

LUCKNOW BELL

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Students and staff at Lucknow Primary School acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people of the Brabuwooloong land in which our school stands. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



SCHOOL CALENDAR –Term 3 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUGUST 25	26	27	28	29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Run Stars 8:15-8:45am - ICAS (Mathematics) - Victorian Spelling Bee at Paynesville PS - Parent/Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICAS (English) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Run Stars 8:15-8:45am - Play2Learn Playgroup 9:15 -11:00am - Parent/Teacher Interviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Come & Play Prep 2026 Afternoon 3:30-4:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk to School 8am - Assembly 2:40pm
SEPTEMBER 1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Run Stars 8:15-8:45am - Grade 5 Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 5 Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Run Stars 8:15-8:45am - Play2Learn Playgroup 9:15 -11:00am - Grade 5 Camp - Prep movie night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Grade 5 Camp - Come & Play Prep 2026 Afternoon 3:30-4:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk to School 8am - Father's Day Stall
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2026 Enrolments

We have been welcoming a lot of school tours through the office at the moment, with people getting organised for 2026. If you have family or friends intending to enrol in 2026 or would like to arrange a tour and a chat about potential enrolment, please advise them to contact our friendly office staff to arrange a tour and a meeting time. Likewise, if your family is planning on moving and leaving LPS in 2026, please let us know.

Our first 'Come and Play' session was well attended in the Prep rooms last Thursday. These are a great way to help children to meet with staff, make new friends and familiarise themselves with the Prep learning spaces. Our next session in this Thursday August 27th 3.30pm-4.30pm and our final 'Come and Play' session is Thursday September 4th 3:30pm-4:30pm.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you for taking time to meet with your child's teacher this week and make the most of the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at school. If these times haven't suited you but you still wish to chat to your child's teacher, please contact the office or the teacher directly.

Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

CHANGE OF RAFFLE DRAW DATE – Due to it being an assembly fortnight this Friday, we will be drawing the raffle this week. Our raffle incentive to complete the Parent/Carer Opinion survey is paying off for us having so far received 121 survey responses. The entries will close on this Friday morning (29/8/25) at 9am and will be drawn live at assembly on the same day. Here is a reminder of the prizes...

1x \$100 David Lucke's Voucher

2x \$40 David Lucke's Voucher

2x \$20 David Lucke's Voucher

To be drawn live at assembly on Friday 29th August at 2:40pm

Thank you for your valuable contributions – good luck with the draw!

Grade 6 Camp Super Stars...

Last week our Year 6 students and staff attended camp in Melbourne. Some have described it as the best camp they have ever been on. I spoke with many children about their favourite activity and Eureka Sky Deck, Pancake Parlor, MCG tour and the zoo were the favourites. Then, to top it all off they received this feedback from a passenger on a train...

"I had the pleasure of being in the carriage adjoining the students from Lucknow on their return from camp. Can I send congratulations for the mature and respectful social behaviours of the students.

It was accompanied by the voices of the teachers also being at a very calm level which shows they have the respect and talent to fully engage students.

Three other passengers unknown to me also asked me to mention that their day was much improved by the experience of travelling with such an energised and social interaction ready group.

Thanks again. Gaylene Petchell"

What an incredible way to end a fantastic camp experience – we are so proud of our Year 6 super stars!



Take advantage of this opportunity

Schools' Relief provides support to any Victorian student attending a government school, *on the advice of the school*.

Situations may include, **but are not limited to**, the following:

- Health issues / serious illness resulting in serious financial difficulties
- Unemployment
- House fires
- Bereavement
- Domestic violence
- Independent living / homelessness
- Natural disasters

It is important to know that we do not require any kind of proof of eligibility, e.g. health care card, etc. in order to receive our support. State school relief can provide school uniforms, stationery, glasses and school bags. If would like to know more contact Lucknow Primary School.

Home Reading

Reading fluently is one of the most important steps in becoming a confident reader. To support this, our teachers carefully choose books at your child's *independent reading level* to send home. These books are meant to feel comfortable — helping your child build speed, confidence, and enjoyment.

If the books coming home feel "too easy," that is actually a wonderful sign! It means your child can read them smoothly and independently — a chance for lots of quick wins. These wins help children:

- recognise words rapidly
- practise phrasing and fluency
- notice punctuation
- use expression in their voices
- and, most importantly, believe in themselves as readers.

If the books ever feel like a real struggle or cause frustration, please pop in for a chat with your child's teacher — we're here to help make reading at home a positive and enjoyable experience.

Book Week Writing Champions

To celebrate the 80th Year of Book Week and the theme "*Book an Adventure*", Bairnsdale Library hosted a writing competition — and two of our talented students came out on top!

Nanook received first place in the Grades 2 & 3 section with his story *Tour to Buchan Caves*, earning a \$50 book voucher. Maya also won a \$50 voucher, taking out the Grades 3–6 section with her story *The Famous Seal*.

Congratulations to Nanook and Maya on their incredible achievements as young authors — we are so proud of you both! 🎉 ✨

Happy learning everyone!

Carly Miller - Principal



SCHOOL CROSSING

Council have been asked to conduct a school crossing inspection on behalf of the "Department of Transport" Victoria. This inspection will be completed at a random date during Term 3 or 4 at morning drop off and afternoon pickup.

During these inspections, Council officers will be required to take photos and measurements of existing school crossings and road infrastructure.

There will be no facial recognition in any of these photos as all faces will be blurred out.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A big thank you to all the parents who took the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher during Monday's Parent-Teacher Interviews. It's always wonderful to see families engaging with their child's learning and progress.

If you weren't able to attend on Monday, don't worry—there are still interviews available tonight! We encourage you to take advantage of this chance to connect with your child's teacher.

Remember, our school has an open door policy all year round. If you can't make the scheduled times but would like to chat, please don't hesitate to arrange a suitable time with your child's teacher or contact the office for assistance.

We truly value the partnership between home and school in supporting our students' success.

Emily Forbes - Assistant Principal

GRADE 3 NEWS

On Tuesday 3CT and 3AG did a online book talk with author Andy Griffiths as part of our book week celebrations!

Andy Griffiths shared with us his new book 'You, me and the Peanut Butter Beast'. We listened to the illustrator Bill Hope as he shared his process of drawing the illustrations.

Students have begun creating their own front cover for their own story, which we will be able to enter for a chance to win the school some copies of the new book. Wish us luck!



SSV East Gippsland District Athletics Championships

Congratulations to all of our students who competed at the East Gippsland District Athletics Championships on Monday the 11th August at the Bairnsdale Little Athletics Track. The weather was almost perfect and all children performed to the best of their ability. I was very proud of the behaviour and sportsmanship of all those from Lucknow. Well done!

I wish to also thank other Lucknow staff that assisted enormously on the day. They were Cynara McQuitty for her announcing on the day, as well as Carly Miller and Terri McNeill who assisted wherever required and ensured that all students got to their events. Thankyou also to all the parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support and encourage all our students on the day. At Division Athletics, students are only allowed to compete in 3 individual events and a relay as a result of finishing top 2 at District Athletics. Therefore, please check (or check again) for the team that is posted on the Lucknow PS UEducateUs Announcements page.

The following students have made it through to the Division Athletics carnival on Monday 8th September at the Bairnsdale Little Athletics Track, Howitt Park.

- 10y.o boys - Long Jump – Alfie M-S
- High Jump – Darby R
- Discus – Alfie M-S
- 100m – Nathan W
- 200m – Nathan W
- 800m – Darby R
- 1500m – Darby R and Nathan W
- 4x100m relay – Nathan W, Darby R, Alfie M-S and Jai K

- 10y.o girls - Long Jump – Annie R and Olivia G
- Triple Jump – Millie S
- Discus – Camilla B and Maya P
- 100m – Chelsea L and Annie R
- 200m – Millie S
- Hurdles – Annie R
- 800m – Mischa W and Millie S
- 1500m – Mischa W
- 4x100m relay – Chelsea L, Annie R, Olivia G and Millie S

- 11y.o boys - Long Jump – Koah R
- Triple Jump – Lewis A
- High Jump – Jayce R
- Discus – Max C
- 100m – Lewis A and Ben L
- 200m – Lewis A
- Hurdles – Ben L
- 4x100m relay – Lewis A, Ben L, James M and Jayce R

- 11y.o girls - Long Jump – Anna B
- Triple Jump – Anna B
- High Jump – Jaycee B and Phoebe H-H
- Discus – Anna B
- 100m – Jaycee B
- Hurdles – Bonnie W
- 800m – Abby T and Lara P
- 1500m – Abby T and Jaycee B
- 4x100m relay – Jaycee B, Anna B, Zara W and Abby T

- 12y.o boys - Long Jump – Nate P
- High Jump – Nate P
- Shot Put – Riley R
- Discus – Lachie T and Tyler E
- 200m – Levi T
- Hurdles – Riley R
- 1500m – Nate P
- 4x100m relay – Joel E, Levi Trinder, Tyler Elliott and Nate P

- 12y.o girls - Long Jump – Evie P
- Triple Jump – Evie P
- Shot Put – Kyah H and Tana B
- Discus – Kyah H
- 100m – Kira W (1st) and Evie P (2nd)
- 200m – Kira W
- Hurdles – Kira W
- 800m – Isy B
- 1500m – Isy B
- 4x100m relay – Kira W, Evie P, Ella S and Hannah W

We wish all of the above students the very best of luck and look forward to sharing how they go after Division Athletics on Monday 8th September (Back up day is Tuesday 16th September).

DISTRICT ATHLETICS TRAINING

Training will be offered for those students who have made it through to Division Athletics The team sheet has been posted on the Lucknow PS 'UEducateUs' Announcements page. It was also recently updated due to students from all schools qualifying in too many events.

Training will be at lunchtimes (1.45-2.10pm) and will on the following days:

- Monday: Hurdles
Tuesday: N/A
Wednesday: Long jump & Triple jump
Thursday: High jump
Friday: Shot put & Discus

ACTIVE ALLSTARS PROGRAM

It's been great to see a number of students keenly coming along to the running sessions on Monday and Wednesday mornings (8.15-8.45am) at the top gate of the school near the carpark of Lucknow Park.

The focus has been on those participating in the upcoming Division Athletics carnival but is open to anyone wishing to attend. It will be modified accordingly! 😊 Again, the emphasis is on improving students' overall fitness levels.

Mal Hudson - PE/Sport Co-ordinator

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

As part of this term's Outdoor Education theme on *Fire*, students in Grades 1–6 were fortunate to take part in a fascinating and engaging incursion led by Tim and Alex Elliott from DEECA's Forest Fire Management team.

Students learned about how fire moves through the bush, the different ways DEECA manages fires, and how flora and fauna have adapted to survive and recover from bushfires.

They were shown the specialist protective clothing that firefighters wear, which is treated with chemicals to reduce flammability and protect them while working in dangerous conditions. Tim and Alex also described the specialised training firefighters undertake to ensure they are fully prepared when it's time to respond to a bushfire. In some cases, this even includes abseiling from helicopters into remote areas

to help contain and manage fires. Students also learned about the vital role of controlled burns, which are carefully planned and managed to reduce fuel loads and lower the risk of large, dangerous bushfires.

The session also highlighted the importance of fire breaks. Students discovered that these can occur naturally, such as rivers, or be created by firefighters using bulldozers to scrape away vegetation and expose mineral earth. Using a *fire table*, Tim and Alex gave a very engaging demonstration that showed how fire spreads in a bushfire. This interactive activity helped students understand the links between fire behaviour and factors such as wind direction, slope, aspect, and different fuel types.

Student Voices

"I liked seeing the fire gear and learning how it keeps them safe." – Grade 2 student

"It was interesting to hear how animals survive after a bushfire." – Grade 4 student

"The fire table was awesome – I could see how the wind made the fire move faster." – Grade 6 student

"I didn't know about fire breaks before. Now I understand how they stop fires from spreading." – Grade 5 student

A big thank you to Tim and Alex Elliott for generously sharing their knowledge and experience with us.

Mrs Henger – Outdoor Education Teacher



Class	Student
PAS	<i>Nala and Winnie for the incredible effort and progress they are making with their writing! It is so fantastic to see you both putting in your best efforts and showing such pride in what you achieve. Keep it up superstars!</i>
PEM	<i>Ivy, I am so proud of the way you're working hard to write down the sounds you hear. Keep up the great effort!</i>
PMB	<i>Bodhi, We're so lucky to have you in PMB. You have settled into our school so well, making new friends and joining in with our routines. Great work!</i> <i>Amiria, you have been putting amazing effort into your writing, using your sounds carefully and adding detail to your sentences. Fantastic work Superstar!</i>
PVG	<i>Jessie for his number work and his growing confidence in his abilities. Keep it up Jessie!</i>
1CW	<i>Logan, you are a respectful member of the class who always looks out for your friends. Your fantastic memory and eagerness to learn never cease to amaze me. Well done, Logan!</i> <i>Charlotte for always completing your work to such a high standard and completing all learning tasks efficiently. You should be very proud of yourself, CJ!</i>
1ES	<i>Joanne and Maive for displaying an increased confidence in your math thinking. We love how you are more willing to share your math strategies. You have been challenging yourselves and working hard to get out of the learning pit. Keep up the great work!</i>
1MW	<i>Scarlett for always taking pride in her work. You always try your best and love to share with others. Keep it up!</i> <i>Finn for the effort you put into reading and practising Colour Words at home. You are making great progress, well done Finn!</i>
12D	<i>Imogen and Georgia for identifying text features and using a deeper level of thinking to explain why authors have done this. Keep up the great work!!</i>
2JS	<i>Bayley for trying your best in everything that you do. You have such a big heart and can achieve anything when you put your mind to it. Keep up the beautiful work!</i> <i>Ryka for brightening our classroom with your positive attitude and sense of humour. Thanks for always being an inclusive friend to everyone.</i>
2MP	<i>Courtney for her huge efforts in Literacy. She's listening to feedback and believing in herself. Way to go Courtney!</i>
2NT	<i>Nixon, you have worked hard to build your confidence, strengthen your skills, and challenge yourself to reach your goals. Your dedication, perseverance, and positive attitude has helped you grow into a more fluent reader. Keep up the awesome work, Nixon. We are so proud!</i>
3AG	<i>Riley for working really hard to change his 'red thoughts' to 'green thoughts' during writing. Well done Riley keep it up!</i> <i>Pippa for consistently using a growth mindset during learning.</i>

3CT	<i>Chris for your creative use of alliteration in writing that adds a unique and captivating way to make the information more interesting. Keep up the fantastic work!</i>
34B	<i>Millie and Inga, you have both shown an outstanding commitment to your learning. Your focus, positivity, and consistent effort make you wonderful role models in our classroom. Keep up the fantastic work!</i>
34M	<i>Sophie your recent Maths testing was outstanding. All your hard work in class has paid off. Well Done!!</i>
34R	<i>Olivia for her amazing poetry! She uses powerful words and creative ideas to bring her writing to life. Olivia's effort and imagination make her a role model for others. Well done, Olivia!</i>
4JW	<i>Maya and Elise for creating such creative and interesting poetry with amazing word choice.</i>
45W	<i>Harley for working really hard on making strong inferences and using evidence from the text to support his thoughts.</i>
5CM	<i>Whitney and Jordan for consistently working hard and putting effort into their bookclub roles, demonstrating high standard reading responses every week. Our text discussions are getting deeper due to the quality of work you both bring to the group.</i>
5DC	<i>Patty for amazing our grade with your knowledge of countries and their flags, you really are a walking flag encyclopedia!!! Patty got over 100 flags correct in a row!!!</i>
56I	<i>All of the grade 6 campers who were so amazing that they received lots of praise from the public and staff at venues. Well done legends!</i>
6CM	<i>All of the grade 6 campers who were so amazing that they received lots of praise from the public and staff at venues. Well done legends!</i>
6LS	<i>6LS for the amazing time on camp! You are super stars!</i>
6SF	<i>Jordyn for displaying a positive attitude both in the classroom and at Melbourne camp. Your friendly hello's are greatly appreciated Jordyn!</i>
Principal's Award	<i>Kace of 5CM for his positive attitude to his learning, his 'can do' attitude and his happy greetings! Kace, you are a ray of sunshine that brightens peoples' days - keep on trying your very best!</i>

Lucknow Parents & Friends Group

Father's Day Stall

Friday 5th September

Students: The Father's Day Stall is being held on Friday 5th September. You can buy some lovely gifts for the fathers, grandfathers, and other special people in your life, and you get to practise your money skills!

Parents and carers: Please provide students with gold coins or small notes in a wallet or other named bag/envelope. We would appreciate as many coins as possible as we will have limited change available. Gifts are between \$2 and \$6 and gift bags will be provided.

Helpers needed: The Father's Day Stall needs to be set up Thursday 4th September. If you can spare some time before school pickup, please come to the Library from 2:30pm, or come and help after school.



We also need helpers to run the stalls on Friday 5th September between about 9:00am and 11:30am. Please get in touch via the office if you can spare some time, even if you can't be there the whole morning.

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