

Dear families,

30/11/2022

Thank you to all the parents and other family members who joined us for our Junior Sports day on Friday 18th November. In perfect weather conditions, students had a wonderful day participating in a range of field events and showing great encouragement and support for each other. A big thank you to Mr O for his outstanding organisation of this event and to our Grade 5/6 students for their leadership and support on the day. We look forward to many more whole school events and celebrations moving into next year.



## Reports and Portfolios

On Thursday 15th December, students will be bringing home their reports and portfolios to share and celebrate their achievements with you. Reports will also be posted on Compass. If any families require additional copies of their child's report, please let your child's class teacher know via Seesaw. I know students are excited to share their portfolios with you. They should be very proud of their efforts and the growth they have shown in their learning throughout the year.



## Assemblies

We will be having two more assemblies this term. They will be on Friday 2nd December and Friday 16th December both at 3pm. On our last day of school, Monday 19th December, there will be no assembly. At 1:15pm on this day, all classes will make a guard of honour leading out to our main school gate where we will acknowledge and cheer on our Grade 6 students and wish them well as they make their way through the guard of honour. School will finish at 1:30pm on the last day of term.



## Online Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to all the parents who completed the Parent Opinion Survey online earlier this year. We have just received the results and the responses are very positive showing high levels of parent satisfaction in a range of areas which is great to see. We are proud of all we have achieved in our first three years and are committed to ongoing improvement. We are always open to feedback and new ideas, so please continue to let us know your thoughts and opinions in person, on the phone or via Seesaw and email.



## 2023 Grades and Transition Sessions

We are currently in the process of putting together our classes for 2023. At this stage we will have 17 classes – four Preps, seven Grade 1/2s, three Grade 3/4s, one Grade 4/5 and two Grade 5/6s. All students have had the opportunity to nominate some friends they would like to be with next year. Teachers will use this information and their knowledge of your child's academic learning, social and wellbeing needs to allocate students to their 'best fit' class.



On Monday 5th December, students will meet with their new class for an hour. They will meet again on Wednesday 14th December from 1pm-3:30pm. At this second session, students who will be new to Lucas in 2023 have also been invited to attend. We know that changing classes and teachers can be an anxious time for some students but also an exciting one as they progress to the next grade level. We are committed to providing a positive transition for all our students and a successful start to 2023.

Next year the Grade 1/2 classes will all be in the learning community that the Preps and 1/2s are currently in. The Preps will be moving over to the other learning community with the 3/4 and 4/5 classes and the two 5/6s will be in the building near the playground where 1/2D and E currently are.

### Stationery Packs 2023

A reminder that student stationery packs for 2023 need to be ordered online via Champion Education by 16th December and collected in the holidays ready for the start of the school year. How to order information and the cost per pack have been sent to parents via Compass. If you have any questions or need support in ordering your child's pack, please talk to Zoe or Jenny in our school office. They are always happy to help families any way they can.



2023

back to  
School



Grade 1-6

Tuesday 31st January

Grade Prep

Thursday 2nd February

### Election Barbecue Thank You

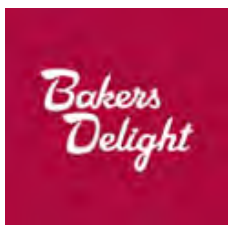
A big thank you to our team of volunteers who helped out at the Election Day barbecue last Saturday. There were many eager voters keen to buy a sausage and support our school to raise funds to purchase additional Chromebooks and iPads as our student numbers continue to grow.

Thank you to Marg and Neil Lee, Lauren Wright, Monica Stanmore, Chris Sheehan, Jenny Plews, Scott Holland, Alison Jess, Nicole Irvin, Rosette Tennant, Bianca Reynen, Nathan Finley, Alicia and Matthew Wakely, Jaimee Westin, Ajay Batta, Jeremy and Alicia Bond, and Rachael Boak. Well done also to Monica, Alicia and Zoe for the extra work put into organising the drinks, sausages, bread and onions. A wonderful team effort!

A big thank you to our local businesses Lucas Baker's Delight for donating all the bread and Wilsons Fruit and Vegetables for donating the onions. Your support of our school is very much appreciated.

### LOST PROPERTY

There are still a number of items in our lost property box. If you are missing a jumper or jacket, beanie or hat, headband or drink bottle we have quite a few of these items among others in our tubs in the foyer of the gym.





This year we will be conducting our very first Lucas Primary School Christmas raffle fundraiser. 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.

Each family has received a sheet of raffle tickets to sell. More sheets are available at the office if required. The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Carol night on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

#### IDEAS FOR DONATIONS

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



**School Council Meeting**  
Monday 5th December

**Wildlife Park Excursion**  
Grade 1/2s  
Monday 12th December

**Grade 6 Graduation**  
Monday 12th December

**Showbiz Cinemas Excursion**  
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6  
Thursday 15th December

**Christmas Carols Night**  
Thursday 15th December

**Last Day of Term 4**  
Early finish at 1.30pm  
Monday 19th December



## Growth Awards



Visual Arts                      1/2B

For demonstrating the school value of growth by displaying fantastic sewing skills while maintaining a positive can do attitude.



Performing Arts                      Prep B

For demonstrating growth in their ability to work as a team and try out new ideas.



Physical Education                      House Captains and 5/6A Helpers

For demonstrating growth by being excellent leaders at our Junior Sports. Many of our students shone above expectations and assisted younger students to have a successful day.



## Growth Awards



**Korben PrepA**

For showing growth in his writing abilities by sounding out carefully and trying hard with his spacing.



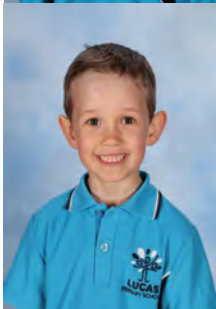
**Alannah Prep B**

For demonstrating growth in her writing. She always works hard to achieve her writing goal.



**Dejaye Prep C**

For showing growth in his writing by working extremely hard at sounding out his words.



**Felix 1/2A**

For demonstrating growth in all his numeracy assessments. For challenging himself to learn new things in our lessons.



**Maxwell 1/2B**

For persisting in Writing by having a go, acting on feedback and working hard.



**Braxton 1/2C**

For working hard to improve his writing and staying on task.



**Quincy 1/2D**

Quincy has made huge improvements in his attitude towards learning by working on his learning goals, having a go at new tasks and staying focused.



**Sienna 1/2E**

For focusing on her learning and working hard to complete all of her learning on time.



**Jensen 3/4A**

For working hard to achieve growth in his spelling. Well done Jensen.



**Ben 3/4B**

For making growth in his learning behaviours which has made a positive impact on his classwork and assessment tasks.



**Daniel 4/5A**

For the growth he has shown this term socially and in his learning. He is a kind, caring and uplifting student to his peers.



**Tilly 5/6A**

For the growth she has made this year with learning in Literacy and Numeracy. She has focused on a growth mindset which has enabled her to grow in confidence.

## **Multi-Age House Wellbeing Buddy Groups**

On Wednesday 23rd November, we embarked on a new chapter and had our first session of Multi-age House Wellbeing Buddy Groups. All the students from Grade Prep through to Grade 6 were divided into groups based on which House group there are in. This was our first trial session, where the students went with their group to a different teacher and classroom, and it was a great success. The students were all challenged to be brave, patient and willing to have a go, and in true Lucas PS spirit, they did just that. All the groups participated in the same activities including getting to know you circle games, learning the history of the House namesakes and then discussed how we can support each other in the yard using the Buddy Bench.

In 2023, students will be allocated a group and a teacher with the goal being that they will remain with that group and teacher for their whole time at Lucas PS. This model of 'Pastoral Care' based groups, aims to support students to build relationships with a trusted adult (in addition to their class teacher) and a group of students they are supported to make connections with. These groups will replace the current Buddy Classes next year, and allow another avenue for student leadership, mental health and wellbeing support, as well as further develop the students' connection to their House groups. Many exciting possibilities ahead. Thank you to all the teachers and students for embracing this new concept for our school. Lucas PS really is the place to be .

*Cass Jackson-Lee, Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator*



## Grade 4/5/6 Learning Term 4

In Writing we have been revising Narratives and Exposition texts. The students have been focusing on language features and punctuation, and how these can be used to enhance our texts. We have used 'Bump it up walls' to explore show don't tell and punctuation use. The students have been very confident in their ability to add description, detail and adjectives to paint a picture in the reader's mind. We have explored metaphors, similes, personification, hyperboles, rhetorical questions, statistics, incorporating external quotes into our writing and call to actions. All these features make our writing more powerful!

In Reading we have been preparing for Literature Circles. Lit Circles is a reading program that lasts six weeks. The students get placed into 'mini book clubs' of 5-6 students and all read the same text. Each week they have a role to complete and then they come together and have a Lit Circle meeting where they can discuss the author's intent, connections made and question each other's thoughts. We have learnt all five of the Lit Circle roles and are in week 2 of Lit Circles. The meetings have promoted such creative and in depth discussions about our texts.

In Numeracy we have been showing so much growth in our learning! We have been looking at measurement and volume and capacity. We then moved onto exploring time and looked at analogue, digital, 24 hour time, reading timetables and elapsed time. We have looked at chance and probability and representing chance outcomes as fractional amounts. More recently we have looked at fractions. We have learnt about representing, adding, subtracting, placing fractions on a number line, comparing and simplifying fractions.

In Integrated Studies this term we have been learning about sustainability and economics. We have looked at the link between making sustainable choices and developing business ideas. The students have developed a carnival game that they had to design, budget for, and create sustainably. At the end of the term we will hold a carnival celebration where the students will reflect on their business success. It is a very fun Integrated Studies topic that has allowed for creativity to be explored!



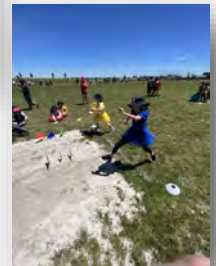
## Junior Athletics Carnival

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of November we had our Junior Athletics Carnival on the school oval. The Prep, Grade 1 and 2 students had all been practising their running, throwing and jumping in PE with Mrs Duncan and Mr O'Loughlin. All this practice paid off with many students achieving their personal best and earning lots of house points. It was fantastic to finally be able to welcome many of our families to their first Lucas Primary sporting event. Thank you all for supporting our students and helping create such a great community atmosphere.

All students participated in a rotation of events including high jump, long jump, shot put, hurdles, discus and vortex throw. After the rotation of events students participated in the sprints with our older students coming out to cheer them on. At the conclusion of the sprints the Grade 5/6 helpers participated in a fun race as a thank you for all their efforts on the day.

To those students who really enjoyed learning athletics at school this term, I would encourage them to try little athletics at one of the venues around Ballarat. Wendouree Junior Athletics Club is a great spot for beginners to take their first steps into athletics.

At assembly Thompson (Blue) house was awarded Junior Athletics Carnival Champions for 2022 with 22.92 points per student. Well done to all students for their participation in the Athletics Carnival and a huge thank you to all our staff and student helpers for making the day such a success.



## Lucas Primary School's 2022 Christmas Carols



MERRY  
*christmas*



**Where:** At Lucas Primary School behind the STEM lab on the grassed area next to the sandpit.

**When:** Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Time:** 5pm- 7pm.

**What:** Bring your own picnic, watch a variety of different performances by the students and sing along! There will even be a donut, gelato and coffee van to enjoy!