

Dear families,

13/07/2022

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a wonderful break, ready for another excellent and fun filled term of learning. We have started the term with swimming for some grade levels at Shayne Reese Swimming. We wish Grades 1/2A, 3/4A, 3/4B and 4/5A all the best for their lessons this week. We have lots of exciting activities and events to look forward to this term. These include our first every Book Fair in Week 3, our Prep 100 days of school celebration, the Grade 3/4 Camp to Cave Hill Creek and our Book Week dress up day on Wednesday 24th August.

Staffing News

This term we welcome Miss Melanie Gittings (our new Prep C teacher) and Mrs Erin Lindsay (our new 3/4B teacher) to our school. Both teachers have had a comprehensive hand over with Lauren and Clara (the previous class teachers) and are looking forward to getting to know their new grade. Please give them a warm Lucas welcome when you see them.

We also welcome Ms Jenny Plews, our new Business Manager. Jenny has previously been the Business Manager at Macarthur Street PS and comes highly recommended. We know Jenny will love being part of the Lucas community. Jenny has been working alongside Ruth this week before she leaves for Western Australia. Ruth's last day is this Friday. As mentioned in our last newsletter, Ruth has been a highly valued member of the Lucas team since our opening and will be greatly missed. We wish Ruth all the best for this exciting change.

Miss Clara Richardson will be with us until the end of week 3 before commencing maternity leave. Clara will be working with students as part of our tutoring program.

Respect the Badge Awards

This year our senior students are involved in the Police in Schools program with Senior Constable Des Hudson, which also includes 'Respect the Badge' awards. Each month, teachers nominate two students from across the school to receive these prestigious awards for showing respect in and out of the classroom, making positive choices and always giving their best.

Congratulations to our Term 2 winners – James and Kirby (April), Ryan and Jade (May) and Charlotte and Chelsea (June).



Pupil Free Day – Thursday 18th August

Each year, schools are allocated four pupil free days to enable staff to be involved in professional learning. Last term we had a very successful day of staff learning with Andrea Hillbrick focussing on Numeracy. This term, we will be having a pupil free day on Thursday 18th August, to explore the implementation of practices to enhance Mental Health and Wellbeing for our students. There will be no school for students on this day. It was recommended by School Council that our pupil free days are on different days of the week, not always Fridays which is why we have chosen a Thursday this time.

There will be two pupil free days in Term 4. One will be on Tuesday 20th December which will mean the last day for students is Monday 19th December. The other day will be discussed at School Council and communicated to parents after our August meeting.



Lone Pine Project

As part of the 100 Lone Pine Project, our school has been very fortunate to receive a descendant tree of Gallipoli's iconic Lone Pine. The tree was planted in the garden area between the Admin building and the Prep learning community by some of our students, Friends of Gallipoli chair Dr John Basarin and Arch of Victory Avenue of Honour President Garry Snowden. This is a special part of history that we are proud to be involved in and thank the Ashman family for linking us in with this project. A formal event acknowledging the planting of the Lone Pine and the installation of a plaque will be held for ANZAC day 2023.



Child Safe Standards

Our school is proud to be a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families. We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views respected, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. If you have any questions or concerns about Child Safety and/or our practices at any time, please let Sue or Dani know.

The new Child Safe Standards came into effect on 1st July, 2022. To ensure compliance with these standards we have reviewed and updated our Child Safety policies and related practices as per DET guidelines. A draft copy of these documents can be found on our website. Parents are welcome to provide feedback in relation to our policies and practices. These documents will be presented for endorsement at our August School Council meeting.



When: Wednesday 24th August 2022

Where: Lucas Primary School

What: Dress up as your favourite book character.



Swimming 1/2B, 1/2C, 1/2D and 1/2E

18th-22nd July

Book Fair

25th-29th July

Grade 3/4 Camp

10th-12th August

Pupil Free Day

18th August

Book Week Dress Up Day

24th August

Kelly Sports is now running an after school program at Lucas PS in Term 3!

When: Tuesdays - 3:35pm to 5:05pm (90 minute program!)

12th July to 13th September

Who: Prep to Grade 6



What: Multi Sports (Basketball, Footy, Badminton, Soccer and Netball)
10 week program (2 weeks of each sport)

Where: Lucas Primary School, pick up will be outside the school gym at 5:05pm

Cost: \$231 for the 10 week program

Enrol Online: www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat



SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS Term 2



Madyson Prep A

For showing respect during learning time by raising her hand to ask questions, making sure her learning area is tidy and using kind words.

Tiana Prep B

For always demonstrating our school values. Tiana listens respectfully and is a responsible learner.



Charli Prep C

For demonstrating all our values to a high standard and being a great role model for those around her.



Carter 1/2A

For demonstrating our school values in the classroom and the yard. She is a wonderful friend and helper to all.



Kiara 1/2B

For always being considerate of others, using manners and kind words. Well done on being a fantastic role model!



Jed 1/2 C

For consistently showing our school values every day. Jed is always kind, caring and helpful to those around him.



Zoe 1/2D

For being a kind and considerate student who is inclusive of all both in the yard and classroom. She demonstrates the school values every day.



Gabe 1/2E

For constantly showing and modelling all of the school values. Gabe takes pride in his learning and is a valued member of 1/2E.



Felicity 3/4A

For always demonstrating the school values every day. Thank you for being a role model to your peers Felicity! We are lucky to have you in 3/4A.



Ava 3/4B

For always trying your best in your learning and showing the school values every single day. Well done Ava!



Mazie 4/5A

For always demonstrating our school values to a high standard. She is respectful, caring and always works hard towards her learning goals.



Kyle 5/6A

For demonstrating the school values every day by being respectful to his peers, being honest and taking responsibility for his learning.

All students had a great time coming to school dressed in their pyjamas and enjoying a hot milo on a cold June day. It was a great way to end the term. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped our Junior School Council representatives make and deliver the milos to our classrooms, we couldn't have run the day without you! This initiative raised \$236. The JSC will meet early in Term 3 to discuss where this money will be best spent at our school. We received a generous donation from Louise Staley MP, Member for Ripon (pictured below) which included an urn, milo, cups and long life milk. Thank you to our School Council Vice President Alicia Bond for organising this donation. We have enough left over to run a second milo day later in Term 3. Date to be confirmed!



JSC Hot Milo and Pyjama Day Term 2



angahook holiday camp

On Monday the 20th to Wednesday the 22nd of June, the grade 5 and 6 students went to Angahook Holiday Camp where they discovered the outdoors in a beautiful beach setting surrounded by Airey's Inlet and situated near the Otway National Park.

The students participated in fun and challenging outdoor activities which promoted personal development and skills. The students were involved in activities such as: archery, canoeing, bike riding, giant swing, zip-lining, rock climbing and damper making. At night time we had a disco and a camp fire where we toasted marshmallows.

We are incredibly lucky to be offered this camp at no cost to the school or students under the government's 'Positive Start Initiative' program. This program encourages students to have fun and build relationships, through experiences they may have missed out on over the past two years due to COVID.

We were so impressed with the students' persistence and willingness to give every activity a go- even the scary ones (lots of heights). The students showed our school values to a high standard and we were very proud to represent our amazing school.





AN INVITATION TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

Where: Lucas Primary School

Admin Building

Date: Monday 25th - Friday 29th July

Time: 8:15-8:45am & 3:30-4:00pm



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