

24/8/2023

A picture tells a thousand words.

Snapshots from the last 14 days.

Welcome to Book Week where the theme is “Read, Grow and Inspire”. We have lots organised this week to celebrate everything great about reading. On Wednesday we have our day of celebrations with a dress up day, book activities and finishing with a Celebration of Learning evening.

The outline of the day is:

8.50am - Students make their way to classrooms for class picture and marking of roll.

9.15am - Dress Up Parade in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend and join in the fun.

10.00am - Students make their way back to their classroom for morning activities.

11.00am - Recess

11.30am - Book activities in year level classrooms.

1.30pm - Lunch

2.30pm - Tomodachi Session - Book Week Edition

3.00pm - Back to classrooms to prepare for Celebration of Learning.

3.30pm - Dismissal

5.00pm - Students return with family to celebrate reading and participate in our Book Week Scavenger Hunt.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of parents and extended family at our Celebration of Learning. The Scavenger Hunt will assist with families staying together and making their way around the different classrooms to participate in reading and specialist activities.

A coffee van will also be in attendance to help keep us all warm.



New Portable

On Friday afternoon we received notice that the safety fencing would be going up this week to prepare for the new portable work to begin. Over the coming weeks they will be installing the services for the portable followed by the crane which will place the classroom onsite. It should be a spectacle for the students when the big trucks arrive.

Junior Triple Zero Hero

On the 26th of July year 5 student Bailey was presented with a 'Junior Triple Zero Hero' award in Melbourne. Bailey received this award to acknowledge her leadership, courage and clear thinking during an emergency, where she made a call to Triple Zero (000). It was such an amazing and rewarding experience for Bailey and her family! We are so proud to have an exceptional student at Lucas Primary School. Congratulations Bailey.



Parent/Carer/Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an **understanding of families' perceptions of school climate**, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

A random sample of parents / caregivers / guardians **have been selected to participate in this year's survey.** Emails have been sent to these families with a unique pin and instructions. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open until Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.



Parent Helpers Course

We were pleased to welcome a number of parents along to our first Parent Helpers session last week. The session focused on the expectations and requirements for parents to assist in the classroom in this day and age.

The course will continue this Thursday at 9.00am in the Admin Building with a more in-depth look at how we teach reading and how parents can assist in this process. The strategies are not only good for school but also will assist with home reading support. If you are able to join us, please contact Dani on danielle.toose@education.vic.gov.au. If you missed the first session, it is perfectly fine to join us for the second. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Hot Milo Day

A huge thankyou to our parent helpers who assisted with the Hot Milo Day on Friday. It was timely, as the temperature plummeted and the icy wind took hold. Our JSC did a fabulous job organising the day and managed to raise \$380 that will go toward our big screen for the gym.

School Council

Our August School Council meeting was held last week and included the following discussions:

- Long term building and grounds planning to cater for future enrolment growth.
- An update on student enrolments and projections for 2024.
- Planning for strategic staffing decisions over the next 6 months.
- Budget amendments based on new funding for the school.
- Overview of our 2023 NAPLAN results and the process moving forward to use this data to improve teacher practice and student outcomes.
- An update on the Annual Implementation Plan including progress reports against our goals for the year.
- Approval of upcoming excursions and the Year 2 Sleepover.
- Review and approval of the Anaphylaxis policy.

Our thanks to our school councilours for the energy and discussion they bring to the table.

New Photos for Website.

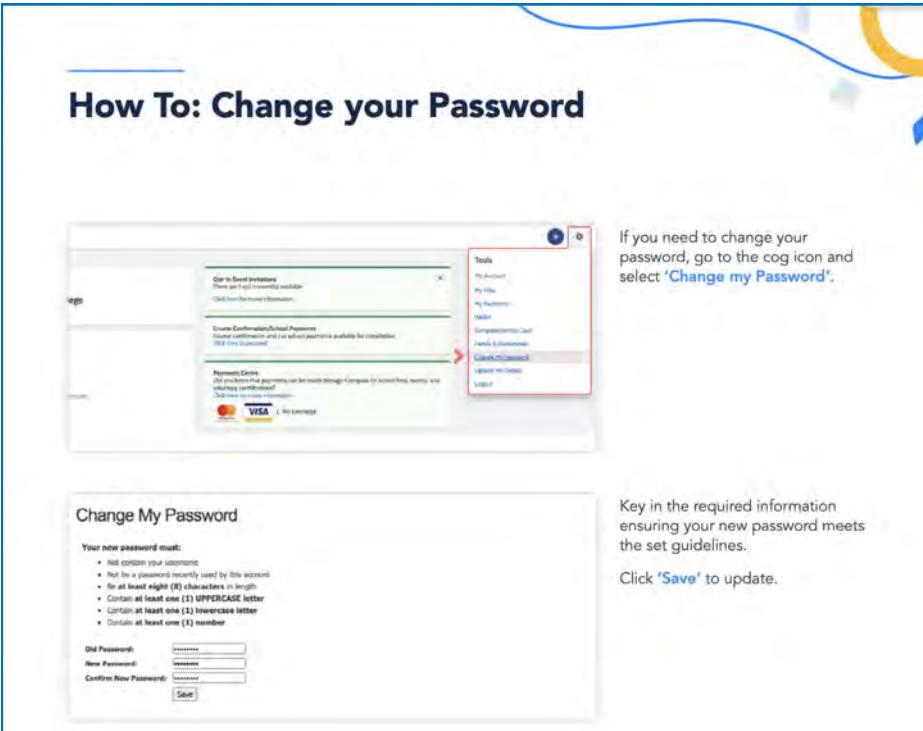
Believe it or not, our school website photos have become a little out of date and therefore our website designer and photographer will be on site next Wednesday to take a range of photos that showcase everything great about Lucas Primary School. We have been compiling a list of features about the school in which we would like to highlight and are interested in your opinion. If you have some good ideas to add to the list, please send your ideas to Lucas.PS@education.vic.gov.au

Some examples include:

Our learning spaces, playgrounds, specialist programs, uniform, cultural awareness programs etc.

Compass Tip of the Week - Updating your password.

From time to time you may need to change your password for your Compass Parent Portal. The instructions below explain how to do this quickly and easily.



How To: Change your Password

If you need to change your password, go to the cog icon and select **'Change my Password'**.

Key in the required information ensuring your new password meets the set guidelines.

Click **'Save'** to update.

Change My Password

Your new password must:

- Not contain your username
- Not be a password recently used by this account
- Be at least eight (8) characters in length
- Contain at least one (1) UPPERCASE letter
- Contain at least one (1) lowercase letter
- Contain at least one (1) number

Old Password:

New Password:

Confirm New Password:

SCHOOL DISCO

The JSC, in conjunction with a staff working party have been busily planning a disco for Thursday August 31. The Disco will be held in the gym starting at 5pm and concluding at 7pm. All students are welcome. The disco will be fully supervised by Lucas Primary School staff. Students must be signed in upon arrival and will only be released at the end of the evening when a parent/carer or guardian is present to pick them up. More details will be circulated about our drop off and pick up procedures closer to the date. The cost of the disco is \$10 and will include a drink, nibbles and glo-sticks for each student. All proceeds are going toward purchasing a large screen for the gym. Tickets will be available on Quickcliq www.quickcliq.com.au at anytime up until the event. This is the same website used for our lunch orders.

On the afternoon of August 31, as a warm up for the disco, all students will come together at 2.30pm to perform the whole school dances they have been working on in Performing Arts. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun on this afternoon.

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When: Thursday 31st August

Time: 5-7pm

Where: Lucas PS GYM

Dress: Come dressed in your favourite colour.

Cost: \$10.00 includes entry, bottle of water, bag of chips and glow stick.

Purchase tickets via Quickcliq.

www.quickcliq.com.au

Step1. click on link

Step 2. register (if you are a new user)

Step 3. Select "Event" & follow the prompts.

**** Please put students names as well as any dietary requirements in the notes.***

Term 3 in PE

Foundation & 1/2 PE

This term our Foundation and Junior students have been learning locomotive skills. Locomotive skills are movements that you can use to get from one point to another. Students have enjoyed playing different games that focus on the skills of running, dodging, skipping, hopping, jumping and leaping. Some of the most popular games have included toilet tag, line tiggly, the freeze game and moving walls. When playing these games students have had to move with control and ensure they are aware of those around them. The moving walls game has led to some very interesting discussions around tactics used by both taggers and as evaders.



3/4/5 PE

This term our grade 3/4/5 students have been learning about lifelong sports. A lifelong sport is a sport **that can be played at any point in your life and usually doesn't include body contact. We have focused** on some target games such as frisbee golf, finska, kubb and bocce.

When learning about navigational sports, the students played a number of different games that involved directional language and finding control points or landmarks. Students learned the basics of how compasses work and utilised maps and problem solving to orientate themselves around our school **during the "Vampire Orienteering" game.**



5/6 PE *By Byron – 56B Red Team Media person.*

This term we have been learning SEPEP. SEPEP stands for Sport Education in Physical Education program. In SEPEP we have been learning Ultimate Frisbee. We were split into three teams. Red, green, and blue. Each week the teams all play against each other and when our team is not playing we do our SEPEP role.

I liked it the most when my team made it into the semifinal. We have learned to work as a team and learn our roles, mine was the media person it is where you record and take photos of the games. At the end of the tournament the winning team from each class played off in a grand final and voted for the most improved award. Mahathi from 56B and Kyle from 56A both received the Most Improved awards.



SOVEREIGN DIVISION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday the 9th of August, we had eighteen students attend the Sovereign Division Basketball Tournament. Our two teams had been training hard for weeks in our basketball lunchtime clubs and Tuesday lunchtime training sessions to ensure they were ready for the competition. Our boys team consisted of Jaxon, Charlie, Eamon, Linkin, Sean, Kruz, Rudraksh, Kyle and Kane. Our girls team consisted of Allira, Isla, Kirby, Ivy, Jade, Flick, Mazie, Mahathi and Summer.

Our girls team had their first match against Black Hill Primary School. While it was a tough match with the girls losing 12 to 4, there were signs of improvement and key areas of learning to take from the match. In the subsequent matches the girls improved their defensive pressure and decision making to finish with a number of narrow losses. Their final match was against Delacombe Primary School. In the first half the girls scored quickly on the rebound and defended fiercely. They were able to hold on to secure their first win 10 to 6. A big thank you to Miss Jones who coached the girls.

Our boys team had their first match against Buninyong Primary School. From the first few moments, it was clear how much the boys had improved since last year's tournament. They were passing well, moving to good spots and defending tightly. When the final siren sounded our boys had prevailed by the narrowest of margins with a one point win. Their second, third and fourth games proved to be very similar with narrow wins by one, two and seven points respectfully. The final pool match was against the other undefeated team Ballan Primary School, who went on to win the tournament. While we lost this game it was great to hear the positivity that both the boys team and supporters were displaying. A really big thank you to all of the parents who came to support our students and to our volunteers and Miss Jones who assisted on the day.



Lunchtime Clubs

This term in our sport lunchtime clubs, the House Captains have been organising fun games for **the younger students. Some of these games include the parachute, line figgy and "farmer Sam". Our Grade 3/4's have been playing basketball on Monday lunchtimes and the 4/5/6** students have been competing in lunchtime basketball tournaments. Over five weeks students played matches to try and qualify for the boys final and girls final. The girls final was a close match with the final basket enabling the Red team to gain an advantage over the Blue team. The boys match was a little one sided but the Pink team, who finished the regular season in fourth place, fought valiantly to the end with the Blue team named winners. It was great to see so many students in the gym cheering for the four teams in their final matches.





Lucas Primary School - Term 3 Calendar

The calendar below is a guide to the special events that are planned for Term 3. Although we are fairly set on the organisation below, times and dates may change. Please keep an eye on Compass for any alterations

TERM 3					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	10 th July Swimming 3/4/5	11 th July	12 th July Sovereign Hill - Prep	13 th July	14 th July
2	17 th July Swimming 1/2 & 5/6	18 th July	19 th July	20 th July Young Authors Workshop 1	21 st July Assembly
3	24 th July Swimming 1/2 History Flag Incursion Yr 3-5	25 th July	26 th July	27 th July	28 th July Tamadaochi Groups
4	31 st July Pupil Free Day	1 st August	2 nd August	3 rd August	4 th August Assembly
5	7 th August	8 th August	9 th August Div. Basketball Sov Hill - Yr 1/2	10 th August	11 th August Tamadaochi Groups
6	14 th August School Council	15 th August	16 th August	17 th August	18 th August Young Authors Workshop 2 Assembly
7	21 st August	22 nd August	23 rd August Book Week Dress Up Celebration of Learning 5pm-7pm	24 th August	25 th August
8	28 th August	29 th August	30 th August	31 st August Disco 5-7pm	1 st September Assembly
9	4 th September Yr 5/6 Art Gallery	5 th September Division Athletics	6 th September	7 th September	8 th September Tamadaochi Groups
10	11 th September School Council	12 th September	13 th September Japanese Day	14 th September Grade 2 sleepover	15 th September Assembly 12.45pm Early Finish 1.30pm





EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Autumn Prep A

For trying her best in everything she does, taking pride in her work and staying focused during learning time.



Prithvik Prep B

For demonstrating the value of excellence in his reading and writing. He uses his letters and sounds



Rory Prep C

For showing excellence each day. He listens and is kind and caring and inclusive to those around him.



Winnie Prep D

For working really hard in her writing and taking on all feedback to write a great narrative.



Kiara 1/2 A

For being a kind and caring friend. She is always organised and ready to learn. She reads every night and takes pride in her work.



Dejaye 1/2 B

For showing excellence in writing. He has worked hard to remember to include his writing goal of using finger spaces. Well done Dejaye!



Ethan 1/2C

For working hard on his writing goal by stretching out his words and including finger spaces.



Jaymes 1/2D

For showing excellence with improved organisation and being ready to learn in class.



Archie 1/2 E

Archie always shows the value of excellence. He is a positive student who lifts those around him. He takes pride in his work.



Emily 1/2 F

For making good learning choices, listening to class instruction and adding her opinion to discussions.



Kiyaan 1/2 G

For always trying his best and taking pride in the work he produces. He is using his Oxford Dictionary and making lovely growth in writing.



Kitarah 3/4 A

For showing excellence continually in the classroom. She has been focused and tries her absolute best and reads every night.



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Danielle 3/4B

For demonstrating excellence consistently. She aims high, especially during writing activities using interesting vocabulary.



Samuel 3/4 C

For aiming high and trying his best. Samuel works very hard every day. Thank you for being such a great role model.



Lilly 4/5 A

For always being ready to learn, taking pride in her work and always applying feedback. She strives for excellence. It is great to see her learn.



Celeste 5/6 A

For always aiming high and pushing herself to her full potential.

Well done Celeste!



Zul 5/6 B

For always striving to do his best in all areas of his learning. He is a wonderful role model for his peers. A fantastic effort!

Performing Arts



Prep C

For showing enthusiasm in all aspects of dance and always striving to achieve their best. They listen and they help each other.

ART



1/2F

For working so well on their rainbow weaving. Well done on having a growth mindset and willingness to try new techniques.

PE



5/6A

For showing excellence when performing their SEPEP roles and playing in the ultimate frisbee tournament.

Japanese



1/2B

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