

30/11/2023

A picture tells a thousand words.

Snapshots from the last 14 days.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This time of year is clearly the busiest for staff as they work hard to finalise the work from 2023 and begin the planning for 2024. It is our aim to ensure our high standards are maintained for as long as possible to make the most of the time we have left in 2023.

The final few weeks are action packed with excursions, incursions, celebrations and farewells, all of which will assist the students and staff to enjoy each others company and finish off the year on a high note.

Over the past few weeks we have seen our Prep and Year 3/4 teams open up their classrooms after school to share some of the learning that has been happening at school. These sessions were well attended with parents, carers and extended family members coming along to enjoy the experience. What was even more impressive was the way in which the students were able to showcase their learning and verbalise the strategies and processes learned along the way.



Stationery Packs

Thanks to all those who have ordered their 2024 stationery packs.

[The cut off date for ordering to avoid extra fees is tomorrow the 1st of December.](#)

Please refer to the Compass messages that have been sent out regularly over the past month with ordering details.

Teachers have worked hard to keep the cost of these packs to a minimum and match the resources to the developmental needs of your child. Please ensure your packs are ordered by December 1 to avoid extra fees.



Orientation Day - Meet Your Teacher Session

Over the past number of weeks, teachers have been spending considerable time creating the classes for 2024. Students have been organised into classes based on a range of variables to create well balanced groups. As you can imagine, this can be a very challenging task but hopefully the extra effort will hold us in good stead for the beginning of 2024.

We understand that this time of the year can be a challenging time for some, so the role parents and carers play to support their child is very important. Remaining positive and supporting your child to look at all situations as an opportunity can help with a successful transition period. We thank you in advance for your support with this matter over the next few weeks.

On December 12, we will be conducting our Orientation Day where students will have the chance to meet their 2024 teacher and classmates. There are a number of events on this day:

- The Year 6 students spend their day at secondary school (State schools only)
- The 2024 Preps spend half a day with their 2024 Prep teachers
- All other students participate in a Meet Your Teacher session from 11.30 - 1.00pm



Students will meet their 2024 teacher and spend time in their 2024 classrooms with their 2024 classmates. This is always a very exciting day for students and teachers.

In addition to the activities on Orientation Day, staff will be working hard to connect with their 2024 students and participate in a rigorous hand over with their 2023 teacher. This will assist with hitting the ground running in 2024 and building-on the good work that has been achieved this year.

We know that there is often quite a bit of community movement at this time of year. To assist with supporting your child during the Orientation Day and assist with planning for 2024, if you are intending to move on from Lucas PS, please let us know ASAP.

Graduation

Our Year 6 students have had a wonderful year of success both in and outside the classroom. They have been role models for the younger students and certainly been a lot of fun around the school.

As the end of year approaches, so does the Year 6 Graduation ceremony which is set to take place on December 11. The ceremony will include speeches, some awards, a reflection video and of course a graduate meal and disco.

This always promises to be a night of laughs and deep reflection from the last seven years of primary education.

Our Year 6's will also be formally farewelled at the final assembly on December 19 with a avenue of honour.

School Captains and Student Leadership Program

It has been our absolute pleasure to spend extended time with some of our current Year 5 students over the past few weeks as they embarked on the school captains selection process. The students were asked to write an application, make a speech to their Year 3-6 peers and participate in an interview as a way for them to showcase their leadership qualities and share thoughts about how they would like to see Lucas PS grow into the future.

We were so impressed with the quality of applicants that it made the final decision extremely difficult. We look forward to sharing the final decision with the school community at next **week's assembly. The successful students will then work with the current school captains to plan and deliver the final assembly of the year.**

Alongside the school captain process, we have been calling for students in Years 4 and 5 to express interest in a raft of other leadership roles. These include:

House leaders, Art leaders , Performing Arts leaders, Japanese leaders, Wellbeing leaders, Sustainability leaders, Technology leaders and of course our Junior School Council Leaders.



The process to select these leadership roles will be conducted in the final few weeks of this year with announcements being made at the beginning of 2024.

Well done to all students who have had the courage to put their hand up and also to all those parents and carers who have supported them along the way. Student leadership at Lucas PS is in good hands as we move into 2024.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The end of year student reports will be made available on Compass on Friday December 8. These reports will only be available on Compass as we move to a more sustainable reporting model.

On December 14, there will be Parent Teacher Interviews available for those who would like further explanation on student achievement during 2023. The Parent Teacher Interview booking process will be open this Friday Dec 1.

The Parent Teacher Interview day will be an early finish at 1.30pm to allow for interviews to take place during the afternoon.

Key Dates:

Friday December 1 - Parent Teacher Bookings Open on Compass

Friday December 8 - Reports available on Compass/ Student Portfolios sent home.

Thursday December 14 - Parent Teacher Interviews - 2.00pm - 6pm. (Early Finish at 1.30pm)



Christmas Carols Evening

Our annual Christmas Carol picnic is next Thursday December 7 from 5.00 - 7.00pm. This is a night for the whole community to come together and enjoy each other's company and listen to the students sing some songs. All students will be involved in two performances throughout the night which includes a whole school song which promises to be a highlight. They have been practising very hard for this event.

Families are invited to bring along some food or purchase a sausage from the BBQ or nibbles from the other food vans on the night.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

BBQ helpers are still required - thanks to those who have popped their name on the BBQ roster. We are still looking for a few adults to help during the night. Please add your name to the list if you are able to assist or contact the office.

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Colour Run Awards

Students who registered for awards after the amazing fundraising effort of the Colour Run have received their awards this week. There were some excited faces as they collected their awards to take home and enjoy. Thanks again to everyone for the most outstanding fundraising efforts throughout the term.

THANK YOU!

New Portable

The new portable was finally completed during the week and the construction fences have been removed. This building will be an important asset to the school as we continue to grow into 2024. The new accessibility ramp also added an extra play feature for some as students explored the space that has been closed off for so long.



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Christmas Raffle

We are seeking donations for our annual Christmas Raffle.

Some ideas are:

Chocolates, books, toys, jewellery, food, fashion accessories, gift vouchers, christmas decorations, sports equipment, games body products.

LPS is grateful for any donation made.

*Donations can be dropped off at the office at any time.



JUNIOR ATHLETICS

2023



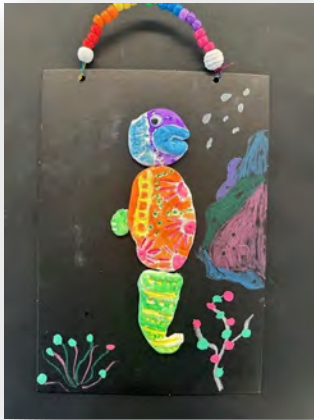
On Friday 17th of November we held our Junior Athletics at school. All of our Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students dressed up in their house colours and participated in a range of athletics activities. There was lots of cheering, lots of house points and lots of families here to support our students. Thanks very much to everyone for coming along and supporting our students as they demonstrated their learning from Term 4. Also a very special thank you to all of our Grade 5/6 students who assisted on the day.

If your child enjoyed the Junior Athletics please keep your ears open for an update on the Lucas Little Athletics Centre trial evening which is pencilled in for Friday the 1st of December right here at school. More information to be provided on Seesaw and Compass in the next week.







Visual Arts

Well done to all of our students on another great term of learning in Art. A highlight has been this year's 'Garden Art' collaborative piece by our Grade 5/6 students. They have been very busy working on a mosaic piece which will form part of a larger art installation for our playground. We hope to have this installed in the coming week or two. Be on the lookout for art portfolios for Grades P-2 which will be making their way home in the coming weeks as well as artworks from Grades 3-6. Enjoy these highlights from Term 4 in Art.



TERM 4

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	2 nd October	3 rd October	4 th October	5 th October	6 th October Tomodachi Groups
<u>2</u>	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
<u>3</u>	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	20 th October Tomodachi Groups OOB visit to Lucas Kinder
<u>4</u>	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 
<u>5</u>	30 th October	31 st October	1 st November	2 nd November Division Cricket	3 rd November Young Authors Program - Celebration
<u>6</u>	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 	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. 			

Growth Awards

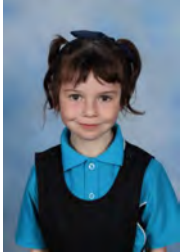
Prep A Naythaniel



Naythaniel has shown growth in positivity and engagement in lessons.



Prep B Lilith



Lilith has shown growth in her learning and in the way she engages in classroom activities.

Prep B Dean



Dean has demonstrated growth in his reading and writing. Well done Dean.

Prep C Spencer



For having a growth mindset when completing independent learning tasks. Well done.



Prep D Darcy



Darcy has shown growth by always raising his hand, listening to others.



1/2 A Jacob



For demonstrating growth by increasing his ability to have a go at all tasks and to ask for help when he needs it.

1/2A Kiara



For demonstrating the school value of Growth by taking on feedback to improve her learning and work towards her goals.

1/2B Bryan



Bryan has shown growth in all areas of his learning.

1/2B Wade



For showing Growth in his organization. He has become more organized with his learning and his belongings.

Growth Awards

1/2C Nelvin



For working hard on his writing, forming his letters correctly and writing consistently from left to right.

1/2C Logan



For showing the school value of Growth in writing by staying focused during independent time.

1/2D Niya



For the growth she has made in all learning areas this semester. She has wonderful enthusiasm



1/2E Korben



Korben has shown the value of Growth in his reading and writing. He has made improvements in his listening skills and he is becoming a confident learner.

1/2E Oliver



For showing growth in his reading and his writing. He has worked hard on his reading, writing and his numeracy goals.

1/2F Charlee



For showing the value of Growth in all areas. Charlee should be very proud of her numeracy skills in the past weeks and the effort she has put into her 'fact families'.

1/2F Charlotte



Charlotte has made huge improvements in her listening skills and social abilities becoming a confident and independent learner.

1/2G Elena



Elena is a positive learner who has made huge growth in the pride she takes in her work.

1/2G Nevaeh



For working towards her learning goals and making fantastic progress. She has a growth mindset and is an attentive listener.









3/4A Charlie



For always striving to be his best and for taking on teacher feedback.



Growth Awards

<p>3/4B Nathan</p> 	<p>Nathan demonstrates growth daily. He shows persistence and perseverance during learning tasks. He has developed confidence to share and reflect on his learning with his peers.</p>	<p>3/4C Amelia</p> 	<p>Amelia has achieved growth consistently while working towards her individual learning goals. She is a focused learner who looks for opportunities to challenge herself.</p>
<p>3/4C Jonty</p> 	<p>For always persisting and trying his best when faced with challenges. He has made an incredible amount of growth, increased his stamina and has built strong connections with students and staff.</p>	<p>4/5A Ruby</p> 	<p>For the commitment she has shown in achieving her personal goals. She has made an effort to make good choices in the classroom.</p>
<p>4/5A Emahlee</p> 	<p>For always committing herself to achieve her learning goals. She has shown excellent growth in her learning. Well done.</p>	<p>5/6A Jaxon</p> 	<p>Jaxon has shown the value of Growth in his learning and in the way he makes great decisions at school.</p>
<p>5/6A Mollie</p> 	<p>Mollie has demonstrated growth this term by making positive and responsible choices.</p>	<p>5/6B Ruaridh</p> 	<p>Ruaridh has taken the opportunity to develop his resilience and he is striving to improve academically.</p>
<p>Visual Arts 4/5A</p> <p>For demonstrating a growth mindset and maintaining positivity while working on their weaving stars.</p>	<p>Performing Arts 1/2C</p> <p>For growth in their ability to walk respectfully to Performing Arts, follow instructions and work as a team on their Christmas Carols.</p>	<p>Physical Education 1/2B</p> <p>For trying their very best at learning all the skills for athletics day, especially some of the very challenging ones!</p>	<p>Japanese 3/4A</p> <p>For improving their learning throughout the year.</p> <p>Japanese Belt Awards</p> <p>Black belt– Tavan</p> <p>Blue belt– Niharica</p> <p>Purple belt- Niharica</p>

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THE HOLIDAYCARE SUMMER SLAM

Week 1: - 08 - 12 Jan

Week 2: - 15 - 19 Jan

MON 01 SUMMER PARTY \$70
 It's summertime, so that can only mean one thing... PARTY TIME! You can expect all the fun party games, zany activities and party arts and crafts. It's always a party at Big Childcare especially at the Summer Party!

TUE 02 Slimey day \$70
 Slime, paint and everything messy, don't wear your best clothes because it's going to be a crazy mucky day! You're going to get wet AND slimy AND messy! Sorry washing machines, we'll hose them down at the end!

WED 03 Art attack day \$70
 We are getting out everything crafty! Get messy with paint or sculpt a sculpture, young creative minds are always what makes an Art attack day. We can't wait to see what masterpieces are made!

THU 04 COOK UP! \$70
 Today is all about cooking! Our in-house MasterChef's will be running an interactive cooking workshop where you get to learn, create and make delicious food... And guess what, you get to eat it too!

FRI 05 Musical super stars day \$70
 Today is all about the sound of music. Dive in to find your sound and make yourself a super star. A day full of sound from your voice or instruments of your choice.

MON 15 ICE CREAM FACTORY \$70
 I scream, you scream we all scream for ICE CREAM! Welcome to the ice Cream factory where we show you how to make all the different flavours... and of course you can taste test the final product!

TUE 16 Lego Master \$70
 You've seen the TV show, now it's over to you to become a true Lego Master! We'll learn about lego, and even watch some of the masters to inspire our BIG Lego challenge, will you win the title of master builder?

WED 17 Book character day \$70
 Today is all about story time, come dressed up in your favourite book character of all time and show it off to your friends. Today we will be making our own stories and acting out our favourite part of story time.

THU 18 WET IS WILD \$70
 Ready your water guns as we have our supervised water fight. This is your chance to wet the educators as much as you can! We've got the water, you bring your bathers, towel, change of clothes and a hat. Let the games begin!

FRI 19 mindfulness day \$70
 Spend the day learning about how we feel and what we can do to relax ourselves. Let's join in for some group meditation, yoga and yummy food to boost our minds.

THE HOLIDAYCARE SUMMER SLAM

Week 3: - 22 - 25 Jan

MON 22 WATER GAMES \$70 + \$15
 Get ready for a fun filled day with lots of water and laughter at our Splashastic party. Today will be fully loaded with all the water fun equipment to make it a real blast! Be sure to bring a towel and a change of clothes as you will get wet!

TUE 23 PJ Party \$70
 Roll out of bed and rock up to Big Childcare, we're having fun in our PJ wear! This fun-filled slumber party is always a favourite with dance parties, competitions, party games and a chill out movie session too!

WED 24 Disco party \$70
 Put on your dancing shoes as we're going to hit the D-Floor at our BIG Disco Party! We'll be playing all the musical games and turning dancing competitions, so wear your favourite disco get-up and let's party on down!

THU 25 CRAZY MESSY DAY \$70
 Slime, paint and everything messy, don't wear your best clothes because it's going to be a crazy mucky day! You're going to get wet AND slimy AND messy! Sorry washing machines, we'll hose them down at the end!

NO SIGNAL

FRI 26 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 Big Childcare is offline today due to the public holiday. We're going to recharge, and we hope you get the chance to do the same with your family too.