

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 4 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OCTOBER 27	28	29	30	31
- Active Allstars 8:15-8:45am		- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Active Allstars 8:15-8:45am - Play2Learn Playgroup 9:15 -11:00am	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Regional Summer Sports Volleyball & Basketball	- Walk to School 8am - Assembly 2:40pm - Music Concert at Assembly
NOVEMBER 3	4	5	6	7
- Student Free Day for Report Writing	- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No students	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Active Allstars 8:15-8:45am - Play2Learn Playgroup 9:15 -11:00am	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Prep Excursion	- Walk to School 8am
10	11	12	13	14
- Active Allstars 8:15-8:45am		- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Active Allstars 8:15-8:45am - Play2Learn Playgroup 9:15 - 11:00am - Regional Summer Sports Cricket - Rotary Presentation Night 7pm	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am	- Walk to School 8am - Prep 2026 Transition #1 9-10:30am - Assembly 2:40pm
17	18	19	20	21
- Active Allstars 8:15-8:45am - Grade 3 Camp	- Grade 3 Camp	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Active Allstars 8:15-8:45am - Play2Learn Playgroup 9:15 -11:00am - Grade 3 Camp - Grade 6 students visit Bairnsdale Secondary College	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Grade 2 excursion to The Keeping Place - Grade 5 & 6 Water Safety Program 9:00am – 3:30pm	- Walk to School 8am - Prep 2026 Transition #2 9-10:30am

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Students have settled into the term beautifully and are showing great focus, enthusiasm, and pride in their learning. Classrooms are calm, purposeful, and filled with the buzz of students who are eager to learn and do their best. Teachers have commented on the positive start to the term, with students demonstrating strong learning habits, kindness towards one another, and a genuine sense of curiosity.

Across the school, there is a lovely, engaged atmosphere. Students are working hard to achieve their learning goals, collaborate respectfully with their peers, and take on new challenges with confidence. It's wonderful to see how settled and motivated everyone is as we move through the term together. Let's keep up the vibe for the remainder of the term, particularly as we head right into the thick of the 'crazy' season.

Christmas Concert

Many grades have teamed up with their buddies and started learning their performance songs for our upcoming Christmas Concert. There's plenty of singing, laughter, and dance moves starting to appear in classrooms!

Our Christmas Concert will be held at 2:00pm on Monday, 8th December, and we'd love to see as many families as possible come along to join the fun. It's shaping up to be a cheerful afternoon full of music, smiles, and festive spirit — the perfect way to celebrate the end of the school year together!

REMINDER 2026 Parent Requests

Parents who have requests for their child's class placement in 2026 are asked to put it in writing to me via the office by Friday 7th November. Requests should only be placed if they are essential and be based on the social and academic needs of the child. Please do not request specific teachers as these requests are difficult to meet, particularly because teacher grade placements have not yet been finalised. If you have put in a request in previous years, please do not rely on that to cover the 2026 school year. Please do not rely on verbal discussions with staff, as only written requests will be considered.

REMINDER: 2026 Enrolments

We continue to make plans for class structures for the new school year. If you know of any families intending to join the Lucknow PS community in the 2026 year, please encourage them to contact the office to arrange a tour at a time that suits them. If you are intending to move away, please let our lovely office staff know as soon as possible.

Happy learning everyone!

Carly Miller - Principal

CSEF

From 1 January 2026, families eligible for CSEF will see an increase in support to \$400 for primary and secondary school children.

Applications for 2026 CSEF support will open from 27 January 2026.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provide payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming extension activities and other school-organised sport programs
- excursions and incursions

Schools can receive applications from families for 2026 until 26th June 2026.

Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

This year, School Council has endorsed a new format for our end of year celebrations. Rather than holding one long assembly, we'll be hosting two shorter celebration assemblies, each shining a spotlight on different areas of student leadership and achievement.

Assembly 1 – Friday 12th of December @ 2:30pm

We'll begin by celebrating our incredible student leaders, with:

- Recognition of our 2025 Junior School Council Members
- Acknowledgement of our 2025 Student Leadership Team
- The exciting announcement of our 2026 Student Leadership Team

Assembly 2 – Wednesday 17th of December @ 9:00am

Our second celebration will focus on achievements and milestones, including:

- Grade 6 Awards
- Grade 5 Freemason Scholarship recipients
- Attendance, Academic Achievement and Growth Awards
- A special farewell to our Grade 6 students and staff moving on to new adventures

We look forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate the wonderful achievements, leadership, and growth of our students.

Emily Forbes - Assistant Principal

SAVE THE DATE - Open Afternoons: Learning Celebrations

We're excited to invite families to our Open Afternoons – Learning Celebrations on Monday 1st of December from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

Classrooms will be open and welcoming visitors to pop in anytime during this window to see the wonderful learning, creativity and achievements from throughout the year. Students are looking forward to proudly sharing their work and learning journeys with you!

If you're unable to attend on this day, please know you're always welcome to visit classrooms before or after school on another day — our doors are always open!

We look forward to celebrating our students' learning together.

Emily Forbes - Assistant Principal

REPORT DATE

Teachers are busy writing student reports and reviewing work samples to see what students can do and how far they've come this year. It's a great opportunity to celebrate the amazing growth so many students have made!

This semester you will notice a few small changes to your child's report as we move to the new Victorian Curriculum 2.0 for English. The number of "I can" statements in both English and Mathematics have been reduced to a smaller, more meaningful selection. This change aims to make reports easier for families and students to read and understand, while teachers will still assess each child against the entire curriculum.

Reports will be released to families on Friday the 12th of December. Keep an eye out in our next newsletter for a form to indicate if you would like a paper copy of your child's report. We look forward to celebrating each student's learning and achievements with you.

Emily Forbes - Assistant Principal

ROTARY PRESENTATION NIGHT

Rotary Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday the 12th November, 2025 at the Uniting Church on Great Alpine Road, Lucknow. This night commences at 7.00pm and usually concludes by 8.30pm.

We would like all students to be seated by 6.45pm in alphabetical order in the seats allocated to Lucknow Primary School. We will both be there to sit with our students and organise them to receive their awards. Parents and families are able to sit anywhere else in the church.

There will be speeches from each school involved followed by the presentation of certificates to all students. At the conclusion of the night, there will be photo opportunities for each school. Our students must be in full school uniform on the night.

We would sincerely like to thank parents and guardians for the support they have given our students in completing the award. The commitment shown has been remarkable and we are extremely proud of all students that completed the award.

Many thanks,

Laura Szabo and Sylvana Swan

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL – CRAZY HAIR DAY

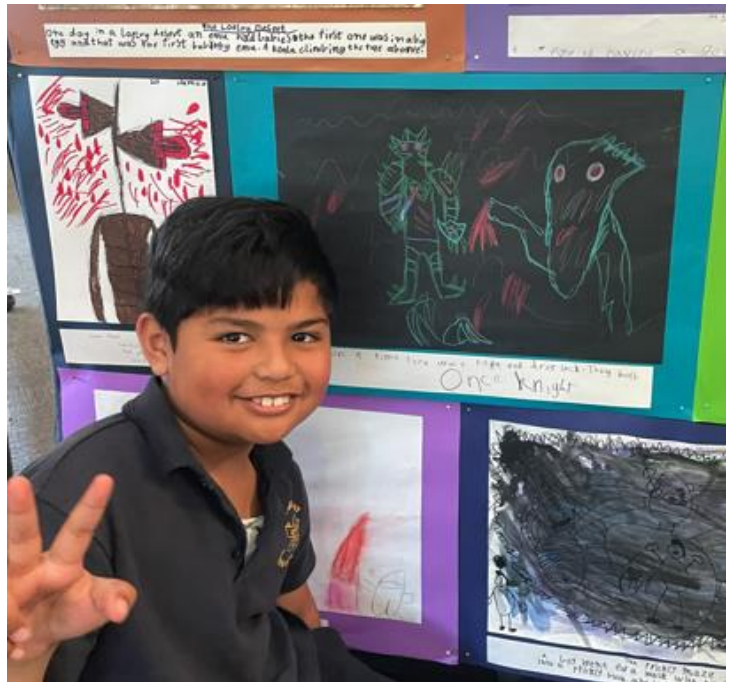
Many thanks to the students and staff who supported our last JSC fundraiser for the year. We raised \$463.70 which will be split between the Anti-Cancer Council and the Salvation Army.

Well done LPS!



GRADE 2 NEWS

Last week we were able to visit the Art Exhibition. We loved seeing everyone's hard work on display and were amazed at the talent of our school. Lots of us enjoyed searching for our own art as well as friends and family. Lots of us enjoyed sharing our art with our friends and teachers!





Class	Student
PAS	<i>Charlie for challenging yourself and putting in your best efforts with your writing! It is great to see the work you are producing and the pride you take – superstar Charlie!</i>
PEM	<i>Braxton for showing amazing focus and creativity during Maths. Keep up the amazing effort!</i> <i>Michael for using your green brain during learning activities! Well done on a great start to Term 4. Keep it up!</i>
PMB	<i>Maggie and Frankie for challenging themselves in Writing and beginning to create amazing stories. We're so proud of you both!</i>
PVG	<i>Klaara, what a wonderful week you have had. Really creating some great writing pieces!! Well done Klaara!</i> <i>Ozmond, it is amazing what you can achieve when you put your mind to it. I really love the word choice you are using in your writing. Keep it up Ozmond.</i>
1CW	<i>Alexis for the amazing word choice you use in your writing. I always love to read your narratives. Well done, Alexis.</i> <i>Ruby for always demonstrating our school values. You are such a kind and caring member of our class. We are very lucky to have you!</i>
1ES	<i>Tommy has built so much confidence with sharing his thoughts and ideas during classroom discussions. He has also done a fantastic job in his tutoring sessions and extension Literacy activities.</i>
1MW	<i>Reeve for the fantastic ideas and expression he was able to add to his haunted house story. Well done, Reeve, keep up the amazing effort!</i> <i>Halie for working so hard on your sounding out and spelling of words. You are showing greater independence with your writing. Well done!</i>
12D	<i>Aubree for the fantastic progress you have made in Reading. Well done Aubree! Be proud of your amazing progress!</i> <i>Marley for the fantastic resilience you have shown in the classroom and yard. It's been wonderful to see you smiling so much! Keep up the great work Marley!</i>
2JS	<i>Patrick for brightening our classroom with his sense of humour and imagination. We have loved listening to you share your comic book each week after Free Write Friday! Keep up the amazing work!</i> <i>Van for his focus and hard work during all areas of learning. What an amazing start to Term 4! Keep up the amazing work!</i>
2MP	<i>Sophia for being a focussed and committed learner who has inspired others to do their best. Absolutely fantastic Sophia!</i> <i>Kalev for being an expert listener. He listens very carefully to instructions and class discussions. Kalev, we're loving hearing some of your ideas now. Keep it up!</i>
2NT	<i>Aaliyah for your outstanding effort in Writing and for thoughtfully enhancing your Word Choice in your Spring poem. Keep up the awesome work!</i>

	<i>Ryder for demonstrating incredible growth in reading accuracy and comprehension. Keep up the outstanding work Ryder, we are so proud of you!</i>
3AG	<i>Alexis for applying feedback you receive to improve your writing! You are growing so much as a writer well done!</i> <i>Ethan for having a positive mindset and being open to challenges during Maths problem-solving. Great work Ethan!</i>
3CT	<i>Penny for working consistently on her writing and illustrations for her picture book.</i>
34B	<i>Larni and Annabelle, you've both shown such kindness and thoughtfulness in your group performances. You take the time to listen to everyone's ideas and make sure all voices are heard, helping others feel comfortable and included. Your inclusiveness truly reflects our school values — well done!!</i>
34M	<i>Fletcher, you have made such a special effort to include other students in your group performance. You were kind and thoughtful. You even created a whole new character in your play to include someone. You should be really proud of yourself.</i>
34R	<i>Ruby, welcome to 34R, you have settled into our class so well! You have shown so much courage and excitement! You've made new friends and brought so much joy to our class already!</i>
4JW	<i>Riyon and Eliza for always having a positive attitude towards their learning and consistently demonstrating a growth mindset in all that they do.</i>
45W	<i>Archie for always being polite, kind and respectful. You are a wonderful asset to our grade Archie. Harley for trying hard with his classwork, asking for help and continually trying to be the best he can be. Well done Harley, keep it up!!</i>
5CM	<i>Tayte for the contributions he has made in our whole class reading discussions, and for sharing his thoughts with such confidence.</i> <i>Abby for celebrating mistakes and challenges in problem solving with such a big smile and for turning a 'I can't do this' into an 'I can do this attitude'</i>
5DC	<i>Anna & Lara for showing excellent initiative, taking responsibility for their learning, and consistently using feedback to improve their work. Keep up the fabulous work girls!</i>
56I	<i>Pippa for actively participating in Reading mini lessons. Well done, Pippa!</i>
6CM	<i>Declan for the depth and strength he is getting into his reading responses.</i> <i>Violet for the passion she is putting into her emotive writing.</i>
6LS	<i>Jayda for the amazing improvement of attendance this Term! Keep it up!</i> <i>Alyvia for the incredibly positive mindset towards both her online assessments! Amazing work Liv!</i>
6SF	<i>Kyah for a pleasing improvement with her PAT Maths score. Well done Kyah!</i>
Principal's Award	<i>Ally from 3CT for consistently demonstrating all our school values. You are a shining example of determination and kindness! Your gentle nature is appreciated by all who are around you – Well done Ally!</i>

DIVISION VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to both our mixed and girls' volleyball teams for making it through in straight sets to the next round, Gippsland Region Summer Sports on Thursday 30th October.

Both teams dominated on the day, they demonstrated improved skill, and excellent sportsmanship.

We wish both teams the best of luck!



OUTDOOR ED NEWS

Aussie Bird Count 2025

A big thank you to all the students who participated in the Aussie Bird Count last week! BirdLife Australia's annual event ran from 20–26 October 2025, and Lucknow Primary School was proud to be a registered participant.



AUSSIE
BIRD
COUNT

The Aussie Bird Count was a fun and educational way for students to build curiosity about the natural world, develop STEM skills, and take part in real-world science. Students spent just 20 minutes observing and recording the birds they saw before submitting their results to BirdLife Australia. Throughout the week, we enjoyed following the live National Statistics and recording our school's sightings. In total, Lucknow Primary submitted five checklists, spotting 15 different bird species and counting 220 individual birds!

If you're curious to see which species we identified, please pop into the Outdoor Ed Room—I'd love to share our list of sightings with you.

Ms Henger - Outdoor Education Teacher

LUCKNOW PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT





Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Lucknow Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Lucknow Primary Schools' financial contributions for 2026.

Schools provide students with free instruction to meet the standard Victorian curriculum, and we wish to reassure families that all curriculum contributions are voluntary. At Lucknow Primary School, we are fortunate to provide an excellent learning environment for our students thanks to the generous support we receive from our community.

We greatly appreciate the contributions made towards fundraising events, camps, excursions, and classroom programs.

To deliver these valuable programs and facilities, the school relies on additional support beyond what is funded by the State Government and Department of Education and Training.

Curriculum Contributions help the school cover costs for optional materials, services, and additional equipment and facilities. They also support expenses beyond the basics, such as excursions, camps, uniforms, and specialist programs.

The enclosed Curriculum Contribution notice outlines the expenses and requirements for your child's stationery and curriculum needs in 2026. Payments can be made via **UEducateUs** or directly at the school office.

All curriculum items will be delivered straight to the classroom.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Carly Miller
Principal

2026 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE

Students Names _____

Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount
Classroom consumables, all books, pens, pencils, paper etc All consumables used in Specialist subjects. Library resources Printing and photocopying of learning materials Whole school events (athletics)	\$225
ICT devices – provision of devices from the shared classroom sets	\$25
Total Curriculum Contributions	\$250
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
Swimming and Water Safety Program	
○ Prep – Grade 4 (BARC) 8x Lessons	\$95.00
○ Grade 5 & 6	TBA
Grades 3 – 6 overnight Camps	TBA
Local Excursions	TBA

Item	Item Amount	Number of students in your family	Annual Amount per family
Curriculum Contributions	\$225		\$
ICT Contributions	\$25		\$
Swimming Program Prep – Grade 4	\$95		\$
Total Family Contribution			\$

Financial Support for Families

Lucknow Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*
- Bpay
- Eftpos
- uEducateUs

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Sarah Cameron – Business Manager

Ph: 03 51524662 | Email: lucknow.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.