

Dear Parents,

19th February, 2020

Assembly News

At assembly last week, our nine grade 6 students shared some information about themselves and why they like being a student at Lucas P.S. They were then presented with a grade 6 badge to acknowledge the important role they have as leaders and role models in our school. Congratulations to Aaliya, Katie, Jayla, Oliver, Myung Jin, Rory, Isabella, Danielle and Gurdit. We hope you wear your Grade 6 badge with pride.



School Values

At Lucas Primary School we have four core values (respect, responsibility, excellence and growth) that underpin all our practices. These values are displayed around the school, explicitly taught in classrooms and regularly referred to.

We place high importance on these values and believe they help to make our school a positive, supportive and inclusive environment for learning.

We demonstrate:

- ***Respect** by valuing diversity and being kind in words and actions.
- ***Responsibility** by taking ownership for our learning, behaviour and property.
- ***Excellence** by aiming high and always giving our best.
- ***Growth** by being persistent and challenging ourselves to keep improving.



Meet & Greets

A reminder that Meet & Greets (parent/teacher meetings) for grades 1-6 will be held on Thursday 27th February. Please book meetings via Compass. Information was sent home last week detailing how to book a time. If you require any assistance, please see Ruth in the office.

School Council Elections

Information regarding the School Council Election process was sent home last week. We are looking for eight parents to be on our first School Council. Nominations forms are available at the office. Forms are due back by 4pm on Monday 24th February. Please see Sue if you would like more information.

Sue Sawyer
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 27th February
Gr 1-6 Meet & Greets



Friday 28th February – Assembly 3pm

Monday 9th March – Labour Day holiday

Tuesday 10th March – Gr 3-6 Athletic Sports

Friday 13th March – Information session
2021 Preps – 9:30am

Friday 13th March – Assembly 3pm

Friday 27th March – Last Day of Term
Assembly 2pm - Early finish 2:30pm

RESPECT AWARDS

Prep - Savannah

For demonstrating the value of respect by listening intently and raising her hand to ask questions.



Gr 1/2 - Lilly

For demonstrating the value of respect at all times by always including her peers.

Gr 3/4 - Toby
For demonstrating the value of respect through the way he interacts with his peers.



Gr 5/6 - Isabella

For demonstrating the value of respect by valuing people's differences and being kind in words and actions.



PREP NEWS

The beginning of formal schooling can be an exciting and nervous time as it is a big milestone with many firsts. Our preps have had a wonderful start, they have settled into school extremely well. They are enthusiastic to learn, take on challenges and becoming more independent every day.



Within the classroom our Writing theme links with our Integrated Studies topic of Identity. Students have been learning about what makes them unique, and how to value our differences. Our preps have been writing about their place in the world and describing themselves and their personal interests. In Reading, we have been focusing on setting up a literate classroom. We have distinguished the difference between fiction and non-fiction, categorised books we personally would prefer to read and have been noting down our thinking while reading in our Reading Evidence Book. I have been amazed by the range of strategies students have been using when they come to an unknown word.

In Numeracy, students have been matching numerals, number names and quantities. The preps have been thoroughly enjoying using all of our new resources and technology throughout the lesson.



I have witnessed students grow in confidence, form meaningful connections and develop a passion for learning all over a period of a few short weeks. I am so very proud of all that has been achieved so far and I look forward to what is to come.

Miss Richardson



Grade 3-6 Athletic Sports

As Mr O'Loughlin (our PE teacher) also teaches at Dana Street P.S. we have been invited to join Dana Street for their annual Athletic Sports. These will be held on Tuesday 10th March at Llanberris Reserve.

All students in grades 3-6 will be participating in a range of field and track events which they have been practising at school. If you are able to offer assistance on the day, please let Ruth or Tom know. All volunteers will need to have a current Working With Children Check.



Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

At the start of each year, we are required to remind families that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

As such, parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any related ambulance/transport costs.



Mobile Phone (Student Use)

In accordance with the Department's [Mobile Phones Policy](#), personal mobile phones must not be used by students at school during school hours.

If a student is required to bring a phone to school, it must be handed to the class teacher and stored in a locked cupboard for the duration of the day. Please see our Mobile Phone policy on our website for more information.



OFFICE INFORMATION



Parent Payments - Our EFTPos, BPay and Direct Deposit facilities are now in place. Please call into the office to use our EFTPos facilities. If you would prefer to use BPay or Direct Deposit, please contact Ruth for a copy of your statement with reference details. We ask that all parent payments please be finalised by the end of March.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) - If you have a health care or pension card, please drop into the office and complete a CSEF form. Additional information regarding the CSEF was sent home last week.