

1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to another school year, with a special welcome to all students, staff and families who are new to Lucas Primary School this year. It has been great to see our Grades 1-6 students so settled, happy and engaged in their learning and enjoying being back at school. We can't wait to welcome our new preps tomorrow. We have started the year with 351 students, including 70 enthusiastic preps.

As our school continues to grow, we are excited to be welcoming six new classroom teachers to our school this year (Bianca McDonald, Kate McMillan, Courtney Falzon, Rebecca O'Keefe, Maddi Tapscott and Sam Hay) and welcoming back Mrs Short. We also have a new Japanese teacher, Tomomi Mori and two new learning support staff (Marcia Read and Sarah Dawe).

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year of learning. We highly value the home-school partnership and encourage parents to work closely with staff and let us know if you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss. "Together we can achieve great things!"

## Staffing News

Congratulations to Jess (Miss Moir now Mrs Andrews) and Jacinta (Ms Shipham) who were both married over the holidays. We wish them all the best for the future.

Congratulations also to Megan (Mrs Johnston) who is expecting her first baby in early May. Megan will be with us for Term 1, supporting students through our tutoring program.



## Specialist Program

At Lucas PS we offer a high quality specialist program which is a highlight for many students. Throughout the year, all students will participate in weekly PE sessions with Mr O'Loughlin (Mr O), Visual Art lessons with Mrs Glanville and Performing Arts with Ms Dwyer. Grade 1-6 will have the opportunity to learn Japanese this year with our new Japanese teacher, Ms Mori. Prep classes will have an additional hour with Mr O.



## Senior Athletic Sports – Save the Date

On Wednesday 22nd March, we will be conducting our annual Athletics Carnival at Llanberris Reserve for grades 3-6. To ensure a successful event, we will require parent assistance on this day. More details to come.

## Assemblies

Every fortnight on a Friday we will be having a whole school assembly in our school gym. This year we have decided to start assembly a little earlier, at 2:45pm. Parents, family and friends are most welcome to attend our weekly assemblies.

Our first assembly will be on Friday 10th February. At this assembly, our 2023 school captains will be presented with their badges. The focus for our class value awards will be respect.

## Newsletters

Newsletters will be published fortnightly and will be available on the Compass app and school website. They will include photos of students who receive value awards at assembly, sharing of learning from different grades and specialist areas and information about upcoming events.

## School Uniform

We always have many positive comments about our school uniform and how wonderful students look proudly wearing it. Thank you very much to parents for your support in ensuring our uniform is worn to a high standard with plain black shoes, white or navy socks and navy or aqua hair ribbons.

A reminder to please ensure long hair (below shoulder length) is tied back and students are not wearing jewellery, nail polish or makeup. Students with pierced ears can wear small studs or sleepers. Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.



## Compass App

We encourage all families to download the Compass App as this is an important method for home-school communication. New families have been given their Compass username and temporary password. If you have not received this yet or have any questions, please contact Jenny or Zoe in our school office.



## Seesaw

We will also be using the Seesaw App to share and celebrate learning and events with families. Class teachers will send home Seesaw consent forms and other details in the coming days. Please return the consent form asap so teachers can start sharing photos and information with you.



## Lunch Orders

A lunch order service is available on Fridays each week with a variety of food choices. Orders need to be placed online via QuickCliq and are delivered to the school at lunchtime. The lunch order menu and QuickCliq information are available on our school website. Paper copies are also available at our school office. The first day for lunch orders is this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.



## Attendance

It is very important that students arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Ideally students should be at school by the first bell at 8:50am. Each day the roll is marked at 9am and any unexplained absences are followed up. Please ensure that you let the school know if your child is going to be away by entering the absence on Compass or ringing the office. If your child is late and arrives after the 9am bell, they need to come to the office first to collect a late pass before going to their classroom.

## First Aid / Medication

Please ensure you keep the school up to date with any medical conditions your child has. If your child has asthma, a current Asthma Plan is required. Any medication that needs to be taken during school hours must be handed in to the school office for safe storage. Written permission from parents is needed if staff are administering medication. If your child attends the sick bay during the day you will receive a Compass message. If they have a more serious injury or are feeling unwell and need to go home, we will call parents.



## Meet & Greet

In the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, we will be conducting Meet and Greet parent/teacher meetings for Grades 1-6. This will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's class teacher, to share information and discuss any concerns, goals and expectations

for the year. More details will be provided next week. Meetings will be booked via the Compass App.

## ~ Lucas Staff 2023 ~



Mrs Sawyer  
Principal



Mrs Toose  
Assistant Principal



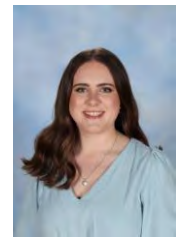
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Business Manager



Ms Zoe  
Administration



Mrs McDonald  
Prep A



Miss Bleicher  
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Miss Gittings  
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Miss Hansen  
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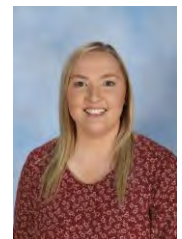
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1/2 A



Mrs McMillan  
1/2 B



Miss Toll  
1/2 C



Mrs Short  
1/2 D



Mrs Duncan  
1/2 D



Miss **O'Keefe**  
1/2 E



Miss Farnsworth  
1/2 F



Miss Falzon  
1/2 G



Mrs Lindsay  
3/4 A



Miss Tapscott  
3/4 B



Mr Rodger  
3/4 C



Mr Compston  
4/5A



Mrs Andrews  
5/6 A



Miss Hay  
5/6 B



**Mrs Glanville**  
Visual Arts



**Mr O'Loughlin**  
PE



Ms Dwyer  
Performing Arts



Mrs Mori  
Japanese



Cass  
Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader



Mrs Johnston  
Tutor



Mrs McMahon  
Tutor



Ms Shipham  
Learning Support



Miss Williams  
Learning Support



Miss Greenbank  
Learning Support



Ms Leon  
Learning Support



Mrs Stokes  
Learning Support



Mrs Read  
Learning Support



Miss Dawe  
Learning Support

## New Playground ... Yay!

After a long wait, we finally have our new playground installed. Students have loved exploring all the different parts and hanging, climbing, and swinging with their friends.



## KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

**Tuesdays 3:35pm-5:05pm @ Lucas PS**  
**Multi-Sports Program (Tennis, Cricket, Basketball, Soccer & Kids' Choice!)**

9 Week program – Prep to Grade 6  
Starting Tuesday 7th Feb to Tuesday 4th April  
\$217.80 for the 9 week program

**Enrol:** [www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat](http://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat)

**Queries:** Please call Dom 0417 967 621



### Kelly Sports

#### After School Program

This term we will once again be offering a Kelly Sports program on Tuesdays after school. If you would like your child to participate in this program, please register through the Kelly Sports website. Students go straight to the program in our gym after school. Parents collect their child from the gym at the end of the program.

## DRUM LESSONS!

Hi, I'm Will Stephens and I am happy to be offering drum lessons at Lucas Primary School!



Learn how to play drums in a range of different styles, perform with other musicians, read music and have fun!

I've been teaching for almost a decade and am the drum teacher and band leader at Phoenix P-12 Community College as well as Delacombe and St Aloysius Primary.

I'm excited to help any age or skill level learn and enjoy playing the drums!

Please feel free to email, text or call me with any further questions

Contact me at [wedrumsballarat@gmail.com](mailto:wedrumsballarat@gmail.com) / 0475415063

### Instrumental Music Lessons

Weekly instrumental music lessons for drums and guitar are available for interested students. This is an optional extra curricula activity that parents pay for.

Please contact Will (drums) or Tim (guitar) if you would like to enrol your child in these lessons.



### Private Guitar Lessons - Electric and /or Acoustic at Lucas Primary School

This year we will once again be offering guitar lessons on Wednesdays during school hours. These lessons are optional and paid for by parents. For more information and/or to enrol your child, please contact guitar teacher, Tim Smolenaers.

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