

21-3-2024

Dear parents and Carers,

As we head toward the end of Term 1, we would like to express our gratitude to you all for the support and guidance you have provided your children over the past 8 weeks. Getting the year off to a smooth start is always important and the role you all play to ensure your child/children are settled and at school everyday can not be understated. Thankyou!

We still have some work to do before the Easter break and I am sure we will be able to finish off the term as strongly as we were able to start it. This is the final newsletter before the holiday period so we trust everyone will be able to find some time to relax with family and friends and enjoy the festivities that the Easter break brings. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday April 15.

[Please note that the last day of term is Thursday March 28 with an earlier finishing time of 1.30pm.](#)

## NAPLAN

Over the past few weeks, our Year 3 and 5 students have been working their way through the NAPLAN assessments. The teachers have done a great job preparing for these sessions and helping students to develop test taking skills and manage their emotions leading into the NAPLAN period. It has been impressive to see how the students have prepared themselves and navigated this time as well. The assessments finish off this week.



## A picture tells a thousand words.

Snapshots from the last 14 days.



**Cleaning Frank the turtle's tank.**



**LPS entry in the Begonia Festival Art Competition**



**Mr O. preparing students for the Senior Aths day relays.**



**Senior Girls in their house colours on Sports Day.**



**Some wonderful Easter Raffle donations.**

### Planning Week

Over the last two weeks of term we conduct planning days for all teaching teams across the school. This provides much needed time for staff to reflect on the term and do some important planning for the term ahead. This does mean that students have a modified timetable which staff have communicated with the class.



### Prep Enrolments 2025

On Wednesday March 27, we will be conducting a Prep 2025 Information Session for families new to the school. This will include a short presentation about our school and what we have to offer, followed by a tour.

We have already started the process of taking enrolments for 2025. If you are a current family with a Prep starting next year, please collect an enrolment pack from the office. . Tours for new families will also be available on Wednesdays in Term 2.

### Senior Athletic Sports

Last Thursday, our Senior Athletic Sports was held at Llanberris Reserve. All students in years 3-6 participated in a range of track and field events which they had been practising at school. Congratulations to all students for their efforts at the sports. We were impressed with the way everyone tried their best, encouraged each other and showed our school values to a high standard. Thank you to all of the parents who assisted on the day **and to Mr O'Loughlin for his thorough planning and organisation.** A great day was had by all!



**ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 ARE NOW OPEN.**

**School Tours 9:30 - 10:00am**

**Wednesday's in Term 2**



**Prep Information Session and Tour**

**27th March 2024 9:30 - 11:00am**

***Bookings for Tours and Information Session are essential!***

***Please call 53 385 000 for bookings.***



## School Council 2023

The newly formed School Council for 2024 held its first meeting on Monday. School Council parent members for 2024 are: Marc Oliver, Monica Stanmore, Lauren Wright, Tegan Ratcliffe, Katie Goudie, Stephen Francis Jason Holmes and Naga Chayanam, Staff members are: Jacqui Nash, Michelle Glanville and Shannon Whitaker.



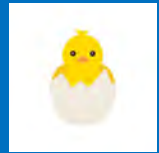
Thank you to Marc (President), Tegan (Vice President), Shannon (Secretary) and Jacqui (Treasurer) on their nomination and acceptance of office bearer positions for 2024.

This year there will be four sub committees of School Council; Finance, Curriculum, Buildings and Grounds and Fundraising. There will be further details about the opportunity to join these committees at the beginning of Term 2. We are looking forward to a successful year.

### End of Term and Final Assembly

The last day of Term 1 is Thursday April 28. School will finish at 1:30pm which is at the start of lunch. Students will only need to bring a recess snack on this day. Our final assembly for Term 1 will be held at 12:30pm in the gym.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday break.



### Australian Ex-Prisoner of War Memorial

Thank you to The Trustees of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial for their generous donation of books to help us learn about the experiences endured by our Prisoners of War and to celebrate their life upon return to Australia. The books will be placed in class libraries for all grades to use.



### Outside Play Equipment

Thanks goes to our JSC for purchasing a range of sports equipment for students to use in the yard. The students have really enjoyed having extra equipment and the opportunity to create new and exciting games during break times. Our focus is now on ensuring we look after it so it lasts all year. Our JSC is also in the process of purchasing sand pit toys and some soccer goals. This is a credit to the hard work our JSC team have been putting into their fundraising efforts.





**Lucas Primary School**

# GREAT EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale!

To purchase tickets scan the QR code or go to  
[www.rafflelink.com.au/lps\\_easterraffle2024](http://www.rafflelink.com.au/lps_easterraffle2024)

Tickets are limited so don't delay.

Winners will be announced on Thursday 28th  
 Of March at our final assembly.





The "Great Easter Raffle" tickets are selling fast and as of this morning we have sold about 700 tickets.

Tickets are limited so don't delay.

The donations of prizes have been coming in and they are wonderful! Keep them coming. It's going to be a fantastic raffle and a great fundraiser for our school.

### Moving with the times!



We are endeavouring to move with the times at Lucas PS **and "go digital" with our school newsletter.**

By moving to a digital platform, our newsletters will have the potential to be more user friendly for the families who are viewing them on a phone/ tablet or computer.

Digital newsletters allow the viewer to see better quality and immersive photographs and videos.

Some digital newsletters let the user choose their preferred language and the newsletter can be converted for them automatically therefore reaching a wider audience.

A digital newsletter allows our school insight into what families are interested in reading and how many families we are reaching.

*So watch this space! We will be moving to this format some time at the beginning of Term 2.*



# Year 5/6 in term 1



We have had a marvellous Term 1 together. We have developed positive relationships with our peers and teachers and we are all looking forward to the year ahead.

In Reading, we have been learning about different comprehension strategies to help support and deepen our understanding of the text we have been reading. We have been making connections and inferring the author's purpose.

In Writing, we delved into the world of narratives and expositions. Our students were able to create interesting stories and use persuasive devices and techniques to engage our readers.

In Numeracy, we focused our learning on using efficient strategies to answer questions and problem solve. Our students enjoyed solving open-ended questions and worded problems.

This year, we started a Buddy Program with the Preps. We are so proud of the connections and leadership our 5/6s have shown this term by helping their buddies and participating in a range of activities.



# Term 1 PE and Sport at Lucas Primary School

## Foundation – Year 2

This term in Physical Education our Foundation and Year 1/2 students have been learning the rules and **routines of PE with Mr O'Loughlin and Mrs Cowan. They have been learning the fundamental motor skills** of the underarm throw and the catch. Students have progressed from catching and throwing bean bags and large soft balls to tennis balls, basketballs, and odd shaped objects. Students have begun to explore the fundamental motor skill of the bounce in the final weeks of this term. With the winter basketball and netball seasons approaching, students were excited to get out the basketballs and netballs to practise.

## Year 3 – 6

This term in Physical Education our senior students have been learning more complex manipulative skills related to athletics. Students have learned a different running, jumping or throwing skill each week. Students have worked with partners and utilised video feedback to analyse what their partner needs to work on. This was especially powerful when learning the complex skills of triple jump and high jump. Students had also been attending extra training sessions at lunchtimes for the relay teams.

## Senior Athletics Carnival

On Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March we had our Senior Athletics Carnival at Llanberris Reserve. Students participated in throwing, jumping and running events throughout the day, trying hard to beat their personal best and earn points for their house.

Congratulations to Bolton house (Green) who will be awarded the Lucas Primary School Senior Athletics Carnival Shield. The shield and the Age Group Champion awards will be presented at our final assembly for the term.

## 2024 Results:

Place	House / School	Points Per Student
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bolton	13.4 PPS
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Eleanor	11.5 PPS
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	O'Shannassy	11.0 PPS
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Thompson	10.9 PPS

Well done to all those involved in the day and a special thanks to the many volunteers and Woodmans Hill Secondary College students that helped the day run so smoothly. We will have 45 students representing Lucas Primary School at the Sturt District Athletics. This will be held on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May (Week 4 Term 2) at Llanberris Reserve.

## Term 2 Sports Dates:

Date & Week	Event Title	Year levels involved
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April - Week 2	Lucas PS Cross Country	Whole School – details TBC
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May – Week 4	Sturt District Athletics	Selected Grade 3-6 students
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May – Week 4	Division Cross Country	Selected Grade 3-6 students
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May – Week 5	AFL Division	Selected Grade 5-6 students
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – Week 6	Soccer Division	Selected Grade 5-6 students
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Week 7	Netball Division	Selected Grade 5-6 students

If you are able to assist with any of the events please contact Mr Tom O'Loughlin via Seesaw







## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



We will be having a secondhand uniform sale in the last week of term.

*Wednesday March 27th @ 3:30pm - 4pm*

*in the Administration Building.*

If you have any old uniform that no longer fits, our school community would be very grateful for your donation.

All items will be \$5 each

EFTPOS and cash sales available.

## Awards





# STUDENT AWARDS



Japanese  
3/4A & 5/6A



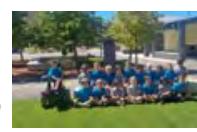
PE  
5/6B & 1/2D



Performing  
Arts



Visual Arts  
00C & 3/4D



Finnian 00A



River 00A



Harvey 00B



Alexandria 00B



Hudson 00C



Charlie 00C



Willow 00D



Heyansh 00D



Chase 1/2A



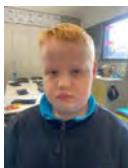
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Ethan 1/2B



Derek 1/2B



Xander 1/2C



Autumn 1/2C



Kobe 1/2D



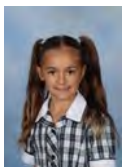
Jade 1/2D



Ridha 1/2E



Nayte 1/2E



Charlotte 1/2F



Willow 1/2F



Logan 1/2G



Christel 1/2G



Olivia 1/2 H



Ibrahim 1/2H



Evelyn 3/4A



Emily 3/4A



Nicholas 3/4B



Ace 3/4B



Maddie 3/4C



Jonah /4C



Neville 3/4D



Aislinn 3/4D



Ollie 3/4E



Maddi 3/4E



Barkot 5/6A



Dheeraj 5/6A



Moana 5/6B



Charlotte 5/6B



Charlotte 5/6C



Osacr 5/6C



Archie 5/6D



Darcy 5/6 D