

Dear families,

24/08/2022

What a wonderful Book Week Dress Up day we had on Wednesday, celebrating our love of books and reading. Thank you parents for supporting your child/ren to dress up as their favourite book character. Students were excited and proud to showcase their outfits at our whole school parade and enjoyed participating in some book related activities with their buddies. We will feature some more Book Week photos in our next newsletter.



Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training, which is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perception in a range of areas. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. A random selection of families will receive an email to participate in the survey next week. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the timeframe of 29th August to 16th September. We value your opinions and encourage you to complete the survey if you are randomly selected. Thank you



Assemblies

Each fortnight we have a school assembly which provides a great opportunity for us to come together as a school community to celebrate achievements and share learning. Last Friday we enjoyed hearing from some of our Grade 5/6 mathematicians and our 4/5 class who shared their numeracy learning. We were also impressed by the grade 1/2s who showcased their learning from Performing Arts.

This Friday 26th August we will be having assembly instead of next Friday due to our whole school incursion. Our final assembly for the term will be held on Friday 16th September.



Pupil Free Days

After feedback from parents stating that they would like pupil free days to not always be on the same day and wanting to trial a day during the week, we chose Thursday for our pupil free day last week.

Further feedback from Thursday's pupil free day has been that Monday or Friday are the preferred days for parents so we will go back to choosing these days where possible. We value your feedback and know that pupil free days are challenging for families and want to support you the best we can with the timing of these.

We will be having two more pupil free days this year, both in Term 4 as approved by School Council. The first one will be on Friday 25th November and the second one will be on the last day of Term 4. This means that the last day for students will be Monday 19th December.



Grade Prep and 5/6 Swimming

In week 2 of Term 4 (Monday 10th - Friday 14th October), our three prep classes and 5/6A will be involved in a five day swimming program at Shayne Reese Swimming. This will include a 30 minute lesson each day for a week, five lessons in total.



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 will need to be paid before the end of Term 3. More details about the program, including what to bring will be provided via Seesaw.

THE MAD SCIENCE SHOW

On Friday 2nd September all students will be involved in a Mad About Science incursion. The Mad Science show will have demonstrations and experiments involving air, electricity, and fire! There are giant smoke vortices, levitating beach balls, flying toilet paper, flour fire-balls, hair-raising electricity, and lots of learning! The incursion links to our Integrated Studies unit this term, Chemical Science, and will help make connections to our learning in class. We can't wait for the spectacular show!



SCHOOL LOGO

We are proud of our school logo and what it represents. It is important that everyone knows the logo story so it can be shared and retold by future generations. How lucky are we to be part of creating the Lucas Primary School story! Could you explain what our logo represents to someone else?



Logo Story

The logo concept is based on the school's focus on maximising learning growth for all students. The tree symbolises growth in learning and the growth of our school and our community. It also recognises the significant contribution made by the Lucas Girls in planting trees for the Ballarat Avenue of Honour. The lines represent the growing branches and trunk of a tree.

In combination with the three outlined egg shapes, the tree branches can be seen as stylised children learning, playing and growing together. The figures also represent the child, parent and teacher working together to support growth.

PREP 2023 ENROLMENTS

If you have a child starting school next year and they are not enrolled yet, please contact the school as soon as possible to collect enrolment information.

PLACES ARE FILLING FAST!



CALENDAR

Mad Scientist Incursion prep-6
Friday 2nd September
School Disco (more details to come)

Thursday 8th September
School Council Meeting

Monday 12th September 6.30pm

Sovereign Hill grade 5/6

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th September

Last Day Term 3

Friday 16th September, 1.30pm finish.



EXCELLENCE AWARDS Term 3



Hayden Prep A

For showing excellence in writing lessons by having a go at sounding out all by himself.



Hunter Prep B

For demonstrating excellence when writing. He sounds out his words and always strives to do his best work.



Kendrick Prep C

For always having a positive attitude towards her learning ensuring she is having her best go.



Harper 1/2A

For demonstrating excellence in her procedural writing by striving to achieve her writing goal and using the correct punctuation.



William 1/2B

For showing huge improvements in his handwriting, taking pride in all of his work and acting on feedback.



Ace 1/2C

For working hard on his reading both in the classroom and at home, and never missing a day in his reading diary even over the school holidays!



Arlia 1/2D

For making huge improvements in the presentation and pride she takes in her work, especially her handwriting. Keep up the great work!



Eva 1/2E

Eva is always organised, takes pride in her work and stays focused until her work is completed to a high standard.



3/4A whole class

For trying your best and demonstrating all of the school values while Mr Rodger has been away.



Kaif 3/4B

For consistently demonstrating excellence in her learning and taking pride in her work. She always challenges herself.



Ruaridh 4/5A

For trying his best in all subject areas daily - he aims high and strives for improvement.



Amity 5/6A

For always aspiring to be the best version of yourself. You have settled in perfectly to 5/6A, taking pride in your work and applying feedback.



EXCELLENCE AWARDS Term 3



VISUAL ARTS

4/5A

For working so well on their Pop Art self-portraits. They look amazing!



PERFORMING ARTS

3/4A

For pushing themselves to create and improve their dance sequences, their enthusiasm to perform and their celebration of each other's learning. Well done 3/4A!



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CAMP AWARD

To Mr O's group from camp for being so awesome and striving for excellence in all the camp activities.

Earth Ed

Our Grade 5/6 students had a wonderful day of practical hands-on learning at Earth Ed recently. They were mentored by practicing scientists and had the opportunity to conduct many chemical experiments that complimented their Science learning at school on 'States of Matter'. One of the highlights was when the students put on lab coats and played the role of forensic scientists by collecting evidence and conducting experiments to solve a 'crime'. The day was engaging and informative. Students had a fabulous time!





Grade 3/4 Camp!



On Wednesday 10th August, our Grade 3/4 students went to Cave Hill Creek for their 2-night camp. Students were given the opportunity to develop life skills, relationships (both with their peers and teachers), independence and resilience.



When they first got to camp, they went on a big bush walk and explored the surrounding land. They saw lots of wildlife such as wallabies, rosellas, lizards, kangaroos and even some joeys in their mother's pouches (well at least the early risers).



Students got to take part in so many fun activities such as archery, bouldering, bush art, orienteering (map reading), bush cooking and hut building. The activities required them to build on their personal strengths of determination, courage, persistence and team work.

On the first night they went for a night time bush walk to the camp fire where they enjoyed roasting marshmallows on the fire and playing campfire games.

Everyone would agree that the food was delicious and it was lots of fun staying in cabins with their friends!



Although they encountered some cold and wet weather, everyone thoroughly enjoyed their time on camp. Thank you to all the parents, students, teachers and staff at Cave Hill Creek for making it such a success and a camp to remember.