

Dear families,

19/10/2022

It has been a busy start to the term with our Grade 5/6 and Prep classes participating in swimming last week, some kinder visits and also a visit from staff and student leaders from Ballarat High.

At our assembly on Friday, we congratulated our class award winners for showing our school value of respect and enjoyed listening to students share their learning from Integrated Studies and Art. Well done to Zahrlie and Tharunesh who did a wonderful job leading our assembly while our captains were still at swimming. Our next assembly will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October.



### Staffing News

Planning is well underway for 2023. As our enrolment continues to grow, we are excited to be recruiting new staff to join our Lucas team which includes the employment of a Japanese teacher. We are pleased to be able to introduce Japanese as a specialist subject for Grades 1-6 in 2023. Students will also continue to participate in Visual Arts, Performing Art and P.E. on a weekly basis with Mrs Glanville, Ms Dwyer and Mr O'Loughlin (Mr O).

Congratulations to Miss Lee who is getting married this Saturday. We wish Dani and Tom all the best for their special day. Dani will be taking leave from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. We look forward to welcoming the new 'Mrs Toose' back to school.



### Stationery Packs for 2023

The process for ordering your child/ren's stationery pack for 2023 will be the same as last year. Parents will order packs online through Champion and collect them in January ready to begin the school year.



Stationery packs, which include essential items (i.e. pencils, pens, books etc) will need to be paid for in December when they are ordered. More details including stationery pack costs and how to order, will be sent home soon.



### Before and After School Supervision

Just a reminder that there are no teachers on yard duty until 8:40am each morning so students should not be arriving at school before this time unless they are with a parent / adult. After school teachers are on duty at the front and side gate until 3:45pm. Any students not collected by this time will be taken to the office to wait. If you require support with before and/or after school care, Big Childcare is available onsite. Please contact Shaun the new manager on 0432 354 581 if you would like information about this program.



### 2023 Enrolments



We are currently finalising our enrolments for 2023 and have already started the transition process. If you have a prep child who is not enrolled yet, please contact the office as soon as possible. If you know of any families who intend to enrol their child/ren at Lucas PS for 2023, please encourage them to ring or email the school to arrange enrolment.

If your circumstances have changed and your child/ren will not be attending Lucas PS in 2023, we would also appreciate knowing this as it helps us with our planning. Thank you



## Respect Awards



### Grace Prep A

For showing our school value of Respect when going to swimming each day last week.



### Tate Prep B

For demonstrating the value of Respect by listening carefully and completing work with a positive attitude.

### Tyler Prep C

For always being respectful to everyone in our class and completing all learning tasks to the best of your ability.



### Joonas 1/2D

For his improvements in his attitude towards his learning and good choices in the classroom.



### Lachlan 1/2E

Lachie has been encouraging his classmates in maths games and has supported his friends and teachers whenever they need help.

### Alex 3/4A

For always treating others with kindness and modelling the school value of Respect to his peers.



### Harlan 1/2A

For always using his manners and kind words and being a respectful listener.



### Adeline 1/2B

For always using manners, kind words and settling in so well to Lucas Primary School.



### Paityn 1/2C

For demonstrating Respect by always using her manners, listening attentively, and putting her hand up when wanting to share.



### Ellen 3/4B

For consistently modelling Respect in the classroom and in the yard, listening attentively, speaking kindly and respecting class equipment.



### Dominic 4/5A

For the respect you show others and the teacher during the whole class focus, independent task and reflection.

### Whole class 5/6A

For the respect they have shown each other and their teachers during their time in the pool at swimming. Well done!





## Respect Awards



Visual Arts

5/6A

For respecting others right to learn by being on task and working quietly. Well done!



Performing Arts

1/2A

For demonstrating respect by being enthusiastically supportive of everyone's choices in the class adventure story.



Physical Education

1/2D

For demonstrating the value of Respect by being excellent listeners and respecting everyone's right to learn.

## HOUSE TEAMS

At our school we have four House teams. In our first year of operation, we held a competition within our school community to choose the names for these houses. The following names were decided upon after families had the opportunity to vote. **Eleanor - Yellow** (after Eleanor Lucas), **Thompson - Blue** (after Matilda 'Tilly' Thompson), **O'Shannassy - Red** (after O'Shannassy Parade) and **Bolton - Green** (after William Bolton who is represented by the first tree in the Avenue of Honour).

All students are allocated a house when they are enrolled and stay in the same house throughout their time at our school. Family members are placed in the same house. We can't wait to see all our Grade Prep, 1 and 2 students proudly wearing their house colours on our upcoming Junior Sports day.



## CALENDAR

Junior School Sports Day  
(Grade Prep, 1 & 2)

Friday 18th November

Pupil Free Day

25th November

Christmas Carols Night

Thursday 15th December

Last Day of Term 4

Early finish at 1.30pm

Monday 19th December



The JSC is excited to announce that the Zoooper Dooper Fundraiser is back! Students can bring a gold coin on each Friday of Term 4 and enjoy a tasty treat. All of the funds raised will be spent on resources for our school.

## Performing Arts Report

Performing Arts in Term 3 concluded with a week celebrating dance! Each class performed for, or collaborated with, another class, using the dances they had learnt during the term. Dances included the Heel and Toe Polka, the Wolf, Fox, and Hare circle dance, Alphabet Dances created by the grade 3/4s and a Sports Dance created by 5/6A. It was great to see the students showing all the school values as they collaborated with other classes, by giving valued feedback and joining the dancing with enthusiasm and respect!

In Term 4, Performing Arts focuses on drama. All students will be exploring how to work together in drama, focusing on using their imagination, developing their communication skills and storytelling. All classes will present a drama performance later in the term.

Prep students are exploring drama adventures based on the theme of Pirates. Watch out for our Prep pirates as they use their imagination to explore the seas, learn a pirate song and create props for their ocean adventures!

Grade 1/2 students are exploring journeys. So far, the classes have packed a very heavy suitcase with all the items they might need for their trip, and created an exciting imagined adventure. Grade 1/2s will soon begin work preparing a musical play set in the deep, dark forest.

Grade 3/4 students have begun exploring mime. They are learning about how improvisation is an important skill in all aspects of our lives and developing their improvisation skills through a variety of quick-thinking and quick-talking games. Grade 3/4s will continue to develop their drama skills and will use technology, including green screens and sound effects, to enhance their performances of scripted plays.

Grade 4/5 and 5/6 students are currently building their skills in mime and improvisation, as they begin work creating a short comedy play set in space. They will be enhancing their play by building characters and using the drama element of tension to keep the audience on the edge of their seat! In the second half of the term, grade 4/5 and 5/6 students will be getting out their ukuleles, xylophones and other musical instruments again, to prepare some musical accompaniments for their buddy classes as we work towards our school Christmas Carols evening.



# Prep Swimming Term 4



## *Splash! Splash!*

Last week, the Preps had a blast at the Shayne Reese swimming program.

The students were so excited to travel there each day on a bus. For many of them, it was their first time travelling in this way!

Once at the pool, they LOVED meeting their swimming teachers and learning a range of skills that suited their needs, such as putting their head under water, blowing bubbles, treading water, and even kicking!

On the last day they were challenged with the Water Safety Day. They went into the pool wearing clothes over their bathers and learned important safety skills, including the help signal and how to use a floating object to stay above water.

The Preps have had such an amazing week of swimming and can't wait to go back next year!

