

Dear Families,

15/03/2023

Grade 6 Tops

Our Grade 6 students were very excited to receive their printed tops last week featuring the names of all students under the banner 'Class of 2023'. I'm sure you will see them wearing their new tops with pride around the school. What a great group of leaders they are!



School Picnic

Thank you to everyone who attended our school picnic last Tuesday. While it wasn't the warmest night, it was great to see so many families in attendance and students so excited to show parents their classrooms. We look forward to welcoming you to many more school events throughout the year.



Staffing News

Congratulations to Mel (Miss Gittings) on her recent marriage. We hope you and Elliott had a wonderful day celebrating with family and friends. I know Prep C have enjoyed welcoming their 'new' teacher, Mrs Leviston, back to school.

At the end of next week, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Johnston, who will be commencing maternity leave. Megan has been teaching at Lucas since the start of 2021 and is a highly valued member of our school community. She is a positive, caring, dedicated teacher and will be greatly missed. We wish Megan all the best and look forward to having her back with us at Lucas Primary School in the future.



This term we have welcomed Caitlin Jamieson to our school. Caitlin is working part time providing tutoring support to some of our EAL (English as an Additional Language) students and brings a wealth of experience to this role. Welcome to the team, Caitlin.



Applications for the Acting Principal position for Terms 2, 3 and 4 have closed. Regional staff will read applications, shortlist and conduct interviews in the coming fortnight. We will let you know who the successful applicant is, once an appointment has been made.

NAPLAN

On Wednesday our Year 3 and 5 students started NAPLAN. Over the next nine days, students will be completing online NAPLAN assessments in the areas of Writing, Reading, Conventions of

Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided to parents of Year 3 and 5 students later in the year. The school will also receive data to assist with future planning.

Annual Reporting Meeting

Before our next School Council meeting on Monday 20th March, our Annual Reporting meeting will be held to present the 2022 Annual Report to the School Community. This will include sharing our achievements in the areas of student learning, engagement and wellbeing. The meeting will start at 6:30pm and run for approximately half an hour.

This will be followed by the first meeting of our 2023 School Council starting at approximately 7pm.



House Names

In 2021, we held a competition within our school community to choose the names for our four houses. The following names were decided upon after families had the opportunity to vote. **Eleanor - Yellow** (after Eleanor Lucas), **Thompson - Blue** (after Matilda 'Tilly' Thompson), **O'Shannassy - Red** (after O'Shannassy Parade) and **Bolton - Green** (after William Bolton who is represented by the first tree in the Avenue of Honour).

Senior Athletic Sports

Our Senior Athletic Sports will be held next Wednesday 22nd March at Llanberris Reserve. 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 Reserve, leaving school at 9:00am and returning at 2:45pm. A big thank you to the parents who have offered to assist on the day.

Please ensure your child has a sunhat, sunscreen, water bottle, lunch and snacks with them.

Parent consent for the Sports needs to be completed on Compass by this Friday 17th March. Please contact Zoe in the office if you need any assistance.

Parents are most welcome to come along to cheer on our Lucas superstars. We are looking forward to a great day!



Australian Ex-Prisoner of War Memorial

Thank you to The Trustees of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial for their generous donation of books to help us learn about the experiences endured by our Prisoners of War and to celebrate their life upon return to Australia. The books will be placed in class libraries for all grades to use.



SCHOOL PHOTOS!



**Friday 31st
March**

*Order your photos
through MSP on your
Compass App.*

****Please ensure your child is in full school uniform on photo day including plain black shoes, even if it is a PE day.**



15th -23rd March

NAPLAN

20th March

*Annual Reporting Meeting 6:30pm
March School Council Meeting 7pm*

22nd March

Grade 3-6 Sports Day

31st March

School Photos

6th April

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

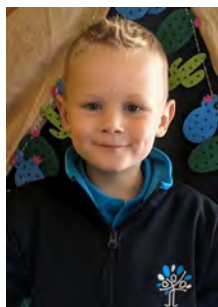
TERM 2

24th April

First day of Term 2



EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Pat Prep A

For always taking great pride in his work and staying focused until it is completed. He always strives to improve his work.



Boston Prep B

For demonstrating the school value of excellence. He is always ready to learn and listens to instructions.



Isabella Prep C

For showing excellence in all that she does. She always shows whole body listening and pride in her learning.



Madelyn Prep D

For showing excellence by being organised, taking pride in her work and staying focused. She always puts in her best effort.



Joonas 1/2 A

For demonstrating excellence when practising putting his -ice,-ide,-ine words into sound boxes this week.



Keziah 1/2 B

For the positive attitude she shows towards all of her learning tasks. She has applied feedback and been reflective on her learning.



Eshe 1/2 C

For always bringing a great attitude to school, being ready to listen, trying her best and working hard on all tasks.



Olivia 1/2 D

For always being ready and focused on learning. She takes on feedback and demonstrates a positive attitude to learning.



James 1/2 E

For always putting maximum effort into his work. He is always focused during class and takes pride in his work.



Frankie 1/2 F

For her ability to show excellence in everything she does. She has started the year with a 'can do' attitude and always gives her best.



Fatima 1/2 G

For improving her confidence and ability to focus in class. She has worked hard to step out of her comfort zone and share ideas.



Ruby 3/4 A

For consistently demonstrating excellence in her learning and taking pride in her work. She brings her best self to class everyday.



EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Pippa 3/4 B

For showing excellence in all learning areas by listening attentively, trying her best and taking on feedback.

Aislinn 3/4 C

For striving for excellence by challenging herself by seeking extension tasks and presenting her best work.



Ivy 4/5 A

For showing excellence by aspiring to be the best version of herself. Ready to learn and taking pride in her work.



Tharunesh 5/6 A

For his displays of excellence in his preparation for NAPLAN. He has aimed high and focused to improve.



Lishanth 5/6 B

For demonstrating excellence by pushing himself to constantly improve his learning.

Visual Arts



3/4 B

For always striving to do their best and for their positivity and willingness to experiment with new techniques.

Performing Arts



Prep D

For showing excellence through everyone's enthusiasm for singing, dancing and playing instruments.

Physical Education



1/2 E

For showing excellence when practising the skill of underarm throw, roll and catch.

Japanese



3/4 B

For making excellent progress in all areas and supporting each other to maximise their learning.

Performing Arts Term 1

All students have begun the year in Performing Arts with music-making, through singing, listening and playing some of the school's growing collection of beautiful instruments.



Singing at Lucas Primary School

In week 5, Grade 1/2s and Grade 3-6s participated in a singing workshop run by choral directors at Ballarat Voices. The children sang beautifully and learnt about how music can benefit our wellbeing and activate all parts of our brain! Interested students are encouraged to join the Ballarat Voices choir.

All students are involved in regular singing in Performing Arts and are working towards a whole-school song in the Wadawurrung language which will be performed at the final assembly of the term. In addition, a new Lucas Primary School Choir is beginning as a lunchtime club for keen singers in grades 1-6.



Juniors

Preps and Grade 1/2 students have begun the year with movement and music activities designed to connect their whole body with music-making and foster a growing sense of beat.

Our Prep musicians have explored action songs and games. They are developing their awareness of their singing voice and have explored different ways to alter their songs. Prep musicians have been very excited to explore some of our school's percussion instruments and are developing their listening skills to make some exciting vocal and instrumental music together! They are being so respectful to each other as they learn how to work together as a music-making team.

Grade 1/2 musicians began the year singing a colour song and different expressive ways to move with their bodies. They have recently been exploring the school's range of xylophones, learning correct techniques and important skills of making music as a team. Grade 1/2s are developing their rhythm skills and are learning simple melodies to play together on the xylophones.



Seniors

Our senior musicians at Lucas Primary School are developing their skills in beat and rhythm. They have explored body percussion, following a leader, and using words to create complex rhythm patterns. Grade 3-6 musicians have created a drum circle, using our school's new range of djembe drums. They have followed student leaders, explored different tones and rhythms on their drums and improvised together. Many senior students are involved in our lunchtime Instrument Club (for Grades 3-6) where they make music as part of a xylophone, percussion and keyboard ensemble.





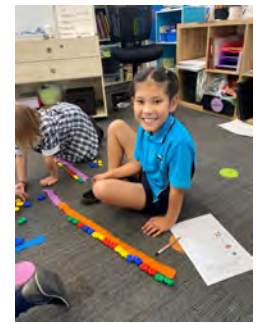
Grade 1/2 Learning Term 1



In Reading this week, students have been practising the skills of monitoring and self correcting. Students have been working on ensuring the words they read, look right, sound right and make sense when reading. They have practised reading independently and then with a partner to ensure what they read makes sense to both them and their partner.



In Numeracy this week, students have been learning to measure and compare lengths. Students have used words such as longer and shorter to compare objects around the room. They have enjoyed creating a 'bunny hop' which they have used to practise estimating and accurately finding the length of their bunny hop, using informal objects such as counters, paddle pop sticks, dominoes and paper clips. Students have learnt skills such as starting from zero, lining units up ensuring there are no gaps and using objects of the same size.



This term in Integrated Studies, students have been learning how to be a Super Citizen at school, home and in their community. We have created four Lucas Legends who represent our four school values: Ronnie Respect, Rosie Responsibility, Evie Excellence and Gary Growth. Students have learnt more about each school value and improved their ability to demonstrate them towards each other. Each week they will work towards earning a Respect, Responsibility, Excellence and Growth Badge to stick onto their capes. We are looking forward to improving ourselves and each other to be the best super citizens we can be.



In Writing this week, students have been writing narratives about a problem at the beach. We have been using the Lucas planning template to help us plan and organise our ideas. Here are some of our plans.



Hot Cross Bun Drive

Order Forms were sent home last week for our upcoming Hot Cross Bun Drive. All funds raised will go towards purchasing more toys and equipment for outside play.

Last year was a very successful fundraiser, let's see if we can sell even more hot cross buns in 2023!

Pack of 6 Hot Cross Buns is \$9.00 with \$2.00 from every pack going to our school. Choose from five different flavours.

Forms and money are due back to the office by Tuesday the 28th of March and will be sent home with students on Tuesday the 4th of April.

Payment is Cash or EFTPOS only.

If you would like more forms they are available at the office.

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Ballarat VOICES
Inspiring Singers...
to reach their potential and follow their dreams!

JOIN US NOW!



Our Groups...

- Ballarat Voices: Grades 4+ (by audition)
- BV-Eureka!: Grades 1- 4 (No audition required)

We rehearse...

- Wednesdays during school terms
4pm-5pm - Eureka! Singers
4.45pm-6pm - Ballarat Voices

Ballarat VOICES

is a new group providing excellent music education and performance opportunities to Ballarat's young people.

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