

Dear families,

**16th March, 2022**

### School Picnic

Thank you to everyone who attended our school picnic last Thursday. It was great to see so many families in attendance and students so excited to show parents their classrooms. Hopefully as restrictions are further eased, we will be able to have some open afternoons and celebrations of learning where parents can be involved in some learning activities with your child/ren in person.



### Division Swimming

Congratulations to Summer and Allira who represented Lucas Primary in the Division Swimming Sports at Eureka Pool on Friday 4th March. Both girls swam well in their events and enjoyed competing on the day. Well done Summer and Allira for challenging yourselves and striving to achieve your best.

### Senior Athletic Sports

Our Senior Athletic Sports will be held this Thursday 17th March at Llanberris Reserve. All students in grades 3-6 will be participating in a range of track and field events which they have been practising at school. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours. We will be travelling by bus to Llanberris leaving school at 9:30am and returning at 2:30pm. A big thank you to the parents who have offered to assist on the day. Your support is much appreciated.

I wonder which house will win the first ever Lucas Primary School Athletic Sports - O'Shannassy (red), Eleanor (yellow), Thompson (blue) or Bolton (green)?



### Congratulations Mr and Mrs Johnston

Congratulations to Megan and Toby on their recent marriage. We hope you had a wonderful day celebrating with family and friends. I know 1/2B enjoyed welcoming their 'new' teacher, Mrs Johnston, back to school.

### Staff Leave

This week I will be having some surgery followed by a few weeks of leave. While I am away, Dani (Miss Lee) will be acting principal. I know Dani will do an amazing job and will have the full support of staff and the school community during this time. I wish students, staff and families all the best for the remainder of the term and can't wait to see everyone again after the holidays.

Hayley (Mrs Short) will be commencing maternity leave this Friday. Hayley was one of our prep teachers in 2021 and has been working as part of our tutoring program this year. She is a much loved teacher at our school and we look forward to having her back with us in the future. We wish Hayley and Will all the best for the upcoming birth of their first baby. Enjoy this special time together as a family, Hayley!

## Junior School Council News

The Junior School Council has had a great start to the year with the Zooper Dooper fundraiser being a big success. In the first week, students were overwhelmed by selling 140 Zooper Doopers in under ten minutes. The Zooper Dooper stand is a busy place!

This has been a great team building exercise and the JSC members have now adjusted and taken on roles including cashier, cutter, rubbish collector and 'runner'. The runner has a busy job restocking the bucket throughout sales to ensure all Zooper Doopers are sold 'ice cold'.

In JSC meetings we have created graphs looking at average sales, cost and product losses. The JSC has made graphs predicting how much money will be raised by the end of term and we are currently investigating where the money could be best spent across the school.

We are also planning a casual clothes day for the last day of term. More details to come.



## CALENDAR



### Thursday 17th March

Gr 3-6 Athletic Sports

### Wednesday 30th March

School Photos

### Friday 8th April

Last Day Term 1 (Finish 1:30pm)

### Term 2

### Tuesday 26th April

First Day of Term 2

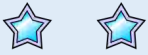
### 10th - 20th May

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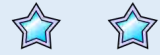
### Friday 20th May

Pupil Free day





# EXCELLENCE AWARDS



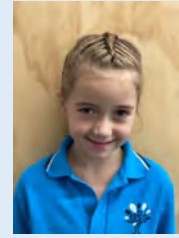
**Elijah - Prep A**

For showing the school value of excellence when sounding out new words.



**Rose - Prep B**

For demonstrating excellence by always giving her best effort and taking on feedback.



**Ella - Prep C**

For demonstrating excellence by giving her best effort with her writing and writing the sounds she can hear.

**Sophie- 1/2A**

For working towards her goals and stretching out every sound she can hear when spelling words.



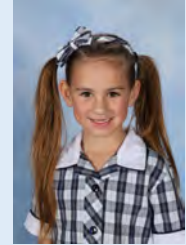
**Aysha - 1/2B**

For staying focused on her learning, acting on feedback and working towards her goals.



**Chelsea - 1/2C**

For always trying her best with her work and encouraging and supporting her peers with their learning.



**Kitarah - 1/2D**

For being organised, taking pride in her work and staying focused until her work is completed to a high standard.



**Emmeline - 1/2E**

For demonstrating the school value of excellence by always staying focused and trying her best.



**Elijah - 3/4A**

For demonstrating excellence by always being ready to learn and focused on his goals.

**Niharica - 3/4B**

For demonstrating excellence by always being focused and trying her best.



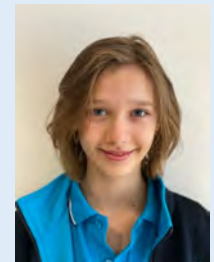
**Zahrlie - 4/5A**

For demonstrating excellence by always being ready to learn and striving for excellence in every subject area.



**Tilly - 5/6A**

For demonstrating excellence by always being organised and completing her work to a high standard.

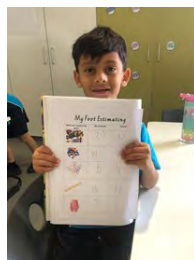


## Grade 1/2 Learning

We have had a great start to the year in Grade 1/2.

In Numeracy, we have been learning to measure and compare length. First we read the story, How Big Is A Foot? and traced our own foot. Then we used different materials like Unifix blocks, counters and paperclips to measure our foot. Later in the week, we learnt how to measure items using a ruler. We measured different sized caterpillars in centimetres and ordered them from smallest to largest.

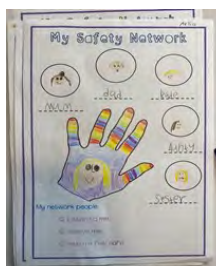
We are now experts at measuring length!



In Integrated Studies students have been learning how to demonstrate the school values at home, school and in the community. They have investigated ways to keep themselves safe on our roads, near water and from the sun. Students have discussed the importance of having a Safety Network of trusted people they can turn to when they need help.

We enjoyed having Senior Constable Des Hudson speak with all the 1/2 students about safety in our community.

Des gave all the students the challenge of memorising one of their parents phone numbers in case of an emergency.





## Annual Reporting Meeting

Before our next School Council meeting on Monday 21st March, our Annual Reporting meeting will be held to present the 2021 Annual Report to the School Community. This will include sharing our achievements in the areas of student learning, engagement and wellbeing. The meeting will start at 6:00pm and run for approximately half an hour.



This will be followed by the first meeting of our 2022 School Council starting at approximately 6:30pm.

## Visual Arts Learning

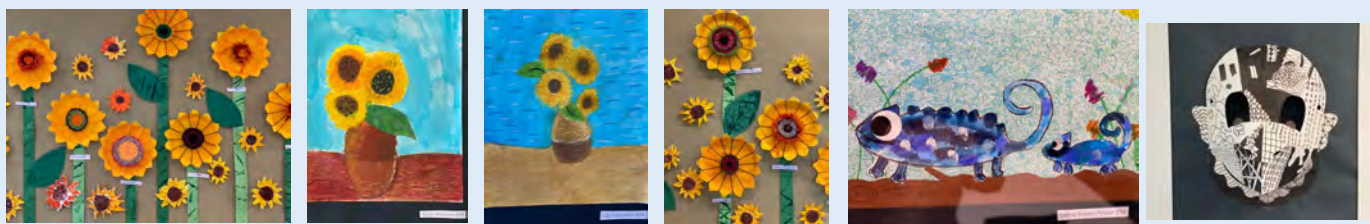
Our three Prep classes have made a fantastic start to their Art learning. They have been learning about the rules and routines of the art room as they explore the art elements of line, shape and colour. A big focus of our work has been to explore the way lines can make different shapes and patterns. So far, we have made some colourful abstract artworks based on the story book 'The Dot', some shape robots and some colourful line monsters. What a great start to art. Well done, Preps!



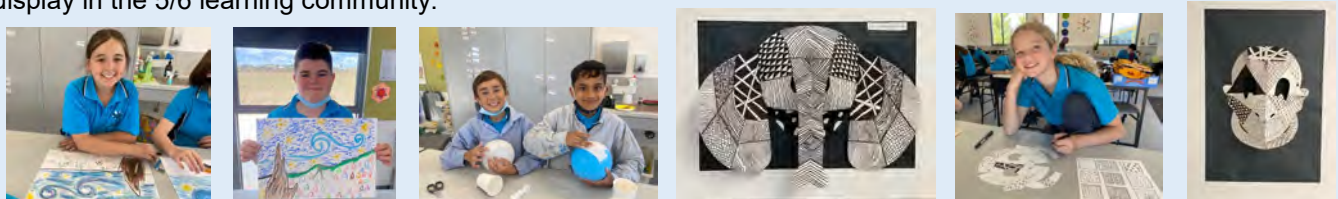
Our wonderful Grade 1 and 2 artists have started the year learning about the artwork of the New York based street artist Jason Naylor. Jason's work is all about contrast and consists of bright vibrant colours against black backgrounds. His artwork contains messages of hope and positivity. Colourful patterned hearts are a big feature of his work and we used this as inspiration to create both a painting of a heart with lots of colour and patterns and a 3 dimensional figurine using airdried clay. The students have also worked on some colourful chameleon collages based on the children's story book, 'A Colour of his Own.'



This term the artist focus for our Grade 3/4 students has been Vincent Van Gogh. The students have explored the life and art works of Vincent Van Gogh with a focus on his series of sunflower paintings. The students have used Van Gogh's work as inspiration for three different artworks. They have created an oil pastel and painted still life of sunflowers, created a 3-dimensional weaving of a sunflower using a paper plate and wool and a magiclay sculpture of a sunflower. A selection of their stunning artwork is on display in the 3/4 learning community. Well done 3/4s!



Our 5/6 students have also been exploring the art and style of Van Gogh through a study of his Starry Night painting. The students worked on recreating elements of Van Gogh's work using oil pastel and water colours. The students have also completed a unit on the study of line and how we can use line and pattern to create contrast. They then applied their learning to create some incredible monochromatic masks. They look spectacular and make a great display in the 5/6 learning community.



**\*\*Just a reminder that all students regardless of their year level require an art smock. This is essential for them to be able to participate fully in the program and to keep their uniforms clean. Please check whether your child has one.**