

Dear Families,

1/3/2023

Junior School Council

At our assembly last Friday, we congratulated Max, Danielle, Carter, Emahlee, Tharunesh, Jade, Ruaridh and Ellen who are our Junior School Council members for 2023. These students were selected by their peers and provide an important avenue for student voice within our school. Already they have started to raise money by selling Zooper Doopers each Friday and will explore other fundraising options to support charities and school initiatives throughout the year. We wish them all the best for a successful year. Mr Rodger and Miss Toll are looking forward to working with our JSC leaders.



House Captains

At assembly, we also congratulated the Lucas Primary School House captains for 2023. These students were presented with their House captain badges and are very proud to be taking on this leadership role. Congratulations to Linkin and Summer (O'Shannassy), Mollie and Byron (Bolton), Chloe and Amity (Thompson) and Kane and Jaxon (Eleanor). Our House Captains will play a more active role in our school this year by running weekly lunchtime activities outside for our younger students. They are looking forward to leading their House at our upcoming Athletic Sports.

Specialist Student Leaders

We are excited to be expanding opportunities for student leadership in 2023 with the continuation of Wellbeing leaders and the introduction of Visual Arts and Performing Arts leaders. These students show a passion for their leadership area and love helping others. We know they will be excellent role models in our school. Congratulations to Charlie and Eamon (Wellbeing Leaders), Ivy and Megan (Performing Arts Leaders) and Felicity and Mazie (Visual Arts Leaders).



Farewell Miss Williams

This Thursday we will be saying farewell to Miss Williams, one of our Learning Support staff. Miss Williams has been a wonderful member of our staff team for the past two and a half years and has provided amazing support to our students. Her knowledge and calm, positive, supportive approach will be greatly missed by all. We wish Miss Williams all the best as she commences her University studies to become a qualified Occupational Therapist.



Meet & Greet

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.

Senior Athletic Sports

Our Senior Athletic Sports will be held on Wednesday 22nd March at Llanberris Reserve. 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 are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours. We will be travelling by bus to Llanberris leaving school at 9:00am and returning at 2:30pm. Please complete the online parent consent form for this event on Compass. The cost for this event is \$5 per student.



School Camps

Each year we alternate between a Grade 3/4 and a Grade 5/6 camp. In 2023, the grade 5/6s will participate in camp and in 2024 the 3/4s will have a camp. Students will have the opportunity to participate in two camps between Grades 3-6. This year the Grade 5/6 camp will be held at the Coastal Forest Lodge in Anglesea, from May 24th- 26th 2023. An expression of interest for this camp has been sent home and is due back by Friday 10th March.

Coastal • Forest • Lodge Great Ocean Road
Anglesea
Victoria



7th March

School Picnic 5:30-6.30pm

13th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

15th -23rd March

NAPLAN

20th March

School Council Meeting 6:30pm

22nd March

Grade 3-6 Sports Day

31st March

School Photos

6th April

Last day of Term 1, early finish 1:30pm

TERM 2

24th April

First day of term 2

25th April

ANZAC day public holiday

Western Bulldogs Visit

How exciting to have Marcus Bontempelli and Rylee West from the Western Bulldogs, conduct a football clinic for our Grade 4/5/6 students and also attend our assembly. Students enjoyed learning some new skills with the players, while some eager Bulldogs fans were keen for an autograph and a photo. Thanks to Mr O for organising this opportunity for our students.

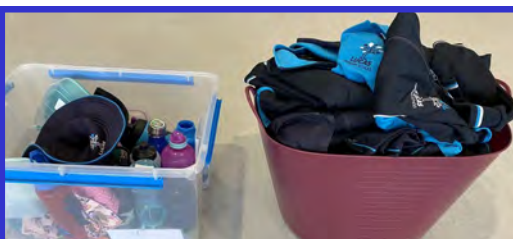


LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost Property tubs are very full at the moment.

Please have a look in the tubs located in the foyer of the gym for any items your child may have lost.

Please make sure all students' property is clearly labelled with their name!



HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

We will be having another Hot Cross Bun Drive this year.

Order forms will be sent home with students this week.

Hot Cross Buns will be \$9.00 per 6 pack.

Traditional Hot Cross Buns as well as a variety of flavours will be on offer.

Delivery will be on Tuesday the 4th of April.

Please drop order forms and money off at the office.

*Bakers
Delight*





Who: Parent helpers

What: LPS Senior Athletics Day

When: Wednesday 22nd of March 2023

(Different times between 9:40am & 2:30pm)

Where: Llanberris Athletics Reserve

Volunteers will need a current Working with Children Check and are required to read and sign the Child Safety Code of Conduct at the school office.

Your help will be very much appreciated. Please contact the school if you can help out.

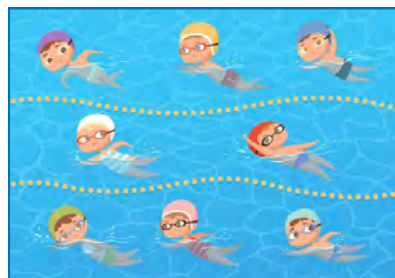
SunSmart Reminders



As a SunSmart School, all students and staff are required to wear a broad brimmed hat outside from September until the end of April. Please ensure your child has a hat at school everyday. Students are also encouraged to wear sunscreen to school and bring their own sunscreen to apply throughout the day. Sunscreen is also available at school if needed.

Swimming

All students will have the opportunity to be involved in swimming lessons at Shayne Reese Swimming. This will be held at the start of Term 3 for Grades 1-6 and early Term 4 for Prep. Students will attend for 5 days in a row with a 1/2 hour lesson conducted each day.

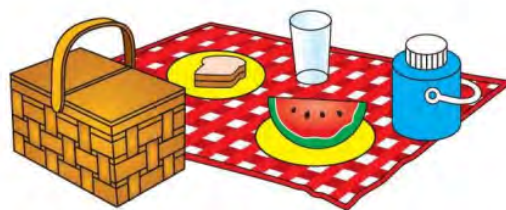


Lucas Primary School Family Picnic

When: Tuesday 7th March

Where: Lucas Primary School

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm



**This is an informal event where families are invited to come along and bring their own picnic tea. This event will provide an opportunity for families to get to know each other and the staff.*

**We will be opening the classrooms from 6pm-6:30pm so your child can show you their new classroom if they would like to.*

Respect - Responsibility - Excellence - Growth





RESPONSIBILITY AWARDS



Audrey Prep A

For consistently making responsible choices in the classroom and yard. Well done on setting an excellent example to other students.



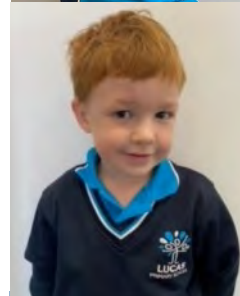
Saphira Prep B

For demonstrating responsibility by always listening carefully and being a helpful classmate.



Rylan Prep C

For showing responsibility by entering the classroom independently and completing all of his morning tasks.



Matthew Prep D

For always being ready to learn, organising his belongings quickly and using his time wisely. He also helps others with their learning.



Keely 1/2 A

For demonstrating the school value of responsibility by always helping to keep our classroom neat and tidy.



Michael 1/2 B

For the way he is taking responsibility for his learning. He makes excellent choices about where to sit and focus.



Ella 1/2 C

For demonstrating responsibility by being organised and ready to learn at the start of each lesson.



Archie 1/2 D

For trying his best to listen carefully, ignoring distractions and working hard on his learning goals.



Louisa 1/2 E

For being ready to learn at the beginning of each lesson, staying focused and using her learning time wisely.



Zoe 1/2 F

For being hardworking, listening attentively, making good choices and always trying her best. She is organised and a great role model.



Alannah 1/2 G

For always showing responsibility in the yard and classroom. She is always ready to learn and shows great initiative.



Evelyn 3/4 A

For continuing to demonstrate responsibility by doing what is expected of her throughout the day.



RESPONSIBILITY AWARDS



Georgia 3/4 B

For demonstrating responsibility during all learning tasks. She is organised and takes pride in her learning.



Bree 3/4 C

For always being responsible in the yard and classroom. Taking responsibility for her learning and school property.



Charlotte M 4/5 A

For being responsible by always being ready to learn, approaching every task with a positive attitude.



Chloe 5/6 A

For demonstrating responsibility by always being an organised and ready learner. She is a role model for her peers.



Elliott 5/6 B

For showing responsibility by always being ready to learn. He is a wonderful role model in our class.

Visual Arts



5/6 A

For being responsible learners by acting on feedback and being open to experiment and explore new techniques.

Performing Arts



1/2 F

For being responsible for their learning by being wonderful listeners and using the xylophones carefully and creatively.

Physical Education



5/6 B

For demonstrating responsibility by being ready to learn and staying on task during both lessons.

Japanese



1/2 F

For being ready to learn, making good choices and being cooperative to maximize their learning.



Zoooper Doopers are back!



The Junior School Council members will be running a fundraiser every Friday throughout Term 1, starting this Friday 17th February. They will be selling **Zoooper Doopers** for **\$1 each**.

If you would like to purchase a Zoooper Dooper on Friday, please bring \$1 to school and meet the JSC members at the canteen at the beginning of lunch play.

Grade 3/4/5 Learning

Well done to all of our 3/4/5 students on their efforts so far this year settling into their new classes and routines. Everyone is enjoying the positive environment inside our Learning Community building, and it is great to see it so full of happy students. A big thank you to all our students as there is always a lot of testing to complete at the start of the year and they have all embraced this challenge and tried their best!



In Reading, students have been setting up their Reading Evidence Book. We have unpacked our LPS Instructional Model exploring all of the elements included in a Reading lesson such as the warmup, hook, whole class focus, independent task, focus group, conferences and reflection. All students have participated in their first reading focus group and have started to receive their individual learning goals. We have learnt about solving words strategies and built our capacity to use these including sounding out chunking, back up and reread, skip the word and come back and clarifying an unknown word with a dictionary. Students have started to record words they have decoded in a glossary which they will refer back to throughout the year.

In Writing, students have been generating ideas in their Writer's Notebook. We have investigated figurative language including onomatopoeia, similes, alliteration and personification and brainstormed our own examples of these. Students have completed a Narrative writing cycle on the topic of 'Win or Lose'. Students wrote about a topic of their choice within this theme such as a running race, swimming competition, motorised boat contest or a car race ... just to name a few of our students' creative ideas. We are very impressed with the students' writing stamina so far and are proud of their hard work.



In Numeracy, we have learnt some new games aimed at building our number skills and knowledge. Ask your child to play Walk the Plank, Number Target, Around the Garden or Add to 100 at home. Students have explored the topic of place value including ordering, recording and representing numbers in different ways. We have also completed a unit of work focusing on addition strategies. Students have been focusing on 'Number talking' to explain their thinking. It has been amazing to see all the different strategies students are using to solve problems such as starting from the highest number, building to the next ten, adding ten, doubling or using the split strategy.



In 3/4/5 we are very lucky to have access to Chromebooks. Many of our Year 3 students only had the use of iPads at school last year. They have all done an amazing job adjusting to the new technology and have made so much growth already this year! Well done.

Hockey clinic

The 3/4/5 students were involved in a Hockey clinic. All students had fun learning new skills and enjoyed having the opportunity to have a go at challenging hockey drills. Thank you to Mr O for organising this program for our students.



Grade 5/6 Learning

The beginning of the year has been fantastic for our grade 5/6 students and we have hit the ground running with our learning!



In Reading this term, students have been exploring a range of strategies from the Fountas and Pinnell, 'Systems of Strategic Actions' wheel. This includes strategies such as monitoring and correcting, searching for and using information, reading fluently, summarising, making connections and predicting. Being the beginning of the school year, we have really been focusing on finding students' interests and helping them develop the capability to find 'good fit books' and develop good read-to-self stamina.

In Writing, students have been learning to write Narrative and Exposition texts. They began with Narrative writing and focused on the language features that help to make our stories exciting! They then moved on to Exposition writing where students developed the ability to persuade their audience to agree with their opinion. Students have been involved in the writing cycle process whereby they are immersed in the text type, generate ideas, plan, draft, edit, revise and publish.



In Numeracy, students have developed their understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). There has been a big focus on place value and number sense as these are skills and understandings that are needed in many different Numeracy topics. The 5/6 students have been working on explaining their thinking and working in pairs to prove their answers are correct.

In Integrated Studies so far this term, students have been exploring the topic 'Civics and Citizenship'. They have been looking at the difference between rules and laws. We have been learning about the government and parliament and how our government works. To help us understand, we have created little 'Working Parties' within our classrooms. We have parties for; education, technology, welfare, environment and agents. These parties will help our classroom and term run smoothly!

We have been so impressed with our grade 5/6 students' ability to show they are leaders of the school and display our school values. If we continue the success, motivation and drive we have witnessed so far then the rest of the year looks very bright!

