

14/12/2023

## A picture tells a thousand words.

Snapshots from the last 14 days.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are only a few school days away from the end of another year. The students are very excited and are looking very much forward to an extended break over the Christmas period and I am sure parents/ carers and staff are feeling the same. This will be the last newsletter for the year, so there is quite a bit of information to follow that will assist in wrapping up 2023 and preparing for 2024.

I would like to congratulate all students and their families for the time and energy that has been put into making this year a success. Congratulations to everyone for their persistence, even through the tough times.

Lucas Primary School is very lucky to have such dedicated and passionate staff and I would like to thank them all for the energy, smiles and extremely hard work they bring every single day. Your children really are in great hands!



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# Lucas Staff 2024

We have now confirmed our staffing structure for 2024. We have spent considerable time working to ensure we have the best mix of staff to take the school forward into 2024. The structure is as follows:

Acting Principal	Mr David Young
Acting Assistant Principal	Mrs Jacqui Nash
Business Manager	Ms Jenny Plews
Administration Manager	Ms Zoe McMahon
Office Administration	Mrs Shannon Whitaker
Acting Learning Specialist - Literacy	Mrs Bianca McDonald
Acting Learning Specialist - Numeracy	Mr Dylan Rodger
Acting Learning Specialist - Numeracy	Mrs Clara Shell
Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader	Mrs Cassandra Jackson-Lee

Prep A Prep B Prep C Prep D	<b>Miss Rebecca O'Keefe</b> Mrs Clara Shell Miss Tamara Hansen (PLC Leader) Mrs Melanie Leviston
1/2A 1/2B 1/2C 1/2D 1/2E 1/2F	Mrs Megan Johnston (M,T,W)/ Amy Duncan (Th, F) Mrs Hannah Missen Miss Chloe Farnsworth (PLC Leader) Miss Hannah Down Miss Courtney Falzon Miss Caitlin Toll
1/2G 1/2H	Miss Jess Wilson (M,T,W)/ Mrs Bianca McDonald (TH,F) Miss Darcie Blicher
3/4A 3/4B 3/4C 3/4D 3/4E	Mrs Jessica Andrews (PLC Leader) Miss Caitlyn Jones Miss Courtney McKenna Miss Jessie Tweddle Mr Dylan Rodger
5/6A 5/6B 5/6C 5/6D	Miss Sam Hay Mrs Nicole Kelly Miss Maddi Tapscott (PLC Leader) Mr Nick Compston

Visual Arts	Mrs Michelle Glanville (PLC Leader) Mrs Sally Hodson
Physical Education	<b>Mr Tom O'Loughlin</b>
Performing Arts	Ms Angella Price
Japanese	Mrs Tomomi Mori
Leadership Coverage/ CRT	Miss Laura Middlin
Tutoring	Mrs Cathy Tapscott Ms Caitlin Jamieson
Disability Inclusion	Mrs Katrina Baulch
Learning Support	Ms Jacinta Shipham Ms Kristie Leon Mrs Zoe Stokes Mrs Marcia Read Miss Sarah Dawe Miss Chloe Parry Mrs Rianan Turner
Specialist Technician	Mr Phil Kalluri
Groundskeeper	Mr Mark Jenkins
Lucas LEAP Coordinator Lucas LEAP Administrator	Miss Kaiah McCahon Mrs Shannon Whitaker

# 2024

## Welcome and Farewells

As we head into the new year we are saying farewell to a number of staff who are off to explore new horizons.

Chris McMahon is retiring from teaching after a long career. Chris has worked in a broad range of educational facilities where her love for the profession has always been a driving force. In recent times, Chris has been leading our tutoring program with our Year 1/2 students. The teaching profession has been lucky to have such a dedicated member of staff.

Kate McMillan is returning to her base school of Dana St and will be welcoming her first child during 2024.

Michelle Hulse has accepted a job offer at Mt Pleasant PS where she will be teaching Year 5/6.

Mairead Dwyer is taking 12 months leave as she welcomes her second child.

We wish our departing staff all the best for the exciting times that lie ahead and thank them for their service to Lucas PS.



We also welcome a number of new staff to Lucas PS in 2024.

Jacqui Nash - Jacqui joins us from Alfredton and Mt Clear PS where she has held leadership positions. We welcome Jacqui as our Assistant Principal in 2024.

Megan Johnston - Megan is returning after a year of family leave. Megan joins our Year 1/2 team in 2024.

Hannah Down - Hannah will be teaching in the Year 1/2 team and joins us from Western Victoria.

Courtney McKenna - Courtney brings her experience to the Year 3/4 team. Courtney joins us from Myrniong PS.

Caitlyn Jones - Caitlyn has been working at Lucas PS in a variety of positions during 2023. Caitlyn will be a great asset to the Year 3/4 team.

Jessie Tweddle - Jessie arrives from Ararat PS and will join the Year 3/4 team.

Nicole Kelly - Nicky brings her years of experience from Ararat to join our Year 5/6 team.

Sallyanne Hodson - Sallyanne has been working extensively with us during 2024. Sallyanne will be teaching Art and performing some leadership coverage in 2024.

Angella Price - Angella has been working at Caledonian PS and joins our specialist team as the Performing Arts teacher.

Cathay Tapscott - Cathay is an experienced educator and will lead up our tutoring program in 2024.

Laura Middlin - Laura will be working in a variety of roles in 2024 to provide coverage for teachers across the school.

Kaiah McCahon - Kaiah brings energy and experience to the Lucas LEAP coordinator position.

Shannon Whitaker - Shannon has been assisting in the office during 2023 and takes up the Lucas LEAP administration position.

It was wonderful having all of our new staff at school during Orientation Day and we look forward to welcoming them officially at the first assembly of 2024.

## School Captains 2024

At our last assembly we were very proud to announce our 2024 School Captains.

A huge congratulations to Maisy C, Sean B, Ivy M and Eamon S on their selection, we know they are going to be wonderful role models and represent the school to the highest standards.

Unfortunately when we make selections like this there are other students who miss out. We congratulate all applicants for their efforts and courage to put their name forward and also the way in which they have responded following the announcement. Well done to all involved, we are certainly in good hands.



## Final Assembly

Next Tuesday December 19 will be our final assembly for the year. This will be a chance to reflect on 2023, present some awards, say some farewells and congratulate our graduating class with one final walk through the guard of honour.

The assembly will begin at 12pm with the Year 6 guard of honour happening in the learning street from 1pm. Students will be dismissed following the assembly for the summer holidays. All parents and family members are welcome to join in the celebrations.



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## Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation ceremony was held on Monday evening and it was wonderful to see the fine young people that they are becoming. During the evening we heard from each graduate and their reflections of primary school life. They were each awarded a graduation photo, a bear keepsake and a school pen as a congratulatory gift.

There were a number of awards handed out on the night as part of our inaugural Values Awards. The lucky recipients were:

*Respect Award: Zul Q.*

*Responsibility Award: Elliott Q.*

*Excellence Award: Chloe K.*

*Growth Award: Archie G.*

*All Values Award: Kyle P.*

Those in attendance were also presented with a video montage to help remember their time at Lucas PS. We are very proud of all the students who have graduated this year and we wish them well for the future.



*congratulations*

## Burron Guli Program

Throughout Term 4 we have had Tristan (Pancakes) from BADAC working with our indigenous boys in the Burron Guli Program. This program is designed to help the participants build stronger connections with each other, the school and the land. Last week, the participants all graduated from the program and were presented with certificates of participation.



## Lucas LEAP

The Lucas LEAP before and after school care program is excited to announce the appointments of Kaiah McCahon as the program coordinator and Shannon Whitaker as Program Administrator. Both Kaiah and Shannon have hit the ground running this week and are busy taking bookings and establishing the exciting new program for 2024. In the last week, existing families of the current program have been given the opportunity to book places for the beginning of 2024 and from yesterday all other families wishing to use the service have also been given the same opportunity. Lucas LEAP has a new webpage on the school website which has all the information to highlight the program that will be implemented in 2024, including times, fees, contact and enrolment forms.



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### After School Care



Out of School Care  
Information Coming Soon

Lucas LEAP is an Out of School Hours Care program that aims to provide affordable, reliable and high-quality care for students of Lucas Primary School. The program operates in a safe, caring and well-supervised environment appropriate for primary aged students.

Lucas LEAP offers a broad range of stimulating and enjoyable activities in both structured and unstructured formats. We look forward to learning and growing alongside your child at Lucas Learning Enrichment Activity Program.



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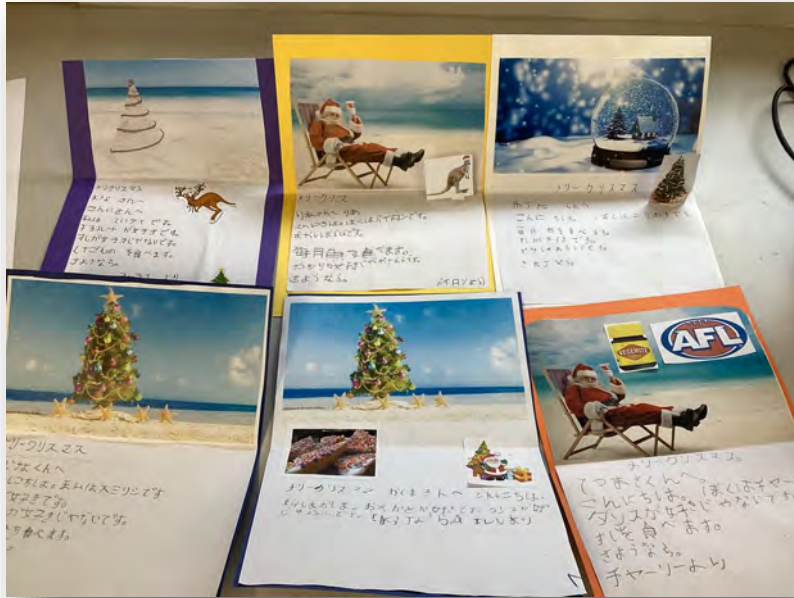
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# Japanese Greeting Cards










Grade 5 and 6 students have received very exciting Christmas presents from Japan! They were paired up with a Japanese student, made a greeting card (Christmas card) to the buddy and Mrs. Mori posted them to Japan in early December. The Japanese buddy also created Christmas cards for their buddy (Lucas students) and we just received the cards! All students enjoyed reading the cards and celebrated their achievements. Well done, Grade 5 and 6.



<p><b>Prep A Paddy</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p><b>Paddy has been showing all of our school values to a high standard each day.</b></p>	<p><b>Prep A Alarah</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p><b>Alarah has gone above and beyond this year when it comes to showing the school values.</b></p>
<p><b>Prep B Lincoln</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p><b>Lincoln has demonstrated the school values consistently every day.</b></p>	<p><b>Prep B Olivia</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p><b>Olivia has demonstrated all of the school values to a high standard every day.</b></p>
<p><b>Prep C Ivy</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p><b>For showing all the school values in everything she does. She is kind, hardworking and a respectful member of our class.</b></p>	<p><b>Prep C Faith</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p><b>For showing the school values every day since joining our school this term. She makes everyone smile each day and is always trying her best.</b></p>
<p><b>Prep D Cooper</b></p> 	<p><b>Cooper is a very kind, caring and patient student who always loves giving compliments.</b></p>		
<p><b>1/2 A Elaina</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p><b>For demonstrating all the school values consistently each day. She strives to achieve her best. Elaina is kind and responsible.</b></p>	<p><b>1/2A Elias</b></p> 	<p><b>Excellence</b></p> <p><b>Elias has been working hard to add detail to his writing. He displays a fantastic writers voice and he writes enjoyable stories.</b></p>
<p><b>1/2B Braxton</b></p> 	<p><b>Growth</b></p> <p><b>For the way he has shown growth in his writing.</b></p>	<p><b>1/2B Lilly</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p><b>For her incredible ability to show all the school values every single day. She goes out of her way to make others feel included.</b></p>

<p><b>1/2C Alexander</b></p> 	<p><b>Growth</b></p> <p>For growth in reading by building his stamina and using a range of strategies to help him sound out his words</p>	<p><b>1/2C Ella</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>For consistently showing all the school values to a high standard every single day. She is always ready and enthusiastic to learn.</p>
<p><b>1/2D Cleo</b></p> 	<p><b>Excellence</b></p> <p>For her efforts in striving to do her very best when presenting work. She contributes to class discussions and takes pride in her work.</p>	<p><b>1/2D</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>For her incredible ability to show all the values to a high standard every day. Well done Ivy!</p>
<p><b>1/2E Amalie</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>Amalie is such a persistent and hardworking student. She has shown growth in all subject areas because she has worked so hard.</p>		
<p><b>1/2F Myra</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>Myra is always a persistent and hardworking student who can be trusted to always do the right thing.</p>	<p><b>1/2F Lewis</b></p> 	<p><b>Respect</b></p> <p>For the way Lewis always shows respect to his classmates and teachers. He is a wonderful role model and a great friend to all.</p>
<p><b>1/2G Callie</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>For her incredible ability to show our school values every day. She stays focused during learning time. She uses her manners and looks after her belongings.</p>	<p><b>1/2G</b></p> 	<p><b>Responsibility</b></p> <p>Willow is always ready to learn. She stays focused and uses her time wisely. She is kind to all her classmates.</p>
<p><b>3/4A Oscar</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>For always trying his best to be a great representative of Lucas Primary School and consistently displaying our school values.</p>	<p><b>3/4A Jovanna</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>For always demonstrating our school values and being a wonderful representative of Lucas Primary School.</p>



<p><b>3/4B Jax</b></p> 	<p><b>Growth</b></p> <p>Jax has demonstrated growth by trying his best during learning activities. He perseveres with challenges and has worked incredibly hard this year.</p>	<p><b>3/4B Sahu</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>Sahu has demonstrated all the school values every day. She always comes to school with a smile, and is kind to all and aims high with her school work.</p>
<p><b>3/4C Ruby</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>For consistently showing all the school values. She has had an amazing year and is a role model for her peers.</p>	<p><b>3/4C Levi</b></p> 	<p><b>Growth</b></p> <p>For facing challenges and never giving up. He has focused on making good choices. He has made significant growth throughout the year.</p>
<p><b>4/5A Ben</b></p> 	<p><b>Growth</b></p> <p>For the commitment he has shown to achieve his personal goals. He has shown growth in his learning and has made an effort to make good choices in the classroom.</p>	<p><b>4/5A Charlotte</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>Charlotte is respectful to everyone, She takes responsibility for her learning and shows excellence by striving to challenge herself.</p>
<p><b>5/6A Embly</b></p> 	<p>For always displaying all of our school values to a high standard daily.</p>	<p><b>5/6B Mia</b></p> 	<p>For showing great growth both socially and emotionally this semester.</p>
<p><b>5/6B Daniel</b></p> 	<p><b>Values</b></p> <p>For consistently displaying all of the school values. What a wonderful achievement this semester Daniel!</p>		

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**LUCAS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

"WHERE EVERY HOLIDAY ADVENTURE BEGINS"

# BIG HOLIDAYCARE SUMMER SLAM

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**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 episodes 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!

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**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.