

16/11/2022

Dear families,

Last Friday we were very proud of our school captains, who represented Lucas Primary School so well at the Arch of Victory Remembrance Day service. Zarli, Mark and Noah showed our school values to a high level as they respectfully participated in the service which concluded with representatives from the community each laying a wreath.

Well done also to Tilly, Mahathi and Lishanth who did an excellent job reading some Remembrance Day information over the loud speaker and leading classes in a minute silence.



JUNIOR SPORTS

This Friday we are looking forward to our Junior Sports day for Grades Prep, 1 and 2. All students will be participating in a range of field events and a sprint. The Sports will run from 9am to 1:30pm. Parents are most welcome to come along and join in the fun. Students are encouraged to wear their House colours – Eleanor (yellow), Bolton (green), O’Shannassy (red) and Thompson (blue).



Assembly News

At our assembly last week, we acknowledged students who had shown our school value of ‘Excellence’ to a high level. At Lucas Primary School we show excellence by aiming high and always giving our best.

We also enjoyed listening to some students from grade 3/4 share their learning and watching Prep B perform an item they have been practising in Performing Arts.

Due to our pupil free day on Friday 25th November, we will be having an assembly this Friday 18th November.

2023 Stationery Packs

Last Monday information about our 2023 Stationery Packs for students was sent home via Compass. Parents are asked to please order and pay for their child’s stationery pack online through Champion Education. The price includes all the stationery items your child will need for their learning in the classroom.

By ordering all items as a pack, we have been able to receive 15% off the retail price. This also ensures that all students in each grade level have the same high quality items to use. Packs need to be collected from Champion Education and brought to school on the first day of Term 1, 2023. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact the school office. Thank you



ELECTION BARBECUE

On Saturday 26th November, our school will be used as a polling booth for the State Election. On this day we will be conducting a Barbecue to help raise funds for our school. The Barbecue will run from 8am to 3pm. If you are able to help out for an hour or two to serve and/or cook sausages we would be very appreciative. No experience needed, just a smile and a ‘can do’ attitude. Please let Zoe know at the office if you are able to assist. All funds raised will go towards new iPads and Chromebooks for students to use.



Volunteers required.



This year we will be conducting our very first Lucas Primary School Christmas raffle fund raiser. Members of the School Council will be asking for donations from local businesses. We would also appreciate it if families could donate something small to be part of the raffle. The aim is to create lots of small hampers so there are multiple prizes to be won. Next week each family will receive a small book of raffle tickets to sell. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Carol night on Thursday 15th December.

IDEAS FOR DONATIONS

*Chocolates Vouchers Candles
Lollies Snacks Arts and Crafts
Christmas Decorations Body Products
Cooking Toys Books Jewellery*



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

Term 1 2023
Classes Commence
Grade 1-6
Tuesday 31st January
Grade Prep
Thursday 2nd February



Excellence Awards



Visual Arts

1/2B

For working so well on their self-portraits and their willingness to experiment with new techniques.



Performing Arts

1/2E

For striving to be their best in drama, excellent listening and being reflective.



Physical Education

Prep A, B and C

For showing excellence when attempting, practising and trying their best at new skills in preparation for their very first LPS Junior Athletics Day.



Excellence Awards



Clara Prep A

For the excellence you have shown when learning about counting and place value this term.



Georgia 1/2D

For taking on feedback, working hard towards her goals and staying focused during learning time.



Oliver Prep B

For demonstrating excellence in writing. He is always on task, excited to write and tries his best.



Phoebe 1/2E

For taking pride in her work and improving her focus to ensure her learning is completed to a high standard.



Ruby Prep C

For challenging herself in her learning and taking on all feedback to achieve learning goals.



Leo 3/4A

For working hard to achieve his best during assessment week. For being a focused learner, listening carefully and completing high quality learning tasks.



Millar 1/2A

For always aiming high and striving to do her best in all areas of her learning.



Darcy 3/4B

For showing excellence in his writing, trying his personal best on all assessment tasks and supporting students in 1/2E.



Oliver 1/2B

For trying his best and showing great improvement in staying focused during learning time.



Allira 4/5A

For demonstrating excellence everyday in her learning, by aiming high, working towards goals and pushing herself to her full potential.



Indiana 1/2C

For being ready to listen, trying her best and working hard on all tasks.



Tavan 5/6A

For demonstrating excellence by always aspiring to be the best version of himself. He has demonstrated excellent resilience as a new student.

ART

Preps

This term the Preps have made a fabulous start learning to weave paper on a loom. They have practised the technique and created a fabulous 'Bear in Pyjamas'. They all followed along as I demonstrated how to draw and create the bear head. They all turned out so wonderfully and the students were very proud of their creations.



Grade 1/2

Our Grade 1/2 artists commenced this term learning about self-portraits. We read a fabulous book together called 'The Colours of Us' and commenced our self-portraits by choosing colours and mixing our own unique skin tone. We then created our self-portraits out of acrylic paints and oil pastels. The students really enjoyed this project and they were excited to add their own individual flair to their artworks.



Grade 3/4 and 4/5

The Grade 3/4s and 4/5s have been working on a fibre arts piece of an owl utilising many different textiles. They used tempera to paint their designs onto hessian and then they selected from a wide range of materials to complete their design. They learnt how to make a running stitch and how to attach layers of fabric together. Great job!



Grade 5/6

The Grade 5/6 class have taken inspiration from the story book 'The Colour Monster' to create their own unique 'monster softie'. This has proven to be a very popular project with many students choosing to work on their softies over lunchtimes. The students created their own design on paper first then made a pattern and cut out all their pieces before sewing it together. I have been so proud of their persistence and determination as they hand sew their pieces together. It has been amazing watching some students who had never used a needle and thread before gain confidence in their abilities and be so proud of what they have achieved. Our softies are a few lessons away from being finished but their work so far looks amazing. Well done 5/6!



3/4 Learning Term 4

It has been a busy week in the 3/4 classrooms with end of year assessments in preparation for the upcoming reports. All students have worked hard and have shown great stamina. Well done on all of the amazing growth made. In [Reading](#), students have been building their synthesising skills. We have been reading a wide range of texts tracking how our understanding changes before, during and after reading.



In [Writing](#), students have started a persuasive (exposition) writing cycle. Students have investigated persuasive devices including rhetorical questions, hyperbole, power of three and using facts and statistics to support their arguments. By the end of week 7, students will have completed their draft. Next students will reflect on their previous narrative draft and select to publish either their narrative or persuasive in a hand written format for their portfolios.



In [Numeracy](#), students have been exploring fractions. We have identified fractions of a whole and a collection. We have modelled and represented fractions in different ways including using physical materials, drawing and writing. Students built their knowledge of equivalent fractions. During warm ups students have been building their number skills by playing games such as Number Target, Walk the Plank and Shake, Shake, Drop.



In [Integrated Studies](#) students have been learning about sustainable living. We have been conducting at school and at home audits. Students have researched renewable and non-renewable energy sources. Watch out for the bin patrol if you are not using the correct bin!