

Newsletter Term 4 Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are fast approaching the halfway mark of Term 4. It has been action packed so far and there are many more learning experiences planned for the remainder of the year.

Although the Colour Run has dominated the first half of the term, it has been great to see the students maintaining excellent learning behaviours to make the most of this final term. As we all know, keeping it together for the whole of Term 4 can be very challenging for the students so making sure we make the most of our learning time now is paramount.

Thanks to all the parent support to ensure students are arriving on time and ready for learning everyday.

We had some fantastic news over the weekend with two of our teachers welcoming babies into the world. Our congratulations to:

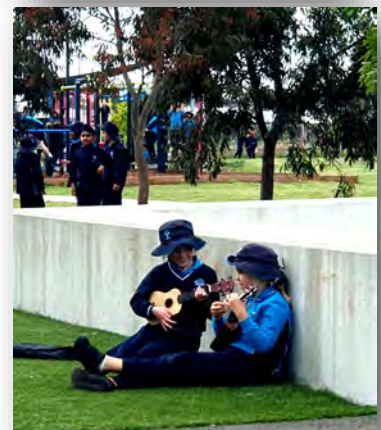
Mrs Erin Lindsay and her husband Bill who welcomed a healthy little boy Taite, and

Mrs Hayley Short and husband Will who welcomed a little boy Oakley.

It is pleasing to hear that both Erin and Hayley are doing well and doting over their new additions to the family.



A picture tells a thousand words.



State Athletics

Lucas Primary School is very proud of Charlie in year 6 and Samuel in year 4 who competed in Melbourne yesterday at the State Track and Field Carnival. Charlie in the high jump and Samuel in the shot put. The boys did incredibly well.

Congratulations to both boys on making it to this level of competition.

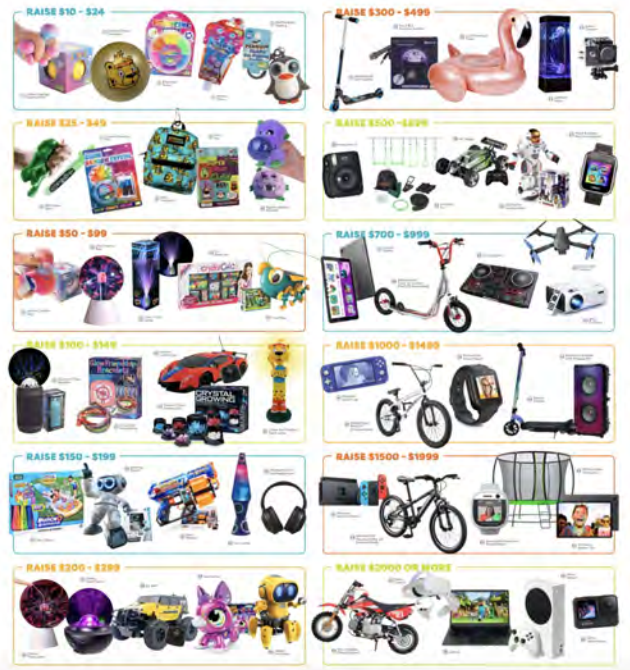


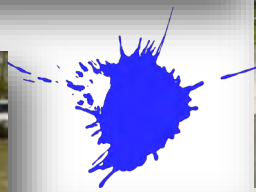
Colour Run

Well, Friday was a fantastic event for us all to be involved in. The smiles on the faces were a clear indication of how successful this event was in building connection to the school and having a whole lot of fun along the way. Special thanks to all the families who were able to come along and support the afternoon of fun and games. During the afternoon, we had great support from the Lucas Fire Brigade who were able to add to the atmosphere and also show off the capabilities of one of their trucks.

Our final tally continues to climb as we approach the deadline for fundraising; Friday October 10. After this date students will be able to order their prizes which will then be delivered to the school for distribution.

As it stands over \$34000 has been raised which will enable us to purchase our large screen for the gym and also financially support a number of programs for 2024. This is an amazing effort, well above national average and shows the support our Lucas community provides. Thanks to everyone who has contributed.





[2024 School Financial Contributions and Stationery Packs](#)

Last week all families will have received a Compass message outlining the plan for ordering 2024 Stationery Packs and the School Council approved Financial Contribution Schedule.

[Stationery Packs](#)

There is a slight change to the ordering process for this year. A change in provider has ensured we keep costs down and keep the process as simple as possible for families.

Our new provider, KaKa Kids, will be able to take online orders. Orders need to be placed prior to December 1st or a \$14.95 late surcharge will apply. All stationery packs will be delivered directly to the school in readiness for the first day of the 2024 school year. Teachers will manage the distribution process in the classroom throughout the year.

Please see the Compass message for more details.

[Financial Contribution Schedule](#)

Each year we ask families to contribute financially to support the programs that are offered at Lucas Primary School. These contributions are kept to a minimum but allow the school to maintain and offer programs of a high standard.

There are a number of areas in the Financial Contribution Schedule:

Curriculum Consumables - This supports the school to purchase items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the curriculum. A good example of this are the resources used within our specialist programs (Art, Performing Arts, Physical Education and Japanese). These come at considerable cost to the school and are used by every student throughout the year, often needing replacement on an annual basis.

Other Contributions - This supports the ongoing school grounds maintenance program to ensure the school is kept in a safe, neat and tidy way for all to enjoy on a daily basis.

Donation - School Initiative Project - This year we have included a contribution to a project that will be a major focus in the coming year. In 2024, we are looking to establish a Vegetable Garden and Outdoor Learning Space to complement our extracurricular program. Donations are welcome and will be supplemented through a grants program and the school fundraising efforts. We aim to update this section of the financial contribution schedule each year with a new focus so that our school continues to grow and offer new learning experiences for the students.

Extra Curricular Items and Activities - This is the user pay section of the Financial Contributions Schedule and covers camps, excursions and incursions throughout the year. Parents have the choice of paying \$150 up front that sits in credit for the activities throughout the year or by paying for each activity at the time of the event. Please note that any unused financial credit at the end of each year can be rolled over to the following year. This money remains in the family name and any remaining credit is refunded upon departure.

We appreciate all financial contributions which allows Lucas Primary School to maintain the best possible support for your child.

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Assessment weeks

Over the next two weeks all students will be participating in a number of activities which assist with tracking student learning growth for the year. The assessments are just one of many ways that teachers gather evidence throughout the year that inform end of year reports. Attendance over the next two weeks is essential to assist in this process.

The report process for Term 4 is as follows:

October 30 - November 10 - Assessment Weeks

December 8 - Reports available on Compass.

December 14 - Parent Teacher Interviews 1.45pm - 6pm (Early finish at 1.30pm)

Preparing for 2024 - Key Dates

As we look forward to the end of 2024, there are a few key dates that will be required to ensure those holiday adventures are finished before school returns.

Some key dates for the diary include:

Final day of 2023 for students - Tuesday December 19

First Day of 2024 for Year 1-6 students - Wednesday January 31

First Day of 2024 for Prep students - Thursday February 1

Prep Rest Days: February 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Prep students begin full time instruction from Monday March 4

Wellbeing Space

The Wellbeing Space is becoming a very popular venue for students to utilise during break times or when they require some de-escalation time during class. This dedicated space has been created with calm activities in a darkened room that supports mindfulness at the time in which the student identifies a need.

On a recent visit to the room during lunchtime, we saw many students taking the opportunity to sit quietly, play a game, build a project or quietly talk to a friend. Cass is always in attendance in the Wellbeing space to help guide students in the right direction.



Christmas Carols Organising Committee

Please lock in Thursday December 7 for our annual Christmas Carols evening at Lucas PS. The evening will begin at 5pm and conclude at approx 7pm with an opportunity to bring a picnic and watch the students perform their songs.

The Christmas Carols night does require considerable preparation and therefore we are looking for a few parents to join the organising committee which will meet in the weeks leading up to the event. Our next meeting is at 8am on Thursday the 16th of November.

If you are interested please contact the office for more details.

This night is a great way to finish off the year and one last opportunity for our wonderful community to come together before the Christmas holidays.



Grade 5/6 in Term 4

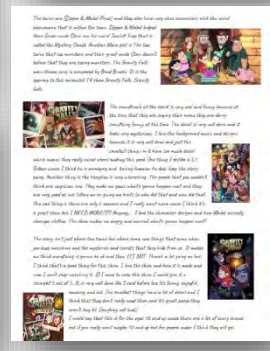
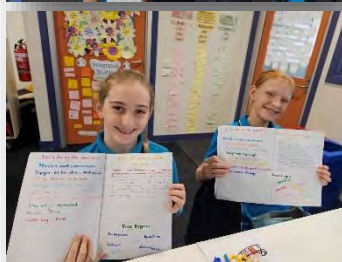
We can't believe it's Term 4 already! How the year has flown! We have so many fun excursions and events coming up, but so far this term we have been learning about the following:

Writing: In writing, we have been learning about response texts. A response text is where students respond to Literature. The students have been writing a response to their favourite **movie. The students' response texts were incredible! So detailed, so well written**- all the students have been so proud of the quality of writing they have produced! They will then circle back to exposition writing and link their persuasive text to our Integrated Studies topic.

Reading: In reading, the students have been preparing for Literature Circles. Lit Circles is a **reading program that lasts 6 weeks. The students get placed into 'mini book clubs' of 5-6 students and all read the same text. Each week they have a role to complete and then they come together and have a Lit Circle meeting where they can discuss author's intent, connections made and question one another's thoughts. They have learnt all 5 of the Lit Circle roles and will begin Lit Circles next week! The students are all super excited to begin reading our chosen texts!**

Numeracy: In Numeracy, the **5/6's have been showing so much growth in their learning and their ability to explain their thinking!** Miss Hay and Mrs. Andrews have been so impressed with everyone quickly and accurately picking up new mathematical concepts. The students have been delving deeper into fractions by looking at number lines, finding fractional amounts of whole numbers and worded problems. They then moved onto mental maths strategies. We have spent a fortnight doing number talks, sharing strategies and working on our ability to work out problems without pen and paper. The students then focused on being able to explain their thinking to a peer.

Science: In science this term students have been learning all about physical science and **specifically, electrical science. The year 5/6's are learning all about energy sources and circuits this term.** Students have loved learning through exploration and trialing different types of circuits to power lights, buzzers, fans and switches. We have been learning about the **difference between simple, series and parallel circuits. We have an incursion called 'Little Bits'** where Aaron from the Ballarat Tech School came and we had to follow instruction cards to make different types of circuits. It was fun!





In Term 4, all students from Year 1 to 6 will learn their numbers in Japanese. Year 1 and 2 students will learn the numbers up to 10, Year 3-5 students will learn the numbers up to 20 and how to tell the time in Japanese, and Year 5 and 6 students will learn the numbers up to 99 and how to ask and tell the time in Japanese.

In Term 3, Tavan, Rudraksh, Ruaridh, Felicity, Mahathi, Ivy and Lexi wrote a speech in Japanese to talk about themselves and their family members. The speeches were filmed and Mrs. Mori uploaded the videos to Padlet to share with Showa Primary School in Okayama, Japan. They received many positive comments from the students and teachers in Japan. Our students were very excited to read the comments and they were shared in their class at the start of this term.

In the middle of November, all Year 5 and 6 students will participate in a 'Greeting Card' exchange with Showa Primary School in Japan. Students from each school will be paired up and the Lucas students will create a Christmas Card for their Showa Primary School partner. We will post the greeting cards to Japan in early December, and we will expect to receive "Nengajo" (a Japanese greeting card for New Year) from Japan in the middle of December.

Some Year 5 and 6 students have begun to participate in "Hiragana Karate Belt" . The aim of this is to master "Hiragana" – the first alphabet that most Japanese children learn. In Japan secondary school, students are required to memorise all of the Hiragana characters by the end of Year 7 or 8 and obtain a black belt! Congratulations to the following students for reaching these levels so far. Amazing effort!







Mahathi—white belt

Lexi and Niharica—white, yellow, orange and green belts.

Tavan—White, yellow, orange, green, blue, purple, red and brown belts.



TERM 4

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
1	2 nd October	3 rd October	4 th October	5 th October	6 th October Tomodachi Groups
2	9 th October Swimming - Prep 	10 th October Swimming - Prep Ballarat High School transition session Yr 6	11 th October Swimming - Prep	12 th October Swimming - Prep	13 th October Swimming - Prep Assembly
3	16 th October OOD visit to Lucas Kinder School Council	17 th October	18 th October OOC visit to Lucas Kinder	19 th October Young Authors Program - Session 3 Cardigan Village Kinder Visit	20 th October Tomodachi Groups OOB visit to Lucas Kinder
4	23 rd October Curriculum Day	24 th October	25 th October OOA visit to Lucas Kinder	26 th October "Little Bits" Incursion Yr 5/6	27 th October Assembly Colour Run 
5	30 th October	31 st October	1 st November	2 nd November Division Cricket	3 rd November Young Authors Program - Celebration
6	6 th November	7 th November Melbourne Cup Day	8 th November	9 th November	10 th November Assembly
7	13 th November School Council	14 th November	15 th November	16 th November Prep Transition Session 1 and Parent Session	17 th November P-2 Athletics Day 
8	20 th November	21 st November	22 nd November	23 rd November	24 th November Assembly
9	27 th November Yr 3/4 Open Afternoon 3-4pm	28 th November	29 th November Prep Transition Session 2.	30 th November Yr 1/2 Lucas Park Excursion	1 st December Tomodachi Groups
10	4 th December School Council	5 th December	6 th December	7 th December Christmas Carols Evening 	8 th December Pevan & Sarah -Prep Assembly Student Reports Available on Compass
11	11 th December Year 6 Graduation Night  CONGRATULATIONS	12 th December Orientation Day Prep Transition Session 3.	13 th December 3/4/5/6 Showbiz movies Newsletter 5/6 open afternoon 3 - 4pm	14 th December Parent Teacher Interviews 1.45 - 6pm Early Finish at 1.30pm	15 th December Yr 1/2 Showbiz movies
12	18 th December Yr 5/6 Scienceworks Yr 3/4/5 Playground visit	19 th December Assembly Last day - early finish 1.30pm. 			

WOADY WARRIORS

COME AND TRY DAY



Sunday
Nov 19 2023



**Smythesdale Rec
Reserve**



10am – 12pm

FOOTY FUN DAY

Netsetgo Clinic

Community BBQ

AGES 4-13



**ALL
WELCOME**

Inviting all football players for
U/9, U/11 and U/13
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