

13/7/2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to a brand new term. The first week back after a term break is always an exciting one as students and staff reunite, refocus and share in the stories and adventures from the holiday period. This week has been no exception and it has been impressive to see students returning to their learning routines quickly and efficiently. Mind you, there was a skip in some parents' step as they dropped off their children on Monday morning. All jokes aside, we are very grateful for the effort that families go to in order to reestablish school routines after each holiday period.

An extra special welcome to our new students and their families who join the Lucas community this term. We know you are going to enjoy the friendly atmosphere and hard working culture that Lucas provides. We also have a few new staff around Lucas this term. We welcome Miss Chloe Parry and Mrs Rianan Turner who will be working as Education Support staff. Miss Parry comes to us from Delacombe P.S and Mrs Turner is finishing off her Education Support certificate and has been on placement with Lucas during Term 2. We know our students will be in good hands with Chloe and Rianan. We also welcome Mr Mark Jenkins who will be working as a maintenance person around the school each week. You will see Mark helping to keep the yard tidy, fixing things as they break and generally assisting in keeping the school in top condition. Mark brings a broad range of skills and we know he is going to be a great asset over the coming years.



CHLOE



RIANAN



MARK

A picture tells a thousand words.

Snapshots from the last 14 days.



We have a lot to look forward to in the term ahead including:

- Settling back into the learning routine and sharing the exciting adventures that have occurred over the past few weeks.
- Focusing on a history theme as part of integrated learning.
- Swimming sessions in the first three weeks for years 1 - 6.
- Several excursions that include Sovereign Hill for the Preps & 1/2s and the Art Gallery for the 5/6s.
- The Young Authors Program getting under way.
- Tomodachi groups continuing to build relationships across the school.
- A curriculum day with a wellbeing focus for staff on July 31.
- The Preps celebrating 100 days of school.
- A Book Fair to help raise funds to further build our library book selection.
- Book week celebrations which incorporates a Celebration for Learning evening.
- Athletics and basketball teams participating in respective events.
- A school disco on August 31.
- Our first Japanese Day celebration.
- The Grade 2 sleepover.



With all of these learning opportunities available, we are sure there is something for everyone this term.

Attendance

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet from the Department of Education about the importance of maximising the time students are at school and how building strategies and routines early will help avoid bigger challenges as students get older. I encourage all families to have a read.

In addition, below are some reminders about our school attendance processes:

- All late arrivals (After 9.00am) must report to the office before making their way to the classrooms.
- For early departures, parents/carers must report to the office to collect students.
- Student absences can be reported in one of the following ways:
 1. Use Compass to make an attendance note.
 2. Phone school office
(Please note that SeeSaw or email is not an effective way to report student absence as teachers may not be checking these platforms during teaching times.)
- Every morning an SMS is sent to all parents of students who are unaccounted for. (If your child is absent without a reason)



New Bus Route

On Monday July 10 we saw the very first cohort of Lucas PS students utilise the new bus service which runs between Cardigan Village and the school. The students were all very excited and very responsible as they proudly flashed their Myki cards and used their best bus behaviours. The bus drivers were suitably impressed by the mature way in which Lucas PS students managed this new experience.

We know the popularity of this service will grow over the coming term and therefore offer the following reminders:

- This service is a [school student only bus](#).
- It arrives at 8.30am and departs at 3.45pm each day.
- If your child is catching the bus home, please ensure the school office know so we can assist in getting them on the bus safely each afternoon.
- If you live more than 4.8km from Lucas PS, you may qualify for a conveyance allowance which repays you the cost of the Myki Card needed to use the service. Please contact the school office for more details on this.

3 Way Conversations and Parent Teacher Interviews

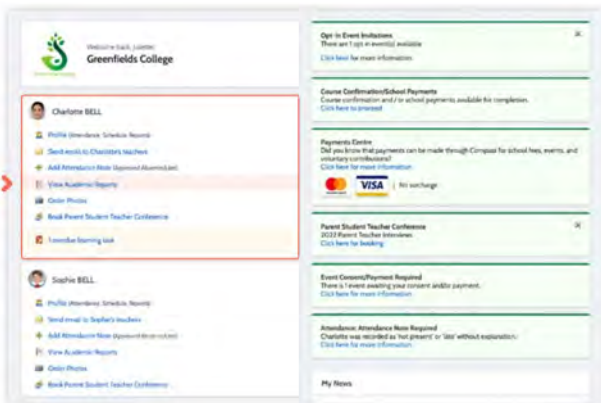
Thanks to everyone who participated in the interviews and conversations during the last week of term. The turn out was exceedingly good and highlighted the importance of involving the students in conversations about their learning journey.

Hopefully the conversations were continued at home and plans have been forged to build on the achievements so far. We look forward to seeing continual growth as the year progresses.

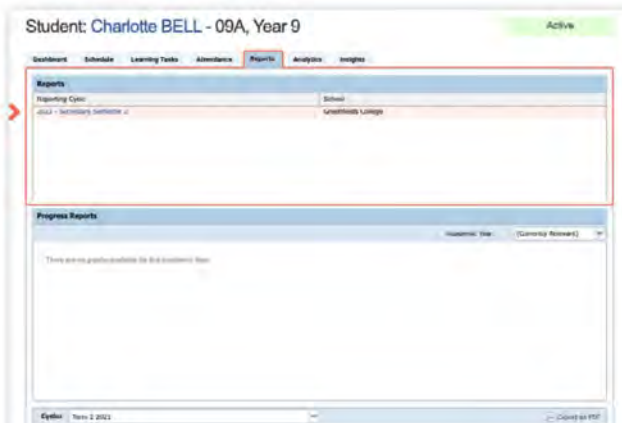


Compass Tip

The Compass Tip for this fortnight is how to access your child's school reports. Compass conveniently provides an archive of all reports that have been created for your child/children as they make their way through primary school. No more having to keep them in a safe folder at home on the shelf, in just a couple of clicks you can access reports easily on your Compass Parent Portal and download them as a PDF.



To view your [child's report](#), click the option under their details on your dashboard.



This will take you to the '[Reports](#)' tab of your child's profile. Here you will see any available reports listed.

Click the [blue title](#) of the specific report you want to access and it will download as a pdf file to your device for viewing.

Book Fair

In 2023 we once again are looking forward to our annual Book Fair which offers an opportunity for students and families to purchase from a broad selection of rich texts. Not only does this opportunity allow families to increase their home library, the school also has the chance to build our library stocks by receiving book credits based on the amount sold through the Book Fair. In 2022, Lucas PS was awarded over \$1700 worth of books for our library because of the generosity of our school families. Basically, the more books sold during the Book Fair, the more free texts the school will receive.

The Book Fair will be operating out of the Admin Building from July 24 - 28 and will be open during the following times:

Book Fair Opening Times

Mon July 24 - 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Tues July 25 - 8.30am - 9.00am and 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Wed July 26 - 8.30am - 9.00am and 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Thurs July 27 - 8.30am - 9.00am and 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Fri July 28 - 8.30am - 9.00am



Payment in cash and by Eftpos will be available at the Book Fair but please ensure any money sent to school with your child is in a sealed envelope and clearly named.

Please keep an eye out for Compass and SeaSaw messages over the next few weeks.

Pyjama Day

Pyjama Day was a big hit on the last day of Term 2 with the vast majority of students and staff getting into the spirit of the day. Thanks to everyone who contributed a gold coin donation with \$378.50 being raised. This money will be donated to State School Relief who ensure that all students can attend school in warmth and comfort with a greater sense of belonging and improved self esteem. This is another example of our Lucas students building a greater awareness of social justice.



Swimming

Over the next 3 weeks, the Year 1-6 students will participate in the school swimming program at Shayne Reese Swimming Centre. Students will be involved in learning a range of skills including water awareness, water safety and stroke development. All classes will participate in 5 swimming sessions each. Please keep an eye out on Compass and SeeSaw for reminders about your child's specific program.





VALUES AWARDS



Paddy Prep A

Paddy is a kind student who works well with every member of the class. He tries his best at all tasks. Paddy is a superstar!



Morgan Prep B

For demonstrating the school values every single day. He is kind and caring and respectful and he works hard to make growth always.



Tom Prep C

For showing all the school values each day. He is a fantastic role model and it has been a pleasure watching the growth he has made.



Florence Prep D

Florence is a kind, patient student who always tries her best in every part of her learning.



Yuven 1/2 A

Yuven comes to school everyday with a smile on his face and ready to learn. He is a kind and helpful class member.



Alex 1/2 B

Alex is caring, and goes out of her way to cheer up others. She can always be relied upon, and she challenges herself to do her best.



Logan 1/2C

For always being ready and enthusiastic to learn and respectful and helpful to those around him.

Well done Logan!



Indianna 1/2 D

Indianna is an organised and responsible learner and a wonderful role model. She is hardworking and always tries her very best.



Abigail 1/2 E

For her terrific ability to demonstrate and role model our four school values. She is a hardworking student who can be trusted always.



Izzy 1/2 F

Izzy is a kind persistent and compassionate student who can always be trusted to do the right thing. She gives everything a red hot go!



Arlia 1/2 G

For her incredible ability to show our four school values everyday. She uses her manners, and is a persistent learner.



Zoey 3/4 A

Zoey comes to school with a positive attitude and gives her personal best in everything she does. She is caring and respectful to all.



VALUES AWARDS



Molly 3/4 B

For consistently demonstrating the school values daily. She takes pride in all her learning activities.



Carter 3/4 C

For being a role model by demonstrating all of our school values every day. She is respectful to all. She consistently strives to do her best.



Amber 4/5 A

For being respectful to everyone, taking responsibility for her learning and challenging herself, making excellent growth.



Shawn 5/6 A

After moving to Lucas he has very quickly shown all of the school values to a high standard.



Rudraksh 5/6 B

For consistently demonstrating the school values in all he does. He is a wonderful role model to his peers. Well done Rudraksh.

EXCELLENCE



RESPONSIBILITY



RESPECT



GROWTH





Lucas Primary School - Term 3 Calendar

The calendar below is a guide to the special events that are planned for Term 3. Although we are fairly set on the organisation below, times and dates may change. Please keep an eye on Compass for any alterations

TERM 3					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	10 th July Swimming 3/4/5	11 th July	12 th July Sovereign Hill - Prep	13 th July	14 th July
2	17 th July Swimming 1/2 & 5/6	18 th July	19 th July	20 th July Young Authors Workshop 1	21 st July Assembly
3	24 th July Swimming 1/2 History Flag Incursion Yr 3-5	25 th July	26 th July	27 th July	28 th July Tamadaochi Groups
4	31 st July Pupil Free Day	1 st August	2 nd August	3 rd August	4 th August Assembly
5	7 th August	8 th August	9 th August Div. Basketball Sov Hill - Yr 1/2	10 th August	11 th August Tamadaochi Groups
6	14 th August School Council	15 th August	16 th August	17 th August	18 th August Young Authors Workshop 2 Assembly
7	21 st August	22 nd August	23 rd August Book Week Dress Up Celebration of Learning 5pm-7pm	24 th August	25 th August
8	28 th August	29 th August	30 th August	31 st August Disco 5-7pm	1 st September Assembly
9	4 th September Yr 5/6 Art Gallery	5 th September Division Athletics	6 th September	7 th September	8 th September Tamadaochi Groups
10	11 th September School Council	12 th September	13 th September Japanese Day	14 th September Grade 2 sleepover	15 th September Assembly 12.45pm Early Finish 1.30pm





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PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

IN VICTORIA SCHOOL IS COMPULSORY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 6 -17 YEARS

Student Absences

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

Family holidays - It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure that you talk to your child's school in advance, and work with them to develop an absence learning plan.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.



School refusal - School refusing children will experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with the

knowledge of the parents and despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school. See: [My child or teenager has anxiety](#)

BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR ONE DAY A FORTNIGHT EQUALS MISSING 1.5 YEARS OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL

If your child is away

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

Inform the school

- Speak with your child's classroom teacher and find out what work they need to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, **every day counts**. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/studentmanagement/attendance/Pages/improve-attendance.aspx>



AN INVITATION TO OUR BOOK FAIR!

Where: Lucas Primary School

Admin Building

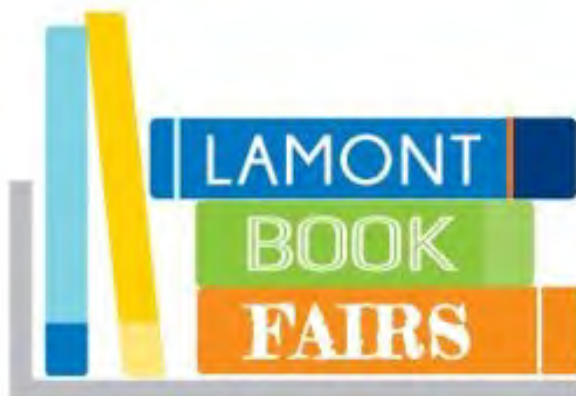

Date: Monday 24th - Friday 28th July

Time: 8:30-9.00 am & 3:30-4:00pm



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