

Dear Parents,

6th March, 2020

Assembly News

At assembly last week our two school captains for 2020, Danielle Doroja and Katie Reynen, were congratulated and presented with their leadership badges. We wish both girls all the best for the year ahead and know they will be excellent role models and leaders in our school.



At assembly we also enjoyed listening to some grade 1/2 students share their classroom learning and watching a performance by our grade 3-6 students. There is so much excellent learning happening in our school everyday and our assemblies provide an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate this learning together as a school community.

Meet & Greets

Thank you to all parents who attended our 'Meet and Greet' sessions last week. I know the teachers appreciated getting to know you and discussing your child's needs. At Lucas PS we highly value the home-school partnership and believe it is important that we work together to ensure all students have the opportunity to show growth in their learning and achieve their best.

While two formal opportunities will be provided throughout the year for parents to meet with teachers, parents are always welcome to contact their child's teacher to arrange a meeting as needed.

Prep 2021

We have already started conducting tours and taking enrolments for 2021. If you know anyone who is interested in enrolling their child for prep next year, please encourage them to contact the school to make an appointment and/or collect an enrolment pack. Students need to be living in the school zone as per the Find My School website.



School Council Elections

At the close of nominations for our 2020 School Council, eight parents and four staff members were nominated to fill 12 vacancies. As the number of nominations equaled the number of vacancies, an election is not required.

Congratulations and thank you to the following parents who will be the first members of the Lucas Primary School Council - Emma Duzhnikov, Tegan Ratcliffe, Alicia Bond, Jan-Maree Fraser, Prue Emini, Michelle Ladiges, Scott Alsop and Adam Brookshaw. Staff members on School Council are - Sue Sawyer, Danielle Lee, Jess Moir and Dylan Rodger. Our first meeting will be on Monday 16th March at 6pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 9th March - Labour Day holiday

Tuesday 10th March – Gr 3-6 Athletic Sports at Llanberris Reserve

Friday 13th March – Assembly 3pm
(Gr 1/2 performing an item)

Friday 27th March – Last Day of Term
Assembly 2pm (Prep performing an item)
Early finish 2:30pm

Tuesday 14th April - First Day Term 2

Thursday 21st May -
School photos



RESPONSIBILITY AWARDS



Prep - Pippa

For using her time wisely and taking ownership of her learning.



Gr 1/2 - Eamon

For showing responsibility for his learning by always working hard to achieve his goals.

Gr 3/4 - Kruz

For taking responsibility for his own learning in focus groups. He is always organised and ready to learn.



Gr 5/6 - Gurdit

For always following the school rules, setting a good example for her peers and taking responsibility over her learning.

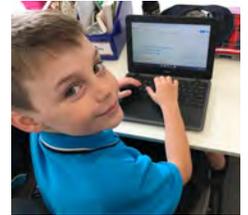


Grade 3/4 NEWS

We have had a fantastic start to the year in the Grade 3/4 classroom. In Writing we have been working on Narrative texts, working through the writing cycle to construct a text from the planning stage through to publishing. Students researched and generated ideas for four different themes including; Flood, Fire, Power Outage and a Young Detective story. Students then selected the topic that connected with their interests to write a published piece. We brainstormed creative titles and planned our texts to follow the structure of title, orientation, complication, resolution and ending. Once students had completed their plan, they drafted their stories and completed the editing checklist before conferencing with their teacher.



After this students published their work on Chrome Books. Everyone was very excited to work on our new devices and all students are picking up the required digital technology skills quickly. We have been learning how to change the style, size and colour of our font and have inserted images to improve the aesthetics of our Narratives. Our work will be on display in the classroom, everyone is welcome to have a look!



In Maths, students have been building their skills when using the four operations by practising using mental strategies. Each day we have participated in a warmup activity that helps us to recall number facts quickly or use an effective strategy to solve the problem. Students have enjoyed doing this in groups and individually to work towards achieving their own goals.



In Reading, students have been using summarising strategies such as 'Somebody, Wanted, But, So,' to recall the significant plot developments in texts. We have been exploring character traits and sharing texts together in focus groups. Our class thoroughly enjoyed reading Peter Pan this week and would also like to recommend the picture story book 'Emo the Emu'. We have copies of both these texts in our classroom and would like to invite anyone who has an interest in them to come and have a look anytime!



Grade 3-6 Athletic Sports – Tuesday 10th March

Our Athletic Sports will be held on Tuesday 10th March at Llanberris Reserve with Dana Street PS. All students in grades 3-6 will be participating in a range of track and field events which they have been practising at school.

Students need to wear their aqua polo top and school jumper/jacket. They can wear different shorts and coloured runners if they wish. Students will be travelling by bus to Llanberris leaving school at 9am and returning at 2:30pm.

We still require parent helpers for this event. 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.



School Attendance

It has been great to see students arriving at school on time and ready to learn. Each day the roll is marked at 9am and any unexplained absences will be followed up by Ruth in the office.

Please ensure that you let the school know if your child is going to be away by either ringing the office or sending a message via the school Compass app. It is important that all students attend school everyday where possible to maximise their learning growth.



Child Safe Standards

Our school is committed to the safety of all children. We actively promote the safety and wellbeing of all students, and all school staff are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm, in accordance with their legal obligations including child safe standards.

All of our Child Safety documents are on the Lucas Primary School website and available at school. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns about Child Safety and/or our practices.



OFFICE INFORMATION

Parent Payments - A reminder that all parent payments need to 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.



VISUAL ARTS NEWS

Welcome to Art at Lucas Primary School.

I feel very lucky to be able to work with all our students at Lucas Primary School and to share my passion and enthusiasm for Visual Arts. Last week we were lucky enough to have our first art lesson in our dedicated art space in the Specialist Pavilion. All students across the school were excited and eager to explore our brand new Art room. We are all looking forward to many happy and creative times in this wonderful space.

Prep

Our prep classes have made a fantastic start to art lessons. They all come to Art keen and eager to explore and experiment. This term our focus has been on Line, Shape and Colour. Some of the artworks our students have created include an abstract line painting and a line sculpture. They have also experimented colour mixing with liquid watercolours. They used their colour mixing experiments to create some wings for a 3 dimensional butterfly. I am very proud of all our prep students and how they have settled into the rules and routines of the Art room. Next term we will be working on some 2 and 3 dimensional pieces based on the children's story book author Eric Carle.



Grade 1/2

Our wonderful grade 1/2 students have worked so well in Art so far this term. They have enjoyed exploring the artwork of Jason Naylor. Jason Naylor is a contemporary street artist who creates bright, vibrant street art using colourful images of hope and positivity. We have used his work as inspiration to create both 2 and 3 dimensional works of art. The students are currently working on a piece using magiclay. The students has also had fun learning about chameleons. We read stories and watched some clips of chameleons changing colour. The students then created a painted paper collage of a chameleon based on Leo Lionni's book "A Colour of his Own."

Grade 3/4

In Art, our grade 3/4 students have looked at the art work of the Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh and in particular his series of Sunflower paintings. They have looked at some videos of his work and read the book 'Camille and the Sunflowers'.

The students used oil pastel and liquid watercolour to create their own sunflower artwork inspired by Van Gogh's masterpieces. The focus for this art work was to learn how to blend colours to create the illusion of shape and form. All students challenged themselves to learn something new. The results are quite spectacular and are currently on display in the grade 3-6 learning community.



Grade 5/6

The 5/6 students have explored the life and work of French artist Henri Matisse and his unique way of creating artworks using paper and scissors. They used the techniques used by Matisse to create their own version of his paper dancers. The students also explored what monochromatic means and created their own monochromatic cartoon selfies.

Last week the students explored the idea of 'Sculpture'. We looked at what a sculpture is and how we could use simple materials to create our own unique, free standing, organic sculpture. The students were very enthusiastic and enjoyed working with wood and wire. We will be continuing with this piece over the next few weeks. I'm looking forward to seeing how they all turn out.

Just a reminder that all students across the school require an art smock for Art lessons. Art can get messy! An old shirt will do.

Michelle Glanville
Visual Arts

