

Dear Families,

29/03/2023

Thank you

As this is my last newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a wonderful 3 ½ years as principal of Lucas Primary School. I am so proud of the school we have created together. We have a positive school culture where everyone works together and is committed to providing the best for all our students. We have amazing students, dedicated staff and a supportive parent community and I know you will continue to achieve great things in the years to come. I wish you all the best for the future and thank you for helping to make LPS such a wonderful place for our students to learn and grow. I will miss being part of this great school and celebrating all the incredible learning achievements that happen every day. Thank you for all the memories. It has been an absolute privilege to be your first ever principal.



Senior Athletic Sports

Last Wednesday, in perfect weather conditions, our Senior Athletic Sports was held at Llanberris Reserve. All students in grades 3-6 participated in a range of track and field events which they had been practising at school. Congratulations to all students for their efforts at the sports. We were impressed with the way everyone tried their best, encouraged each other and showed our school values to a high level. Thank you to all of the parents who assisted on the day and to Mr O'Loughlin for his thorough planning and organisation. A great day was had by all!

Prep Enrolments 2024

On Tuesday 4th April, we will be conducting a Prep 2024 Information session for families new to the school. This will include a short presentation about our school and what we have to offer, followed by a tour. Our school captains will also be sharing some information at this session.

From the start of Term 2, we will be taking enrolments. If you are a current family with a Prep starting next year, please collect an enrolment pack from the office early next term. Tours for new families will also be available in Term 2.



End of Term and Final Assembly

The last day of Term 1 is Thursday the 6th of April. School will finish at 1:30pm which is at the start of lunch. Students will only need to bring a recess snack on this day. Our final assembly for Term 1 will be held at 12:30pm in the gym.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing you back at school for the start of Term 2 on Monday 24th of April.



School Council 2023

The newly formed School Council for 2023 held its first meeting last Monday. School Council parent members for 2023 are: Marc Oliver, Alicia Bond, Monica Stanmore, Lauren Wright, Ajay Batta, Tegan Ratcliffe, Katie Goudie and Shannon Whitaker. Staff members are: Dani Toose, Michelle Glanville and Kate McMillan.

Thank you to Marc (President), Alicia (Vice President), Michelle (Secretary) and Dani (Treasurer) on their nomination and acceptance of office bearer positions for 2023. We are looking forward to a successful year.





Friday 31st March

Order your photos through MSP on your
Compass App.

*Please ensure your child is in full school uniform on photo day including plain black shoes, even if it is a PE day.



31st March

School Photos

3rd April

JSC Casual Clothes Day

6th April

Last day of Term 1, early finish 1:30pm

TERM 2

24th April

First day of Term 2



CASUAL CLOTHES DAY



The JSC are raising money for Lucas Primary School!
On Monday April 3rd, you can wear casual clothes
to school.

Please bring a gold coin donation!



Lucas Primary School Prep 2024

Information Session
Tuesday 4th April (9:30-10:30am)

Come along to hear about what Lucas Primary School has to offer
for your child/ren and participate in a school tour.

Bookings are essential. Please contact the school on 5338 5000 or
via email lucas.ps@education.vic.gov.au

We look forward to seeing you.



Respect - Responsibility - Excellence - Growth



GROWTH AWARDS



Jagger Prep A

For working extremely hard to learn his letters and sounds and to write his name.



Christel Prep B

For demonstrating growth in her learning. She has been working hard on her letters, sounds and counting.



Xander Prep C

For showing growth in writing his name and learning the sounds of different letters.



Kobe Prep D

For working hard on writing his name, learning all of the sounds letters make and counting past 10.



Edward 1/2 A

For working hard to learn letter names and sounds and blending sounds together when reading. Keep up the great work!



Summer 1/2 B

For showing growth in all aspects of her learning. She always works hard and is persistent in learning her letters.



Emma 1/2 C

For working hard during numeracy with the topic of 'time' and persisting to be able to read, draw and write quarter to and quarter past times.



Atticus 1/2 D

For showing great growth across all areas of his learning. He strives to act on feedback and works hard towards his learning goals.



Hayden 1/2 E

For showing growth in his learning. He takes pride in his work. He tries his best to have a go at tasks and stays focused.



Riley 1/2 F

For always making good learning choices, staying focused and never giving up. He has worked so hard this term!



Jaxon 1/2 G

For showing growth in all aspects of learning. He has improved his attitude by working on goals and having a go at all new tasks.



Sophie 3/4 A

For making sensational growth in her learning behaviours and writing. She shows she is ready to learn and write independently.



GROWTH AWARDS



Reggie 3/4 B

For showing excellent growth this term. He has shown amazing ability to listen, completing learning activities to a high standard.



Ayesha 3/4 C

For challenging herself and trying her best everyday. She is always focused on the task at hand.



Rylan 4/5 A

For demonstrating growth by committing to your learning and being ready every day to concentrate.



Eamon 5/6 A

For the growth he strives for everyday. For trying really hard in NAPLAN and striving for his personal best.



Niharica 5/6 B

For demonstrating a growth mindset during NAPLAN this fortnight. She is positive and has pushed herself.

Visual Arts



1/2 D

For demonstrating the school value of growth by having a positive attitude at all times and being kind and supportive to each other.

Performing Arts



3/4 A

For enormous growth in their commitment to their learning their willingness to give everything a go.

Physical Education



4/5 A

For demonstrating growth by trying their best at the athletics skills.

Japanese



1/2 E

For supporting each other to improve their learning and making excellent progress.

Term 1 PE and Senior Athletics Carnival

Prep – Grade 2

This term in Physical Education our Prep and Grade 1/2 students have been learning the rules and routines of PE with Mr O’Loughlin. They have been learning the fundamental motor skills of the underarm throw and the catch. Students have progressed from catching and throwing bean bags and large soft balls to tennis balls, basketballs, and odd shaped objects. Students have begun to explore the fundamental motor skill of the bounce in the final weeks of this term. With the winter basketball and netball seasons approaching, students were excited to get out the basketballs and netballs to practise.

Prep students have also been developing their fine and gross motor skills with Mr O on Monday as part of Physical Literacy. They have been doing obstacle courses with a focus on coordination and balance. On alternating weeks students have been participating in fine motor skill activities such as cutting, pasting and using tweezers.



Grade 3 – 6

This term in Physical Education our senior students have been learning more complex manipulative skills related to athletics. Students have learned a different running, jumping or throwing skill each week. They have worked with partners and utilised video feedback to analyse what their partner needs to work on. This was especially powerful when learning the complex skills of triple jump and high jump. Students have also been attending extra training sessions at lunchtimes for the relay teams. The races were hotly contested on the day.



Lunchtime Sports Clubs

This term our House Captains have been organising games, activities and athletics practice for younger students. If your child is interested in being involved they just need to listen to the announcements. Most sessions are held on the outside basketball court. The Grade 5/6s have also had lunchtime club with Mr O in the gym on Fridays working on basketball skills and athletics skills.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group	3/4 Sports Club	Prep Sports Club	House Captain Meeting	1/2 Sports Club	5/6 Sports Club
Leaders	Yellow House Captains	Blue House Captains		Red & Green House Captains	Mr O’Loughlin

A big thank you to all our House Captains for running these programs during their lunchtimes.

Senior Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday the 22nd of March we had our Senior Athletics Carnival at Llanberris Reserve. Students participated in throwing, jumping and running events throughout the day, trying hard to beat their personal best and earn points for their house.



Congratulations to Eleanor house (Yellow) who were awarded their first win at the Lucas Primary School Senior Athletics Carnival with 427 points in total and 13.8 points per student average. It was a very close contest with last year's champions Bolton (Green) placing 4th and a tie for second place between O'Shannassy (red) and Thompson (blue).

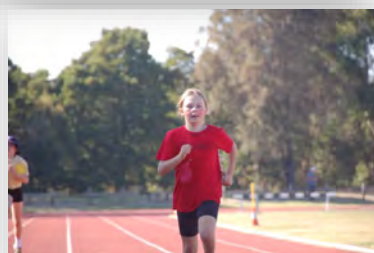


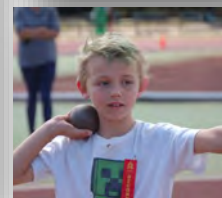
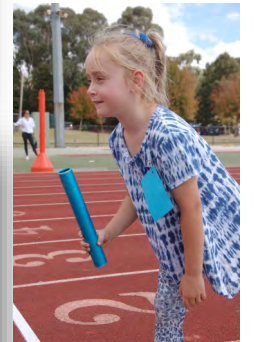
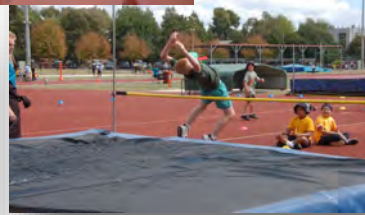
Place	House / School	Points Per Student
1 st Place	Eleanor	13.8
2 nd Place - Tie	O'Shannassy	13.4
2 nd Place - Tie	Thompson	13.4
4 th Place	Bolton	12.9



2023 Age Group Champions:

Age Group	Age Group Champion
9 Years Boys	Fletcher M
9 Years Girls	Kitarah S
10 Years Boys	Mitchell M
10 Years Girls	Thea H
11 Years Boys	Dom H
11 Years Girls	Allira H
12 Years Boys	Charlie D
12 Years Girls	Celeste G





Well done to all those involved in the day and a special thanks to the many parent volunteers and to the Woodmans Hill Secondary College students who helped the day run so smoothly.

We had 37 students representing Lucas Primary School at the Sturt District Athletics. It was held on Tuesday the 28th of March at Llanberris Reserve. Photos will be included in first newsletter of next term.

VISUAL ARTS TERM 1

Our Prep students 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, some colourful line monsters and a painted and printed rainbow. Many of our Prep artists currently have their work displayed in the Admin building. Well done preps on such an enthusiastic term of learning.



Our Grade 1/2 artists have worked on creating two different artworks this term based on the French artist, 'Henri Rousseau'. Rousseau was known for creating paintings of jungles and jungle animals using simple shapes and bright colours. We used his work as inspiration to create some amazing painted and collaged tigers. The students worked so well on these and this effort is reflected in fantastic finished pieces. We also created some 3-dimensional relief sculptures of Toucans using plaster and cardboard. This was a very complex piece that took several weeks. The final artworks are stunning and were shared by some very proud students at last week's assembly. Look out for them coming home soon.



To complement their learning in Japanese classes, the 3-6s have been learning about Japanese Festivals and architecture and have created several related artworks. They learnt about the Japanese art technique called 'sumi e' which translates as black ink painting. The 3/4s used black ink and acrylic paint to create some cherry blossoms scrolls and the 5/6s used black ink and red paper to paint some striking Japanese pagodas.



In addition, our 3/4s have just completed some fabulous papier mache Kokeshi and samurai dolls and the 5/6s are currently working on creating some fabulous Japanese Koinobori kites by printing with black ink on fabric. Well done to all our 3-6s on an amazing effort this term.