

Dear Families,

10/5/2023

This week we have really seen the weather significantly change with the wintery conditions taking hold. I hope everyone has managed to stay warm and dry?

As we head toward Mother's Day weekend, we acknowledge that this celebration might not be just about the mothers in our lives but those who play the mother figure role. Thanks to these very special people for the love and care they provide to our young people. All classes are working on creative ways to say thanks to the mothers and mother figures in their lives. Happy Mother's Day for this Sunday.

In the past few weeks we were very pleased to hear the news that some staff have welcomed new babies into the world.

Mrs Johnston and her husband Toby welcomed a little boy Arthur into the world and Mr Rodger and his wife Jess welcomed a little girl Maisy. A huge congratulations from all of the Lucas Primary School community. Welcome Arthur and Maisy.



Education Week



This year, Education Week runs from Sunday 14 to Saturday 20 May. The theme Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate celebrates the many ways students learn, through physical activity, hands on learning and student voice. Education Week is an opportunity for our school to celebrate and share with you how we encourage our students to be active learners. Lucas Primary School will be celebrating Education Week through a number of activities including:

- **Lunchtime Activities** - Students will be welcome to join in games organised by our sports leaders.
- **Before School Activities** - Students are welcome to join in some high energy sessions at 8.50am in the gym on Tuesday and Thursday.
- **Walk to School Day** - Join the walking groups at 8.30am to make their way from set starting points in Lucas to school. Stay tuned for more info on this
- **Classroom Activities** - Classroom teachers will invite students to participate in a range of classroom activities throughout the week that promote moving, making and motivation. Whether it is building a bridge, brain break activities or a ballet warm up activity, I am sure the students will have loads of fun and learn something along the way.



Shade Sails

The final stage of the shade sails were erected late last week. These sails look like they have always been part of the school which is a great indication that the design team were spot on with their choice of colours.

These shade sails will provide much needed relief from the sun during the warmer months but also a little protection from the rain as we head into winter. The shade sails were part of the statewide funding allocation to encourage outdoor learning. I am sure these will be very popular spaces when the weather warms up.



Ecolink Incursion

The Grade 1/2 students were bubbling with excitement last week as the Ecolink Outreach program invaded Lucas Primary School with minibeasts for the students to examine. Each class rotated through an hour-long session with the Ecolink educator to look at minibeast behaviour, body structures and habitats.

From the excited voices, it was easy to see that this learning experience will be one that the students will have fond memories of.



Cross Country Event

Last week the Grade 3-6 students were involved in the school cross country running event. With a new course this year, that took in the sights of the entire school grounds, it was wonderful to see the high level of participation and effort from the students.

Cross country running is an event that very few students participate in on a regular basis so it was extra pleasing to see the grit and determination on the faces as they entered their 2nd or 3rd laps of the course.

Thanks to all the parents who attended to cheer on the runners.

From this event, 18 students will now go on to represent the school at the Division Cross Country event this Friday. We wish all participants the best of luck for this event.

Special thanks to Mr O'Loughlin for the organisation of this event and to the staff who braved the weather either walking the course or marshalling during the afternoon.



Trainee Students at Lucas Primary School

Last week, we welcomed Riannon as an Education Support student who will be shadowing a number of our staff over the coming weeks and working with a variety of students across the school.

We also had four Year 10 students in and around the school as part of their secondary school work experience program. The students rotated through a number classrooms to see what it takes to be a teacher or education support worker.



It has been fabulous to see our very active sustainability leaders out and about looking after the school grounds. Thanks to Ruby, Maddy and Kitarah for cleaning up our yard.



Uniform Information

As we enter the cooler period of the year and the UV is not such an issue, students will no longer be required to wear their hats outside. Our Sunsmart period will recommence at the beginning of September. This is a good chance for those hats to have a good wash and be stored until the end of Term 3. LPS Beanies are available to purchase at PSW.

Another part of our school uniform policy that requires attention at the moment is the need to wear black shoes (either runners or school shoes) when at school. The only exception is on the days when your child has P.E. The school Dress Code Policy can be viewed on our school website. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Secondhand uniform - We are still taking donations of secondhand uniform and we will be conducting a stall in the coming weeks so keep an eye on Compass and the newsletter for a date for our sale.

Any donations are greatly appreciated. Please drop off your donations to the office.

Lost Property - Our lost property is overflowing again. Please check our lost property tubs in the foyer of the gym if you are missing anything.

Please ensure your child's belongings are clearly named!



Acknowledgement of Country

During our Tomodachi Groups, the students have been looking at how we acknowledge and celebrate the work of those around us. Part of this work has seen a new Acknowledgement of Country created that will be included as part of our school events. This new version is much more student centered with clear links to how we need to connect with our land, the sky, ourselves and those around us. Our school captains did a great job on Friday leading the whole school through the new version.

We, the students of Lucas Primary School,
Would like to say thank you
to the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin Nation.
May we share our land.
We promise to look after it.
The animals and the people too.



Hello Land, Hello Land (Hands waving at or touching the land)
Hello Sky, Hello Sky (Hands waving up to the sky)
Hello Me, Hello Me (Hands waving to self or tapping own chest)
Hello Friends, Hello Friends (Hands waving to other students)

WOMINJEKA

Japanese Term 1 2023

Japanese classes finished Term 1 with great success for all year levels.

Grade 1 and 2 students were able to say the body parts in Japanese and created a poster.

Grade 3-6 students created a speech to introduce themselves in Japanese. Eamon S, Tavan D and Mahathi G introduced themselves in Japanese at the school assembly which included their name, role at Lucas, what they like and what they don't like. The students did a magnificent job.

In Term 2, all grades are learning about family members in Japanese. Grade 1 and 2 are focussing on the vocabulary, and Grade 3-6 are focusing on creating a speech to talk about their family members. All students will finish making a thank you card to their family member written in Japanese and will give it to them on Mother's Day.



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

King's Birthday Public Holiday

June 23rd

Last day term 2

Assembly 12:45pm

Early finish 1:30pm

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PREPS



Our Preps have again settled in to learning so well after the school holidays! Students are very eager to learn and are excited for all of the new things we are learning.

In Reading, we will continue learning to identify the letter names and sounds and will use this knowledge to continue with using a range of reading strategies. Students will learn what good readers do and the behaviours they show, such as pointing to each word, using picture information and showing respect to those around them. Students will develop their understanding of comprehension, inferring and retelling a range of stories.

In Writing, students will continue to work on their correct letter formation daily. We will look at using the sounds we have learnt to help us make the correct spelling choices.

In Numeracy students will continue completing a range of hands on and open ended activities which require students to match numerals, number names and quantities. The students will explore a range of real life mathematics including measuring length, weight and positions

In Integrated Studies this term, students will focus on learning about living and non - living things. We **will be decorating pet rocks and growing "Hairy Harrys", looking at habitats and identifying what makes things grow.**

The Prep Teachers are excited to introduce individual learning goals this term, and are also very excited to take the students out to explore our community this term (if the weather permits).



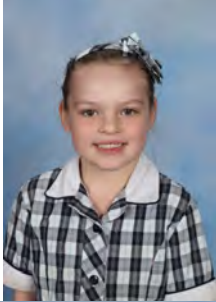


RESPECT AWARDS



Alarah Prep A

For being patient and kind. She always allows others to learn and listens to everyone respectfully. Keep it up Alarah!



Immy Prep B

For demonstrating respect everyday in her learning and play. She listens carefully and plays kindly with her friends



Jimmy Prep C

For respectful listening during class time and completing his work to the best of his ability.



Lakyn Prep D

For being a kind and considerate classmate. He helps others, gives compliments and contributes to class conversations.



Hunter 1/2 A

For being organised and ready to learn. Showing whole body listening and using initiative to pack up materials in class.



Felix 1/2 B

For always using manners and respectfully listening to others. Keep up the amazing work!



Agasthya 1/2 C

For showing respect by always using her manners, listening attentively and being kind.



Amelia 1/2 D

For demonstrating respect by being kind to others trying her hardest and making positive choices inside and outside the classroom.



Emma 1/2 E

For always demonstrating whole body listening, being considerate, respectful and patient. She is supportive to others.



Sienna 1/2 F

For showing respect by listening to others, being patient and helpful when working with a partner. She always uses her manners.



Harlan 1/2 G

For always having a fantastic attitude towards learning. He is kind and inclusive and knows how to make others laugh!

Jack 3/4 A

For being a respectful member of our class. He is always looking for ways to help others and looks after everyone's belongings.



RESPECT AWARDS



Lizzy 3/4 B

For displaying respect during all learning activities, demonstrating whole body listening.



Cohen 3/4 C

For improving his listening skills and respecting his own and others belongings.



Kylan 4/5 A

For making a real effort this term to be kind to everyone with words and actions. Listening to and respecting others.



Kyle 5/6 A

For demonstrating the value of respect everyday to everyone. He is caring, respectful and inclusive.



Mahathi 5/6 B

For always showing respect to her peers and teachers during whole class focus, independent task and reflection.

Visual Arts

1/2 C



For respecting others right to learn by being on task, working quietly and well together. Well done!

Performing Arts

3/4 C



For respecting each other's ideas, listening well and treating the ukuleles with respect. Thanks for giving everything such a great go!

Physical Education

3/4 B



For demonstrating the value of respect by being excellent listeners and respecting everyone's right to learn. Well done.

Japanese

3/4 C



For demonstrating respect by being enthusiastically supportive of everyone's choices in the class adventure story.



Have a great week!