

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all students and their families for Term 2. I hope everyone has had a chance to spend time together over the break and recharge the batteries for what promises to be an exciting term ahead. It was fabulous to see students right across the school returning with a smile on their face ready to learn.

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone for such a warm welcome to Lucas Primary School. Whether it has been a student, staff member or parent, the welcoming smiles and short discussions have made me feel very connected to this wonderful community already.

The last few weeks of Term 1 proved to be a bit of a whirlwind transition period but I have been able to finish up my work at Buninyong P.S. and am now able to focus on supporting Lucas P.S for the remainder of the year.

As I have made my way around this week, it has been impressive to see the settled nature of the classrooms with students demonstrating strong learning behaviours. It has also been fantastic to see the pride students are taking in their play spaces and showing care for each other and the school facilities.

I am very excited to be part of the Lucas PS community and look forward to working with the students, staff and parents/carers to continue the great work that Sue, Dani and the team have achieved during the school's formative years.

Kind regards

Dave

Welcome
back!



The Term Ahead

There is a lot to look forward to during Term 2. In addition to the wonderful learning opportunities that students will be involved with in the classroom, there are many other highlights that include:

- Tomodachi groups continue to build connections between students across the school and assist in building social and emotional skills.
- The Grade 3-6 school cross country running event.
- A Grade 1/2 Ecolink incursion.
- Education Week celebrations from May 15.
- The Grade 5/6 camp at Anglesea.
- Football and Soccer tournaments.
- Our very first Kings Birthday long weekend.



Shade Sails

During the holidays, it was wonderful to see work starting on the shade sails which will be placed along the Learning Street. At this stage the posts are all in and we are hoping to see the sails go up over the next few weeks once the concrete footings have set. This will provide students with some much needed protection from the sun and inclement weather and we look forward to their completion.



Farewell Sue

It was a fitting farewell to Sue in the last week of term as many members of the school community came together at a final assembly. The songs and speeches acknowledged the extraordinary contribution Sue has made to the school community since 2019.

As the inaugural Principal, it was a fitting gesture to name the entry pathway as Sawyer Street and plant the Susan Magnolia, a place we will all need to take great care of into the future! We understand that Sue is somewhere in Western Australia relaxing and enjoying her new life.

Thanks to all those who attended the farewell assembly, we know it meant a lot to Sue to see everyone together!



Other Staffing News

At the end of Term 1, we also farewelled Mrs McDonald who is heading off on a period of leave to begin her family. This is a very exciting time for Bianca and we wish her well for all the wonderful experiences that lie ahead. We are in the process of appointing Mrs McDonald's replacement and we look forward to sharing this news with you soon. In the meantime, Mrs McMahon will expertly step into Prep A for the first three weeks.

We also welcome back Mrs Andrews after a period of leave late in Term 2. Mrs Andrews was lucky enough to spend her honeymoon in Mexico and the USA. I am sure she has many tales to tell!

Hot Cross Bun Drive

Thank you to all families who purchased Hot Cross Buns for our fundraiser last term your support was outstanding once again.

We raised \$952.90 and this will help in the purchase of more iPads and chrome books for our school.

Thank you to Katie Goudie, Catherine Ezzy and Rachel Boak who helped to pack the orders.



Grade 3-6 Cross Country

Next Monday the 1st of May, the grade 3-6 students will participate in the school's Cross Country running event. Students will compete in their age groups on a course within the school grounds. Students are able to wear their house colours to school on Monday. Families are very welcome to come along and cheer on the students.

Times

8/9/10 years—2:30pm

11/12/13 years—2:50pm



Prep Enrolments 2024 and School Tours

We are now taking enrolments for Prep 2024.

Any current families who have a prep student starting next year can collect enrolment forms from the office at any time.

New families to the school who live in the Lucas Zone are encouraged to book in for a School Tour, at this tour they can collect an application form to begin the enrolment process.

School tours will be conducted on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30am. Bookings are essential, and can be made by calling the office on 5338 5000.



2023 PARENT PAYMENTS

Thank you to our families who have paid 2023 Curriculum Contributions, 2023 upcoming excursions and the generous donations, and to those who have made instalment arrangements. If you have any queries or need any assistance in any way, please feel free to see Jenny or Zoe in the General Office.

Within our school, this support has allowed us to organise and coordinate additional programs outside of the traditional teaching and learning classroom structure. These financial contributions assist us with the purchasing of art, physical education equipment, ICT Devices for the classroom and extra classroom resources. Our reading and numeracy materials are extensive, and we are constantly adding new resources for teachers to use to support personalised and quality learning.

In addition, we subsidise our swimming program and our celebration days such as Grade 6 Graduation Evening, Annual Art Project, Community Events and our Learning Celebration afternoons. All these programs that run alongside the traditional classroom teaching and learning programs are highly desirable to ensure we provide an effectively balanced and rigorous overall education for your children.

If you are yet to make the requested contributions, we offer the below payment methods:

- BPay
- Direct Deposit
Account Name: Lucas Primary School Council Official Account
BSB: 063502
Account Number: 11009718
Reference Number: Parent Code
- EFTPOS



If families are unsure of their BPay or Parent Code details or would like to enquire about your requested contribution amount, please call the office or email at lucas.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Kelly Sports

Kelly Sports will be held after school again this term.

3:35—5:05pm Tuesdays.

If you would like your child to attend please contact Coach Dom to book.

See flyer further down for all information.



Safety around the school

We are very aware that parking is limited around the school and can be difficult at drop off and pick up times but we have had some concerns raised by neighbours about parents parking across driveways and on nature strips. It is important that we show respect to our neighbours so please ensure that you are only parking in the appropriate areas.

We have also had some concerns raised about the speed cars are travelling around the school.

Please be mindful when dropping off and collecting your child from school as the safety of all our students is of utmost importance.





Lest We Forget

Anzac Day Service

On Tuesday, Dani and I met with the school captains to participate in the Ballarat ANZAC parade and ceremony at the cenotaph in Sturt St. It was great to see so many other younger members of the community participating to show their respect to those who have served our country.



Anzac Day Ceremony

On Wednesday we held our very first ANZAC Day ceremony around the Lone Pine which was planted during 2022. The Lone Pine tree was donated to the school as part of the 100 Lone Pines Project. 100 trees were donated to schools across Victoria to assist the current and future generations to understand the importance of ANZAC day and to also celebrate the strong connection Australia has with Turkey. A plaque will be soon placed at the base of the tree.

Special thanks to Craig Farrington who played the bugle during "The Last Post".

The ceremony was expertly led by our school captains Lishanth, Mahathi, Charlie and Nyah who were ably supported by Allira who recited the poem "Ode of Remembrance". Thanks to all those who were able to attend.



District Athletics 28.03.2023

On Tuesday, 28th of March we had thirty-five students compete in the Sturt District Athletics at Llanberris reserve. Our students wore our new sports uniforms with pride and many of them achieved personal best results, which was fantastic to see.

Throughout the day we had students represent our school in the 1500m, 800m, 200m, 100m, shot put, discus, triple jump, long jump and the high jump. Our students earned ribbons in twelve events with Charlie D, Byron S and Amelia C getting through to the Sovereign Division Athletics on Tuesday September 5th.



Some of the highlights of the day included seeing the students try their best even when faced with very strong competition, witnessing the encouragement and positive sporting behaviours from our students and hearing the pride in the voices of students after they had competed. Well done to all our students, they represented the school to the highest standard.

Looking ahead to the rest of Term Two, we have Division Cross Country on Friday 12th of May, AFL Division Day on Wednesday 17th of May and Soccer Division Day on Thursday 1st of June.

Thank you to Miss Hay, Mr Compston and Amelia Bennetts for their assistance at the district athletics.



May 1st

Grade 3-6 Cross Country at school 2:30pm

May 5th

Whole school assembly 3pm

May 15th –19th

Education Week

May 17th

5/6 Football

May 24th-26th

Grade 5/6 Camp

June 1st

Grade 5/6 Soccer

June 9th

Pupil Free Day

June 12th

Kings Birthday Public Holiday

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VALUES AWARDS



Lachlan Prep A

For being such a kind and caring student who gives everything a red hot go. He has a positive attitude and treats everyone with respect.

Leo Prep B

For demonstrating the school values every day in his learning and play! He is kind and always ready to help others.



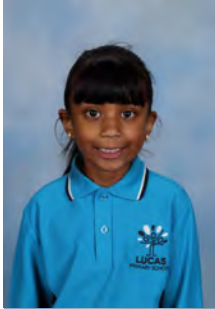
Olivia Prep C

For always showing the school values. She shows respectful listening during learning time and completes her work to the best of her ability.



Marnie Prep D

For showing all the values to a high standard every day. She is kind, patient and offers valuable contributions to class discussions.



Nilla 1/2 A

Nilla makes our classroom a wonderful place to be. She is kind and caring and willing to help. She aims high to achieve her goals.



Ace 1/2 B

For being an exceptional role model. He is kind and respectful, shows responsibility and persists with challenges.



Emmeline 1/2 C

For always being ready to learn, organised quickly and being a 5 star listener. She is constantly kind, caring, respectful and helpful.



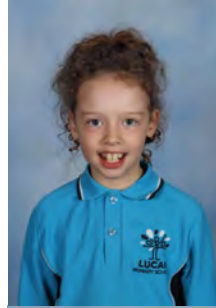
Olive 1/2 D

She is always organised, ready to learn, listen and follow instructions. She aims high, and is a kind and considerate leader in our class.



Dylan 1/2 E

For being a hardworking, dedicated, caring and wonderful student. He always listens, follows instruction, thus setting himself up for success.



Lily 1/2 F

Lily is a kind, persistent, hardworking student. She can be trusted to do the right thing. She cares about others and shows excellence always.



Ailish 1/2 G

For being a persistent hardworking student who can always be trusted to do the right thing. She listens well and shows growth always.



Mustaeen 3/4

For modelling the values every day, taking responsibility for his learning and showing respect to his teachers and peers.



VALUES AWARDS



Fletcher 3/4 B

For showing respect to his peers, taking responsibility for his learning and striving for excellence in all he does.



Mitchell 3/4 C

For demonstrating the school values every day. He is kind, caring, organised, and challenges himself achieving goals.



Isla 4/5 A

For being respectful to everyone, taking responsibility for her learning and showing excellence and growth.



Jade 5/6 A

For demonstrating all of the school values to a high standard daily. She is respectful, caring and polite.

Bailey 5/6 B

For consistently demonstrating the school values in all she does. She strives to do her best and takes on feedback.

Zooper Doopers

Now that the weather is cooler, the JSC will not be selling Zooper Doopers on a Friday. This will be reintroduced in term 4.



Hats

As the UV index is unlikely to reach 3 or higher, students will not be required to wear their hats in the yard from Monday.

Now is a great time to wash hats and have them ready to return at the beginning of term 4.

Hats will be sent home with students next week.

Beanies may be worn in the cooler weather.

LPS beanies are available to purchase at PSW.

Assemblies

Just a reminder that assembly will be held in the gym next Friday the 5th of May.

We love to see as many families as we can, come along and enjoy these celebrations of the wonderful learning that happens at our school.

