

22/6/2023

Last week of school ... lots to celebrate.

As we come to the end of term, we can look back and reflect on a very busy, but rewarding time. It has been a busy 9 weeks full of learning and experiences that I am sure students will take with them and remember for the years ahead. Some memorable moments includes:

- The new students and staff (and families) that have joined the Lucas community throughout the term. It has been great having you on board.
- The first Lucas PS ANZAC ceremony around the Lone Pine and our school leaders marching at the Ballarat Cenotaph.
- The Year 5/6 camp to Anglesea that focused on courage and independence.
- A number of excursions and incursions including Ecolink, Lake Wendouree, Halls Gap and the Lucas Community Garden.
- A number of students representing the school with pride during the representative sports including X-Country, soccer and AFL.
- 3 shade sails installed and 1 that blew away.
- Many 2024 Prep tours coming in to find out all about Lucas PS.
- Settled classrooms with strong learning pathways.
- The laser cutter creating some interesting creations including a wooden bag tag for each student.
- Celebrating Education Week and participating in Simultaneous Storytime.
- Continuing to build on the multi-aged Tomodachi Groups
- Our school leaders and indigenous students leading the Reconciliation Week activities.

The list could go on...

Looking forward to Term 3, it is already shaping up as a term of valuable learning experiences and memories. We hope everyone finds some time to relax and take the opportunity during the holidays to enjoy each other's company and recharge the batteries in preparation for Term 3 starting on July 10.

A picture tells a thousand words.

Snapshots from the last 14 days.



School Council Happenings

A regular part of our newsletters will be providing a snapshot of what has been discussed at School Council. This week we met for our June meeting with the following main points being discussed:



- The new school bus route from Cardigan Village and timetable that will see students dropped off at Lucas PS in the morning and picked up in the afternoon. This has implications for the school which we are currently working through.
- The school financial audit was discussed and we acknowledged the work of our Business Manager Jenny Plews who managed this process.
- An overview of our teaching and learning program for the last month showcased the reporting and assessment process, professional learning from our staff and how planning week has enabled the teachers to spend valuable time reflecting on the past term and planning for the Term 3.
- A parent partnerships plan was discussed to build further connections between the school and our parent Community. The plan is to support parent connections in multiple ways including; classroom support, school organisation, fundraising and social connections. (read on in newsletter for more details)
- Facility upgrades to the school to include the possibility of a school shed and big screen for the gym.
- School council looked at two policies; School Purchase Card and Health Care Needs.
- Two excursions were approved for the start of Term 3; Grade Prep Sovereign Hill and the Young Authors Program Workshop 1.

Staff Carpark

Of late we have noticed a number of parents/carers are utilising the staff carpark as a pick up and drop off zone and as you can imagine this can cause a number of issues:

1. Increased numbers of cars moving across the pedestrian path on O'Shannassy parade when students are riding or walking to and from school.
2. Cars reversing in and out of car park spaces at the busy times of drop off and pick up.
3. Staff not having the availability to come and go from the staff car park due to spaces being taken up.

As we grow as a school, so do the numbers of staff who are employed to work in a variety of different areas including teachers, education support, maintenance, before/after school care, allied health support and technicians/tradespeople. Although most of these staff arrive before school operating times, some of them do come and go during the day.

It is important that we leave the staff carpark for staff to ensure they have availability of space to arrive and leave without delay during the day.

We know there are parking issues around the school at the busy times in the morning and afternoon, which we are constantly working on. There is no quick solution to this and while strategies are developed and put into place, the best course of action is to have a chat with your children about a drop off and pick up strategy. Utilising the parks around the school and the wide pedestrian pathways could allow you to make your drop off and pick up point away from the front of the school. Thanks in advance for your support.



New Bus Service

We have heard this week about the details for the new bus service that will be operating for school students between Cardigan Village and Ballarat High School. It will drop off at Lucas PS each morning at 8.30am and pick up at 3.47pm. Although this service is available to all school students as a 'school special' route (Only school students can use) those who live further than 4.8 km from the school can apply for a conveyancing allowance. This will allow those who qualify to recoup the cost of the Myki card needed to use this bus. Please keep an eye on Compass for a message about how to do this. We are currently working on plans to ensure we manage student use of this service in a safe and orderly way.



3 Way Conversations and Reports

This week allows us to formerly celebrate the learning success and challenges of all students via our 3 Way Conversations. During these conversations, students will lead their teachers and parents through their own learning journey highlighting the struggles and successes they have experienced along the way. The sessions will also be an opportune time to share a midyear report and a portfolio of work. The students have been working hard to prepare for this moment and we appreciate all those who have been able to book a time.



Parent Partnerships

After a disrupted few years of learning and having restrictions in place that guided who can and cannot be onsite, we are looking to expand on our parent partnerships from the start of next term. There are a number of avenues we will be pursuing; some of which are familiar and are currently entrenched in our culture, some that are now able to be revitalised and others that will be new to the Lucas Primary School. Our approach will be multi-pronged and will include the actions listed below:

LEARNING	ORGANISATION	SOCIAL CONNECTIONS	FUNDRAISING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom helpers Excursion and Incur-sion helpers Library assistance Curriculum sub com-mitee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Parent Liaison Groups Working Bees Inclusivity and Con-nection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prep parent socials Parent Social Occa-sions Welcome BBQ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising Team which includes our JSC Second Hand Uni-form Major Events

Engaging all of these actions at the same time is unrealistic, however, please keep an eye out for messages on Com- pass calling for support in these areas. It is important to remember that it takes a village to raise a child and build a strong community and that everyone is able to contribute in some shape or form.





June 23rd

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

Final assembly 12:45pm all
welcome

July 10th

First day Term 3

June 23rd

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

Monday July 10th

First day Term 3

Monday July 10th—Friday
July 14th

Swimming Grade 3/4 & 4/5

July 12th

Prep Sovereign Hill Excursion

School bus route

Cardigan Village – Ballarat High School



Monday to Friday

SCHOOL BUS STOP	AM
1 Cardigan Village/Madden Rd	8.15
2 Diamond Dr/Windermere Way	8.17
3 Messenger Pde/Shortridge Dr	8.25
4 Daly Dr/Eleanor Dr	8.27
5 Lucas Primary School/O'Shannassy Pde	8.30
6 Paterson St/Eleanor Dr	8.32
7 Daly Dr/Eleanor Dr	8.33
8 Warburton Dr/Cuthberts Rd	8.35
9 Parkview Dr/Cuthberts Rd	8.37
10 Cuthberts Rd Reserve/Cuthberts Rd	8.38
11 Kallara Care/Cuthberts Rd	8.41
12 St Thomas More School/Cuthberts Rd	8.43
13 Kallioota St/Cuthberts Rd	8.44
14 Ningana Av/Cuthberts Rd	8.45
15 Cardigan Av/Cuthberts Rd	8.46
16 Learmonth St/Cuthberts Rd	8.47
17 Ballarat HS/Sturt St	8.50

SCHOOL BUS STOP	PM
18 Ballarat HS/Sturt St	3.27
17 Munro St/Sturt St	3.28
16 Learmonth St/Cuthberts Rd	3.30
15 Cardigan Av/Cuthberts Rd	3.31
14 Towong St/Cuthberts Rd	3.32
13 Hume Cr/Cuthberts Rd	3.33
12 Alfredton PS/Cuthberts Rd	3.35
11 St Thomas More School/Cuthberts Rd	3.36
10 Alfredton Dr/Cuthberts Rd	3.36
9 Jarrah Dr/Cuthberts Rd	3.39
8 Blomeley St/Cuthberts Rd	3.42
7 Lucas Primary School/O'Shannassy Pde	3.47
6 Paterson St/Eleanor Dr	3.49
5 Eleanor Dr/Messenger Pde	3.52
4 Shortridge Dr/Messenger Pde	3.54
3 Diamond Dr/Windermere Way	4.02
2 Madden Rd/Windermere Way	4.04

Prep

In Art this term, our Prep artists began their exploration of colour theory. They learnt about primary colours and had a lot of fun experimenting and mixing them to create secondary colours. There were lots of 'oohs and ahs' as the colours transformed in front of their eyes. Our artist focus, was the children's story book author, Eric Carle and how he uses collage to create his unique works of art. The students created two pieces, a printed paper collage of a caterpillar and a mixed media work of the lifecycle of a caterpillar. In this piece, they experimented with a range of different techniques including using clay and Modroc. Well done, Preps. Your lifecycles look amazing.

Grade 1/2

Our artist focus for Term 2, was the contemporary artist Jessica Woods. The students looked at her unique way of painting flowers and were inspired to create painted flowers in pots based on her work. The students chose either a warm or cool colour palette for their artwork and embellish their circular flowers with paint pens and paint sticks. The students also created a detailed 'Garden Portrait' using a range of different materials and techniques. They used several techniques and materials to create this detailed artwork. The intention was to create a two-dimensional piece that gives the illusion of 3 dimension. The students drew a picture of themselves to place in their garden scene. Look closely for the shadow that each person casts!

Grade 3/4/5

The Grade 3/4/5 classes have created two pieces of art this term using cacti as inspiration. They carefully drew some cacti in pot and coloured them with oil pastel. They then learnt how to turn their oil pastel drawing into paintings, by carefully rubbing baby oil over their work to 'melt' the oil pastel. This was an interesting technique that the students enjoyed experimenting with.

The second piece was a 3-dimensional sculpture of cacti in a terracotta pot. The student decorated their pots with paint pens and created their cactus sculptures using Magiclay, sticks and foil. Well done, Grade 3/4s. These finished pots are very striking!

Grade 5/6

Our 5/6 artists have been using watercolour as a medium to create a detailed watercolour painting of native Australian flowers. They spent several weeks creating an observational drawing of different native flowers such as hibiscus, banksia, orchids and flannel flowers. When they were happy with their design, they began the process of layering watercolour paint and pencil to create a detailed shaded piece. This was a time-consuming process as the students learnt to add depth and detail to their work.

The students are currently working on creating papier mache and felt animal puppets. This has been a very popular project, with all students enthusiastically working on their designs. We hope to have them all finished early next term.

Art Term 2



HALLS GAP ZOO GRADE 3/4/5

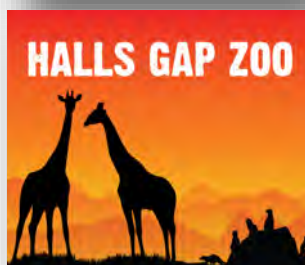
As a part of our Biodiversity Unit for Integrated Studies this term, the Year 3/4/5 cohort visited the Halls Gap Zoo. Although the weather was a chilly 8 degrees with showers, the students all had a fantastic time and represented Lucas Primary School fantastically, modelling the school values to a high standard.

First, they participated in an educational talk with one of the zookeepers. She brought out 3 different types of lizards and shared information about their features, adaptations, and habitats. All students had the opportunity to pat the lizards who described them as smooth, scaly, rough and spikey.

After that, everybody had the opportunity to explore the zoo. They saw all kinds of amazing animals such as otters, cheetahs, giraffes, rhinoceroses, meerkats, and lemurs. Students read lots of information about all the animals and enjoyed furthering their knowledge.



Thank you to all those involved to make for such a successful excursion.





GROWTH AWARDS



Mac Prep A

For showing growth in his learning by taking pride in his work, staying focused and trying his best at all tasks.



Olivia Prep B

For demonstrating the school value of growth in all areas. Olivia is working hard to learn her letters and sounds.



Sophie Prep C

For showing growth in her writing. She has been working hard to sound out words and write the sounds she can hear.



Ibrahim Prep D

Ibrahim has learnt most of the sounds letters make, he can write his name. He engages well with his peers.



Claire 1/2 A

For working hard to build her resilience. She takes on feedback, has a positive mindset and gives everything a go.



Ryan 1/2 B

For always trying his best and persisting when his learning tasks become challenging. Keep up the great work Ryan!



Lachlan 1/2 C

For showing growth by building stronger relationships with his peers and friends.



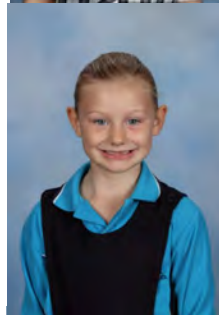
Kade 1/2 D

For taking on feedback with a can-do approach and loving a challenge, especially in numeracy. Kade has shown growth in his learning.



Indianna B 1/2 E

For showing growth in all aspects of her learning. She has made huge improvements in her attitude, by having a go at new tasks.



Ricki 1/2 F

For showing the value of growth in her listening and organisational skills. She has been listening carefully and setting herself up for learning.



Leon 1/2 G

For showing growth in all aspects of his learning. He is positive and gives everything a red-hot go. He takes pride in his achievements.



Kaif 3/4 A

For working incredibly hard this semester and showing sensational growth in all areas of her learning. Well done Kaif!



GROWTH AWARDS



Vivienne 3/4 B

For demonstrating growth during writing activities. Improving her ability to edit and enhance her writing to make it interesting.



Layla 3/4 C

For working to achieve learning growth every day. She has set high standards for herself and has achieved growth in all areas.



Ryder 4/5 A

For demonstrating growth by the way he has committed himself to improve his learning. He should be proud of his achievements!



Linkin 5/6 A

For the growth he has made with his academics. He aims high and strives for his personal best.



Leo 5/6 B

For showing growth in the choices he makes in the classroom and in the yard this semester.

Visual Arts



Prep A

For facing challenges with enthusiasm and a can-do attitude. They have shown growth in problem-solving skills, curiosity and confidence

Performing Arts



5/6 A

For enormous growth in their commitment to their learning, their willingness to give everything a go and support each other.

Physical Education



Prep D

For demonstrating growth by trying their best at learning the "drop punt". Prep D had great determination as it is a difficult skill.

Japanese



4/5 A

For supporting each other to improve their learning and creating an excellent quality of work.

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