving his all and taking pride in his work. He makes great choices and always encourages others.

# ★ EXCELLENCE AWARDS Week 3



## ART - 3/4 B

For staying focused and challenging themselves to do their very best on their Bunjil artworks. Well done!



## PE - Prep C

For showing excellence when 'having a go' at new skills and trying your best.



## PERFORMING ARTS -

1/2D For pushing themselves to communicate new emotions in learning their song "Wadawurrung Thank You to Country".

## FUNDRAISING AT LUCAS

### Hot Cross Bun Drive

Thank you to all families who purchased hot cross buns as part of our Hot Cross Bun Drive last term. We are pleased to announce that we raised \$806 which is a fantastic effort. This money has been used to buy additional items for our lunchtime CLUBS program.



### Election Day Sausage Sizzle

On Election Day, we were excited to conduct our very first community fundraiser since opening in 2020. In perfect weather conditions, voters eagerly bought a 'Democracy Sausage' or two, happy to be supporting our school. Thank you to the following parents, staff and community members who helped on the day – Alicia Bond, Greg Eames, David Collins, Chris Sheehan, Tim Clarke, Leah Heinrich, Rosette Tennant, Lauren Wright, Helena Michels, Jo Ashman, Fiona McDonald, Marg Lee, Neil Lee, Danielle Lee, Ruth Walter, Michelle Glanville and Jess Moir. We greatly appreciate your support.

A big thank you also to the Bond family who donated all the sausages, Bakers Delight Lucas for donating the bread and Wilsons Fruit and Vegetables for donating the onions. It is wonderful to have such great community support. A total of \$796.00 was raised on the day.



## Lost Property

Our lost property tubs are overflowing at the moment! There are a lot of coats and jumpers, hats and beanies in them. If students are missing any items please have a look in these tubs situated in the foyer of the gymnasium.

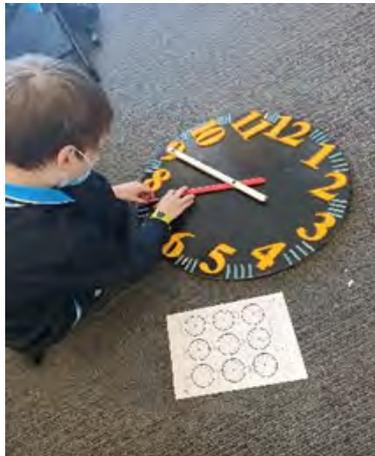
**Please ensure ALL students' belongings have their name on them!**



## Grade 3/4 Learning

In Reading, students have been learning about inferring. We have been putting on 'detective caps' to look for text clues hidden in illustrations, photos, dialogue and character emotions. Students have also been working towards their individual goals and have made great progress. In Writing, students have been researching Australian National Parks in preparation for writing information reports on a park of their choice. We have started to plan and draft these reports and are looking forward to publishing these as a portfolio entry next week. In Numeracy, we have been learning about measurement. Students learnt about the metric system and made conversions between metres, centimetres and millimetres. Students had a lot of fun using different measuring instruments and identifying the best tool for different measuring tasks. We also investigated measuring time and temperature.

Mr Rodger and Miss Gibcus



# PERFORMING ARTS



This term in Performing Arts, Prep students have explored music and movement relating to the theme of the weather. They are developing their skills in following the beat and are exploring the music elements of dynamics. The Preps have learnt different songs relating to the weather and created a soundscape of a thunderstorm.



Grade 1/2 students have explored singing relating to their Integrated Studies topic of 'Me, My Community and Beyond'. They have explored songs focussed on our local environment, including a favourite song in the local Wadawurrung language, 'Wadawurrung Thankyou to Country'. They are learning to sing simple two-part songs and are about to begin song-writing relating to our local area.



Grade 3/4 students have had the opportunity to explore xylophones, including some beautiful new instruments in the Lucas Primary School collection! Students have explored the different qualities of these instruments through a variety of games and musical activities. They have created accompanying patterns that follow the beat. Grade 3/4s have created group pieces where they each take turns adding melodic improvisation on the xylophones.



Grade 4/5/6 students have focussed on learning the ukulele. Grade 4/5 students are busy refining their finger picking technique to perform a 3-part song to accompany the Preps' singing. Grade 5/6 are busy practising different chords and preparing their fingers to change to the new chord at exactly the right time! Both classes will be learning more chords, strumming patterns and songs throughout the term.

