

8/6/2023

Dear Parents,

This week we welcome Michelle Hulse to our Lucas team. After an exhaustive search, Mrs Hulse replaces Mrs McDonald in Prep A. Mrs Hulse comes to us from Myrningong PS and has a wealth of experience in many educational settings. Welcome Michelle. Our thanks goes out to Mrs McMahon who has been teaching Prep A since the start of term. Mrs McMahon has done an excellent job but will now return to her tutoring role. Thanks Chris for all your work.

Over the last few weeks, students have been completing final assessments which teachers use as one piece of evidence to assist with Semester 1 reports. This time usually means disrupted and modified timetables, which can be unsettling for some students (and staff). All students and staff have done an incredible job to maintain focus and a calm class during this period.

'Long Long Weekend'

This coming weekend will be an extra long weekend for the students. This Friday June 9, is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be coming together on Friday to finalise student assessment data in preparation for Semester 1 Reports. Big Childcare will be operating on this day, for bookings, please contact 0432 354 581.

On Monday June 12, we celebrate our very first King's Birthday holiday since the passing of the Queen.

Whatever you have planned for the long weekend, we hope you enjoy the opportunity to recharge the batteries. We thank parents in advance for their support with these arrangements.



Bus Stop

The completion of the bus stop has been hampered a little by the poor weather but we are hoping we will have the pathway and a clear road in front of the school by the end of the week.

Thanks to everyone who has shown patience and courtesy to the workers during this time. Also thanks to those who managed to get creative with their drop off and pick up routines. Thanks.



A picture tells a thousand words.

Snapshots from the last 14 days.



3 Way Conversations

Coming up on Tuesday June 20 and Wednesday June 21, we have our 3 Way Conversations. These sessions are designed to compliment the mid year report and help explain the learning journey of your child this year. The 3 Way Conversations are 15 minute sessions where parents, teachers and students all have a voice to share in the progress that has been made.

Parents also have the opportunity to book a 10 minute session with our specialist teachers to hear about the learning in Japanese, Physical Education, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. At the 3 Way Conversations you will receive your child's portfolio of work, a hard copy of the Semester 1 Report and your child's Individual Education Plan (If applicable).

Booking for the 3 Way Conversations will open on Friday via the Compass parent portal. Keep an eye on Compass for notification of booking times.

3 Way Conversations

When:

- Tuesday June 20th - 1.45 - 6.30pm
(School finishes at 1.30pm on this day)
- Wednesday June 21st - 3.45 - 6pm

Bookings:

- Will open on Friday June 9
(see Compass app for booking times)



Grade 5/6 Camp

The recent Grade 5/6 camp to Anglesea was a huge success. The students represented themselves and the school to the highest of levels as they worked their way through the many different activities on offer. The Grade 5/6 camp, in particular, is a time where the students are asked to show their maturity, responsibility and independence. All students were able to achieve this and created many memories in the process. A huge thankyou to the staff who took time out of their personal lives to ensure the students had this opportunity.



June 9th

Pupil Free Day

June 12th

King's Birthday Public Holiday

June 20th

3 Way Conversations (early finish 1:30pm)

June 21st

3 way conversations (3:45— 6:00pm)

June 23rd

Last day Term 2 (early finish 1:30pm)

Final assembly 12:45pm all welcome

July 10th

First day Term 3



We will be holding a Secondhand Uniform Sale in the school administration building on Wednesday June the 21st 8:30am - 9:30am

All items will be \$5 each

CASH or EFTPOS

Proceeds of this sale will go to the Junior School Council





Performing Arts Term 2



This term in Performing Arts, all students are exploring music related to our planet and the world around us. The whole-school song for this term celebrates the beauty of our planet and will be accompanied by body percussion rhythms from our 5/6s and ukulele playing from some of our grade 3/4s as well as beautiful singing from the whole school! This will be shared in the final assembly of the term.

Our Prep musicians and actors have been exploring songs and drama relating to different animals around the world. They have explored story-telling through actions and emotions and have integrated these into their songs. Some of our Prep grades have started collaborating with a Grade 3/4 class for a combined singing and ukulele performance. All Prep classes will get to experience this later in the term!



Grade 1/2 musicians have been learning songs, chants and percussion pieces relating to Planet Earth and environmentalism. They have created chants based on environmental messages and are exploring ways of turning these into music, focusing on rhythm, repetition and ways to create emphasis. They have been exploring Boomwhackers and will soon be starting on Djembe drums.

Grade 3/4/5 musicians are applying their new skills on the ukulele, and using some of the school's newest instruments! They are using their rhythm skills to perform strumming patterns as an ensemble and are learning simple chord progressions. They are already starting to support music projects across the school with their ukuleles, including songs for the Preps and the whole-school song.



Grade 5/6 musicians are exploring music in patterns of 3, known as 3:4 time. They are exploring these beat patterns through movement games, xylophone patterns, and composition. The Grade 5/6 xylophone piece about Planet Earth will be supported by the Lucas Primary School choir and performed later in the term.



Lunchtime clubs

Thank you to the Performing Arts leaders Ivy and Megan for organising a fun lunchtime Boomwhacker activity for Education week!

Dedicated members of our Lucas Primary School Choir (Grades 1 -6) and Instrument clubs (Grades 3-6) meet each week at lunchtimes for some great music-making! These students are exploring music from around the world, and both clubs have an excursion to perform at a local early learning centre later this term.



SPORT & PE Term 2

Prep – Grade 2

This term in Physical Education our junior students have continued to develop their fundamental motor skills. Our main focus this term so far has been kicking. Students have been working on doing powerful kicks and learning the components of the kick. Students have also been learning other soccer-based skills such as dribbling, trapping and goal keeping.

Each week at the conclusion of our skill activities students have also been participating in small-sided soccer matches to put the skills they are learning into context. It has been fantastic to see how much our students have learned this term, especially with lots of small games going at once.

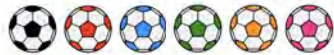


Grade 3 – 6

This term in Physical Education our senior students have been focusing on learning the tactics and strategies of invasion games. We have been exploring offensive strategies and about how to use the space on the court to your teams' advantage. We are starting to transition from playing basic invasion games to sports which use those strategies, such as netball.



Sovereign Division Soccer



On Thursday the 1st of June, we had 27 students participate in the Sovereign Division Soccer tournament at Wendouree West Soccer Reserve. We initially had two teams with lots of extra players but after another school couldn't make it, our students agreed to split into three teams to help other schools not miss an opportunity to play. This also had the benefit of giving all our students lots of extra game time.

Our boys team finished the day with 3 wins, 1 close loss and a draw against the strongest team in our pool, the Wathaurong Cluster team. Our girls team won 2 out of 3 matches with their 4 goal win against Wathaurong showcasing how well the girls had gelled as a team. Our mixed team, which was thrown together at very short notice, worked very hard and improved significantly throughout the day. They were immensely proud of holding the Black Hill PS team scoreless for the second half of their last match.



When we returned to school we debriefed about the day and the students shared the highlights of the day from their point of view:

- Scoring goals (way more than last year)
- Having fun with friends
- Supporting each other, especially when they missed a chance at a goal
- Supporting all the other Lucas teams when not playing and hearing all the support while playing
- Teamwork and playing to each other's strengths
- Creating lots of chances to score goals
- The boys team getting close to finals and finishing 0-0 with the best team in our pool, the Wathaurong Cluster



Well done to all the students involved. As always, our students represented our school with pride and tried their hardest in all their games. Hearing all the positives from the students, especially from those who have not been involved in lots of organised sport, made the day especially worthwhile.

Thanks very much to our parent helpers for assisting with the teams, uniforms and supervision.

Grade 5/6 Camp 2023 Coastal Forest Lodge Anglesea

On Wednesday the 24th of May, the 5/6 students headed off on camp to Anglesea. We were staying at Coastal Forest Lodge, a beautiful camp set in the bush and only a 10 minute drive to beach. We were so excited on the bus ride there and the 2 hour drive flew by!

When we arrived we unpacked, settled into our cabins and had lunch. Then the fun outdoor activities began! We decided to shuffle the activities around and complete all the outdoor activities on the first day as the weather was quite good. So we completed the low ropes course, initiative activities, hut building and orienteering. The low ropes course was so cool, they even had a rock climbing wall! Some of the rope activities were quite the challenge so we needed a spotter to help us balance. Initiatives involved some fun team building activities where you had to work together to swing your team across 'the boiling lava', all stand on a little platform and rearrange ourselves on a log without falling off. The first day was so much fun! We had a roast for dinner which is perfect after a big day of activities! We ended the night with a bush walk and saw many kangaroos!

On the Thursday we awoke, had breakfast and got ready to head to the beach. We were going boogie boarding with the Sea Earth Adventures program. The weather was VERY cold and rainy, so our spirits weren't as high as they were before we began. BUT once we were in the water we completely forgot about the rain and temperature and has a whole lot of FUN! It was so good riding the rides and we had perfect conditions for riding the waves. We loved seeing everyone's huge smiles and hearing their laughter as they had fun in the water. Some students had never even been to the beach before so it was a fun and memorable experience! We were all so proud of the students who weren't very confident swimmers, who still gave it go and caught some waves. Well done for living in the moment 5/6's! We got changed and headed back to the lodge where we had some down time and got warm. We completed some undercover activities that afternoon such as archery and playing mini golf. Then we warmed up our bellies with spaghetti bolognese for dinner.

We awoke quite sad as it was our last day. We had breakfast and tidied our cabins. Once we were all packed up we completed one last activity on the property and had some free time. The camp was so well equipped and there was so much for us to do in our free time. Then for one of our highlights- the petting paddock. Coastal Forest Lodge has many different types of animals in the paddocks on their acreage of land. First we went and fed the donkeys and horses. They were so sweet and ate out of our hands! The owner's puppy was being very cheeky to the donkeys and horses and was pulling on their tails (it was very funny)! Then we met two of their horses and got to pat them. Afterwards, we moved to another paddock and fed the alpacas and sheep. One alpaca in particular was so friendly and we got to get so close to so many amazing animals. This was definitely one of the highlights! We finished up with some burgers, said our thankyou's and goodbyes and headed home. What an incredible camp!

Thank you to all the staff who made the camp possible and all the students for making our school proud with your incredible behaviour. Well done!





EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Benjamin Prep A

For showing excellence in everything he does. Ben has shown that he tries to complete his work carefully. Well done Ben!



Mahlia 1/2C

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



Eme Prep B

For demonstrating the school value of excellence in her writing. She is working hard to write the sounds she can hear.



Eva 1/2 D

For pushing herself outside her comfort zone, taking on feedback and attempting to challenge herself with a positive mind set.



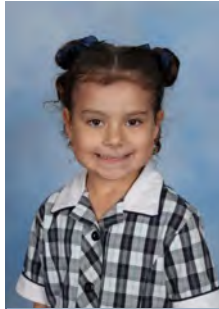
Maddie Prep C

For showing excellence in all that she does. She listens respectfully, contributes to class discussions and shows pride in her learning tasks.



Elijah 1/2 E

For always putting in an amazing effort and having a great attitude towards his learning. He makes great choices and is a kind friend.



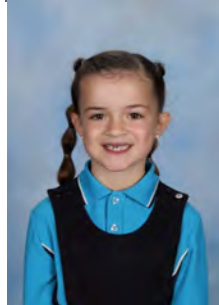
Denver Prep D

Denver is highly organised, takes pride in her work and stays focused until her work is complete.



Nick 1/2 F

For his attitude and effort towards his learning. He has listened to instructions, started his work and persisted independently on his work.



Willow 1/2 A

For showing excellence by being a kind and caring friend, a helper in the classroom and striving to achieve her best.



Agam 1/2 G

For trying his best during class time and taking pride in the work he produces. He is a great friend and plays with everyone.



Ruby 1/2 B

For the amazing way she shows excellence. She takes pride in her learning, challenges herself to extend her knowledge.

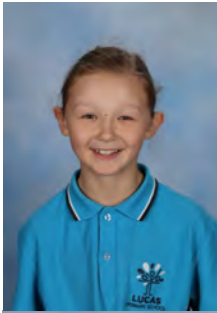


William 3/4 A

For showing excellence consistently in the classroom. He tries his best at everything he does. Well done William!



EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Gabe 3/4 B

For showing excellence daily by always trying his best during learning tasks, producing high quality work. He listens to and applies feedback.



Cameron 3/4 C

For demonstrating excellence by challenging himself to achieve his learning goals. He is a superstar role model.



Aaron 4/5 A

For demonstrating excellence by the way he has fitted into our classroom and his high expectations of his learning.



Amity 5/6 A

For making excellent learning choices and wanting to achieve all you can in every subject. Well Done!



Kirby 5/6 B

For pushing herself to improve her learning and working hard to take on feedback. Well done Kirby!

Visual Arts

3/4B



For working so well on their cactus sculptures. They had a growth mindset and willingness to experiment with new techniques. Well done!

Performing Arts

1/2 A



For showing excellence in their singing of the whole-school-song. They showed great listening skills.

Physical Education

1/2



A For showing excellence when practising the skills of the kick and dribble and helping their teammates during their soccer matches.

Japanese

5/6A



For making excellent progress in their speaking skills and supporting each other to maximise their learning.



Have a great week!