

27/7/2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has continued to be a busy start to Term 3 with the swimming program, impacting (in a positive way) the vast majority of classes across the school. We know the students have really enjoyed the opportunity to participate and represent Lucas PS to the highest of standards in the process. This week sees the conclusion of the Year 1-6 swimming program with the Preps looking forward to theirs at the beginning of Term 4.

Inaugural Students and Staff Plaque

It was pleasing to see the plaque installed at the school tree to honour those students and staff who first started at Lucas Primary School in 2020. The art installation is always a talking point on school tours as it perfectly explains the values and culture of the school.



A picture tells a thousand words.

Snapshots from the last 14 days.



2023 NAPLAN

Recently, we have received our NAPLAN results for 2023 and are currently in the process of working through the data with staff. Overall the results were really positive and a credit to the hard work of staff and students in preparation for these assessments.

At this time we need to remember that NAPLAN is just one form of assessment that we use to develop learning plans for the students, the results don't define us as there are many elements that underpin an effective learner.

This year, the NAPLAN reporting criteria has changed with students receiving a judgement on a more parent friendly scale; Exceeding, Strong, Developing, Needs Additional Support.

Students in Years 3 and 5 will receive their 2023 NAPLAN results this Friday, sent home with them in an envelope. If you would like to discuss your child's report, please don't hesitate to contact their classroom teacher.

Book Fair

Once again this year we have engaged Lamont to provide an extensive range of books for students and their families to browse and purchase from during our Book Fair. The Book Fair is running from our Administration Building all week at the times listed below.

Not only does the Book Fair enable families to update their home libraries, for each sale, the school receives a small commission so that we can continue to update the libraries at school. In 2022, we were able to purchase \$1700 worth of books from the efforts of our families.

Thanks to all those who have already attended the Book Fair this week, your support is greatly appreciated.

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



Traffic around the school

This is a friendly reminder about the traffic around the school at drop off and pick up times. We know it is incredibly busy at these times, especially during the cold periods of the year when more students are being transported to school in private vehicles. This problem is not going to be solved quickly, so in the meantime, there are a few strategies we can all put into place to maintain safety for the students.



- Create a drop off and pick up plan for your child. If your child is able to, organise a pick up and drop off point away from the front entrance of the school. The parks to the west and south of the school would allow students to safely walk along footpaths to and from school.
- If dropping off in O'Shannassy Parade, always ask your child to use curbside doors only. With traffic parked on both sides of the road, disembarking from your car on the road side is incredibly dangerous.
- When crossing O'Shannassy Parade, all students must use the Children's Crossing. Even if it means walking 100m or so to the crossing, it is far safer and models appropriate road safety rules.
- Utilise the bus service that runs between Cardigan Village and Lucas PS every morning and afternoon. You don't have to live in Cardigan Village to access this service as it picks up and drops off at several points along the way.
- Please avoid using the staff carpark as this creates traffic moving across the O'Shannassy Parade footpath at the busiest times of the day.
- Always be patient and follow the road rules. Most of the congestion at the end of the day has subsided by 3.40pm.

Community Trivia Night

There has been a proposal put forward by a few of our parents to organise a school trivia night as a way of building connections between families in a fun and relaxed way. As a way of gauging parent interest to see if it is viable, a very quick expression of interest will be sent out via Compass this week. It will appear as a green notification on your parent Compass Portal.

Details of the proposed trivia night include:

What: Lucas PS Parent's Trivia Night

When: Toward the end of Term 3.

Where: Ballarat Golf Club

Cost: \$15 - \$20 which includes some nibbles and first drink.

Once interest has been gauged through the survey, further information will be circulated.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING - TERM 3 STUDENT CLUBS

Having a sense of identity, connection and community is an important aspect of our Mental Health and Wellbeing. Being actively involved in social groups with people of similar likes and interests gives us the opportunity to make connections and build relationships.



To further support the mental health and wellbeing of our students and the great work we are already doing, we have extended the number of clubs we run during break times at school. These clubs are designed to give students opportunities to expand their social connections, try different activities and provide guided and modelled play experiences.

The Clubs are run with the support of Specialist Teachers, our amazing Education Support (ES) staff as well as senior students and House Captains who will act as leaders and coaches. Please find below the Clubs Timetable for this term.

CLUBS TIMETABLE TERM 3 2023



	RECESS	FIRST HALF LUNCH 1:40 – 2:05			SECOND HALF LUNCH 2:05 – 2:30		
MONDAY		Guided Drawing LOTE Mrs Read	3/4 Sport B'ball Court House Captains			Dance PA Room Ms Dawe	
TUESDAY		Wellbeing Space 3/4/5/6 Cass	Prep Sport B'ball Court House Captains	4 Square Learning Street Miss Leon		Wellbeing Space 3/4/5/6 Cass	Dance PA Room Ms Dawe
WEDNESDAY		Wellbeing Space Prep/1/2 Cass	Art Club 3-6 Art Room Mrs Glanville	4-6 Girls Basketball Gym Mr O	Colouring LOTE Ms Shipham	Wellbeing Space Prep/1/2 Cass	Guided Drawing LOTE Mrs Read
THURSDAY	Chess Club Wellbeing Space Cass	Wellbeing Space 3/4/5/6 Cass	1/2 Sport B'ball Court House Captains	Instrument Club PA Room Mrs Dwyer	Skipping Learning Street Mrs Turner	Wellbeing Space 3/4/5/6 Cass	4 Square Learning Street Miss Leon
FRIDAY	Pokemon Club Wellbeing Space Cass	Wellbeing Space Prep/1/2 Cass	Choir PA Room Mrs Dwyer	4-6 Boys Basketball Gym Mr O	Colouring LOTE Ms Shipham	Wellbeing Space Prep/1/2 Cass	Skipping Learning Street Mrs Turner & Ms Parry

CLUB	STAFF LEADER	CLUB	LEADER
Guided Drawing	 Mrs Marcia Read	Instrument Club & Choir	 Mrs Mairead Dwyer
Dance	 Ms Sarah Dawe	Art Club (Special Projects Group)	 Mrs Michelle Glanville
4 Square	 Ms Kristy Leon	Yr 4-6 Basketball Girls and Boys	 Mr Thomas O'Loughlin
Colouring	 Ms Jacinta Shipham	Wellbeing Space Chess Club Pokemon Club	 Cass Jackson-Lee
Skipping	 Mrs Rianan Turner	Skipping (Friday)	 Ms Chloe Parry

Prep 2024 Enrolments

Do you have a child starting Prep in 2024? If you are an existing family at Lucas Primary School you are required to fill out an [enrolment form](#). This can be obtained from the office or can be downloaded from our website.

If you know of any families who are new to our school and would like to enroll their child at Lucas Primary School the following information is relevant.

New families are required to fill out an [application form](#) after which letters of offer and enrolment forms will be sent out.

Securing your child's enrolment assists with forward planning for the school.



THE PROCESS

Existing Families

1. Submit enrolment form (available from office or on school website)
2. Receive Transition Program Information

New Families

1. Submit Application Form (available from school office)
2. Letters of offer will be sent out on August 11th
3. Submit Enrolment Forms
4. Receive Transition Program Information

Once enrolment forms have been submitted, information regarding the 2024 Prep Transition Program will be communicated to families. If you have any questions regarding this enrolment process please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Attendance

Below are some reminders about our school attendance processes:

- All late arrivals (After 9.00am) must report to the office before making 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)

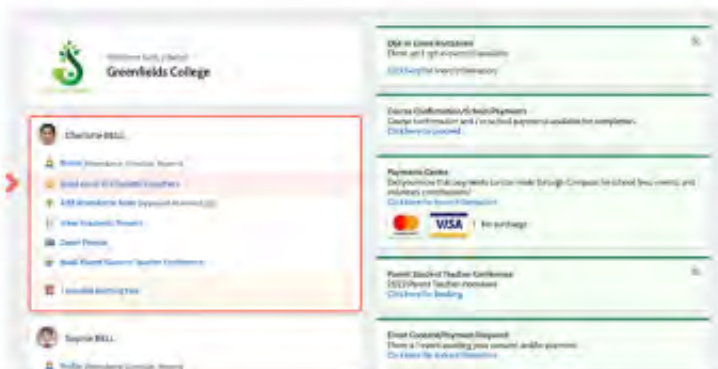


Compass Tip for the Fortnight - Using Compass to Email Teachers

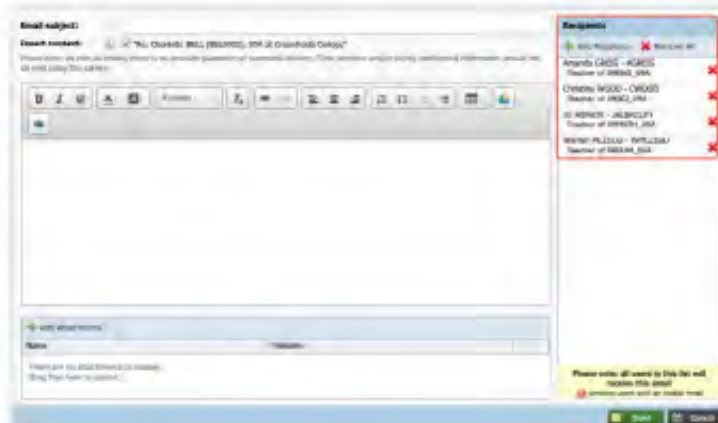
From time to time you will need to contact your child's teachers to raise a concern, pass on information or organise a catch up. Compass allows all parents to do this quickly and easily through the [Parent Compass Portal](#). Below is some information to assist with this process.

As always, if you are having trouble with your Parent Compass Portal, please contact the school office for support.

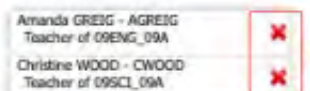
How To: Email a Teacher



To email your child's teachers, click the option listed under the name on your dashboard.

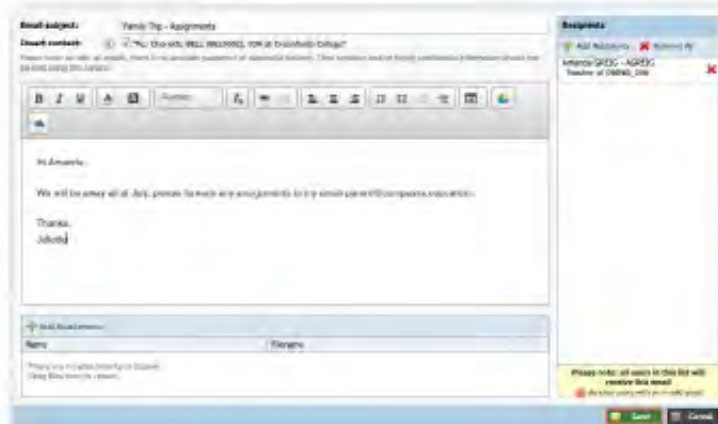


This will open the email box with all your child's teachers pre-loaded as recipients.



Remove any teachers that the email is not relevant to by clicking the red cross next to their name.

To add any additional staff, click 'Add Recipients'.



Add in your subject information and email content.

Click 'Send' to issue to the listed recipients.

You will receive a copy of the sent email to the email address listed for your profile in Compass.



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





RESPECT AWARDS



Ella Prep A

Ella is a kind and caring member of our class who is always respectful, uses kind words and has beautiful manners.



Charlotte N 1/2C

For constantly using her manners when communicating with others and always being a 5-star listener. Well done!



Kobe Prep B

For always demonstrating the school values of respect. Kobe is always kind and listens carefully to his teachers and peers.



Christina 1/2D

Christina is patient, kind and caring member of our class. She is considerate of others' needs, making her a wonderful friend to all.



Ryan Prep C

For always demonstrating respectful listening during whole class learning. He is a kind and thoughtful member of Prep C.



Matilda 1/2 E

For being patient and always kind and welcoming to those around her, making a wonderful member of Lucas Primary School.



Sahibjot Prep D

Sahibjot enjoys supporting all her peers and giving compliments. She is a kind and caring classmate to all.



Prishma 1/2 F

For being a friendly member of 1/2F, Prishma shows respect everyday by always listening to others, being patient and kind.



Rosalie 1/2 A

For being a kind and caring class member to everyone. She is a valued member of 1/2A Well done Rosalie!



Isabella 1/2 G

For always being a kind friend to everybody both inside and outside the classroom. Isabella loves to compliment others. Keep up the great work!



Sienna M 1/2 B

For demonstrating respect to an exceptional standard. She listens carefully to all and she thinks about others feelings.

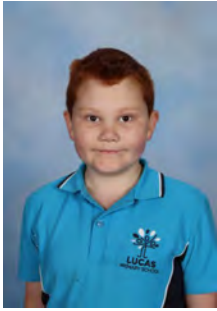


Steve 3/4 A

Steve is such a respectful person who always comes to school with a smile on his face. He always uses his manners and respects all.



RESPECT AWARDS



Elijah 3/4 B

For participating in respectful conversations with his peers. He takes pride in using kind words and actions towards everyone.

Performing Arts

3/4 B



For being wonderfully respectful dance partners. For greeting new partners with positive energy. What a pleasure to dance with you!



Yoshitha 3/4 C

For always treating others with kindness. He is polite and mindful of his peers. He has a positive mindset everyday!

ART

1/2 F



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

Well done.



Abhimanyu 4/5 A

For being kind to everyone with his words and actions. He listens to others and values their opinions. He has fit into 4/5A very well!

PE

1/2 D



For demonstrating respect by being excellent listeners, and respecting everyone's right to learn. They have tried their very best!



Felicity 5/6 A

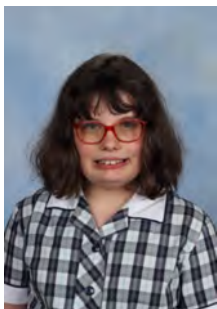
Felicity is kind, respectful and inclusive to everyone on a daily basis.

Japanese

1/2 F



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



Alexis 5/6 B

For consistently demonstrating respect to her peers and teachers in all areas of school.

Well done!

JAPANESE TERM 3

Term 3 will be busy for Japanese. We accepted an offer to do the first online exchange with Showa Elementary School in Okayama Prefecture and Grade 5/6 students are involved. 22 Japanese students uploaded their powerpoint presentations to introduce some highlights of Japan, and our students watched them and added some comments.

From Lucas Primary School, Felicity, Ivy, Lexi, Mahalika, Tavan, Ruaridh and Rudraksh created a video to introduce themselves and talk about their family in Japanese. Their videos have been uploaded to Padlet, and we expect the Japanese students to watch our videos and give us some feedback in early September.

This exchange will be a wonderful opportunity for both students to use their target language in real life. We hope to start building a good relationship with Showa Primary School in the future.

At the end of Term 2, Grade 3-6 students made a speech to talk about their family members at the school assembly. Well done to Charlotte (3/4A), Layla(3/4C), Charlie (4/5A), Celeste (5/6A) and Byron (5/6B) to present a wonderful speech. They were confident and fluent.



In Term 3, Grade 1/2 students learn to say fruit items in Japanese. Grade 3/4 students learn about Japanese food and Grade 5/6 students learn to talk about their eating habits in Japanese.

Please note that there is a Japanese Day on Wednesday 13th September. Students will enjoy participating in a variety of Japanese cultural activities all day with a lot of fun. We will invite a professional Japanese comedian (Showko Comedy) who went to the final in Australian Got Talent in 2017. More information to come.



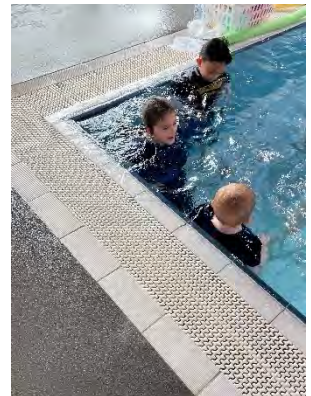


Year 3/4/5 swimming

To start the term, the year 3/4/5 students took part in the swimming program at Shayne Reese. All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of learning new skills and swimming techniques such as diving down to collect toys, the torpedo and other swimming strokes.



On the last day, everybody was required to bring a change of clothes to learn survival skills. This saw students wear their clothes in the water to scull water for a period of time. They even got to fall in from a boat and find their way back to the edge of the pool safely. Teamwork was demonstrated when students used ropes to pull their peers back to safety from the water.



All students demonstrated school values to a high standard listening attentively to their instructors and showing responsibility of remembering their bathers and not leaving items behind.



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