

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.



WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Huddy's Running Buddies 8:15-8:45am. Meet at the top gate near the Playground 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Club in the Hall 8:15am – 8:45am Mr Huddy's Running Buddies 8:15-8:45am. Meet at the top gate near the Playground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Club in the Hall 8:15am – 8:30am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk to School 8am. Meet at the corner of Flinns Rd and the Highway or join along the way!

SCHOOL CALENDAR –Term 1 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 16	17	18	19	20
SWIMMING - Group 1 3CT & 34R, Group 2 3CW & 34F, Group 3 3SE & 1MP				
			- Gr 3-6 District Swimming Carnival in Sale	
23	24	25	26	27
SWIMMING - Group 1 3CT & 34R, Group 2 3CW & 34F, Group 3 3SE & 1MP				
	- Grade 6 Rotary information session 3:30pm in 6LS			
MARCH 2	3	4	5	6
SWIMMING - Group 4 4EB & 1CB, Group 5 4YM & 1EG, Group 6 12G, 2FW & 45K				
9	10	11	12	13
Labour Day Public Holiday - No students	SWIMMING - Group 4 4EB & 1CB, Group 5 4YM & 1EG, Group 6 12G, 2FW & 45K			
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2026 Leadership Team

This year, we have appointed two Learning Specialists to support our Teaching and Learning priorities and two to support implementation of Disability Inclusion across the school. Our Teaching and Learning Specialists are Allison Stone and Carmel Thomson. In this role Allison and Carmel will support building teacher expertise, and the effective use of student data through modelling, coaching and the delivery of Professional Learning. Congratulations on your appointments Allison and Carmel!

Our Disability Inclusion Learning Specialists are James Webb and Tara Thomson. James and Tara's role will be working closely with teachers, families and allied health professionals to ensure students with additional needs are supported to access learning successfully. They will be helping to coordinate Disability Inclusion processes, develop and monitor adjustment plans, and guide staff in implementing strategies that promote inclusion, engagement and wellbeing. Congratulations on your appointments James and Tara!

Another important level of leadership at Lucknow Primary School is our Instructional Leaders. Instructional Leaders are responsible for leading and supporting their year-level teams to ensure consistent, high-quality teaching and learning practices across classrooms. They guide planning, monitor curriculum delivery, support team collaboration and help ensure that every student experiences strong, aligned instruction within their year level.

2026 Instructional Leaders:	
Prep	Allison Stone
One	Christine Burchall
Two	Felicity Whitby
Three	Carmel Thomson
Four	Erin Bould
Five	James Webb
Six	Cynara McQuitty

Learn to Learn

Although the formal component of our *Learn to Learn* program has now concluded, its principles will continue to underpin our work throughout the year. The language, routines and learning dispositions developed during this time remain central to how we support students and staff to learn, grow and thrive together.

We are proud to share further evidence of the program's impact through our 2025 Attitudes to School Survey results. An outstanding **92% positive endorsement** was recorded for *Learner Characteristics and Disposition*. This significantly exceeds the **State (84%)**, **Similar Schools (84%)** and **Network (88%)** averages.

92%

Your school

84%

Similar schools

88%

Network

84%

State

Percentage Endorsement in 2025 (%)

Learner characteristics and disposition for students in Years 4 to 6

This measure reflects students' attitudes towards attendance, motivation and interest, perseverance, and their sense of confidence as learners. These results affirm the strong learning culture across our school and the collective commitment of staff and students to building positive, resilient learning mindsets.

Car Parking Reminders

Please ensure you follow the designated Kiss and Drop Zones at the front of the school. These zones are designed to keep traffic flowing safely and efficiently during busy drop-off and pick-up times. If you need to park and enter the school to collect your child, please use the carpark at the top of the school near the oval or park across the road near IGA.

We also ask that families refrain from parking on the grass at the front of the staff carpark, as this restricts visibility and creates unnecessary congestion. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe environment for all students and families.

Happy learning everyone, have a great week!

Carly Miller - Principal

BREAKFAST CLUB PARENT VOLUNTEERS



We are seeking support from parents who may have some time available to assist with our School Breakfast Program.

The program operates on **Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15am** in the foyer of the hall. Support might involve helping to set up, serve students or assist with pack-up.

This does not need to be an ongoing commitment — even occasional help makes a difference. If you are able to assist on either morning, please contact the school office.

Many hands make light work — and help us start our students' day the right way!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on:

Monday 16th March between 3:40pm – 5:40pm

Wednesday 18th March between 3:40pm – 5:40pm

Bookings will open next week via uEducateUs. Families will be able to schedule interviews with both classroom teachers and specialist teachers.

These interviews are a valuable opportunity to connect with your child's teachers, discuss their learning progress and celebrate their growth. They also provide time to:

- gain insights into your child's strengths
- clarify learning goals and next steps
- ask questions about classroom programs
- strengthen the home-school partnership

Even a short conversation can make a meaningful difference, helping ensure we work together to support each student's success, confidence and wellbeing.

We always value opportunities to connect with families and look forward to seeing many of you.

Emily Forbes - Assistant Principal

THE LEARNING PIT

As part of our 'Learn to Learn' work, all classes have been exploring 'The Learning Pit', a simple visual model that helps students understand what learning looks and feels like when something is challenging. Developed by educator James Nottingham, 'The Learning Pit' shows students that feeling confused or 'stuck' is a normal and important part of learning. Rather than avoiding difficulty, students are encouraged to recognise that challenge, effort and feedback help deepen understanding and build confidence.

In classrooms, teachers are revisiting The Learning Pit with students and designing learning experiences that safely stretch their thinking. Students are learning that being "in the pit" means they are:

- grappling with new ideas
- asking questions
- trying different strategies
- building persistence and resilience

Importantly, students are supported every step of the way. Teachers guide them with strategies, encouragement and feedback to help them 'climb out' with stronger understanding. Some classes have even created their own Learning Pit visuals to reflect their shared language around challenge and growth.

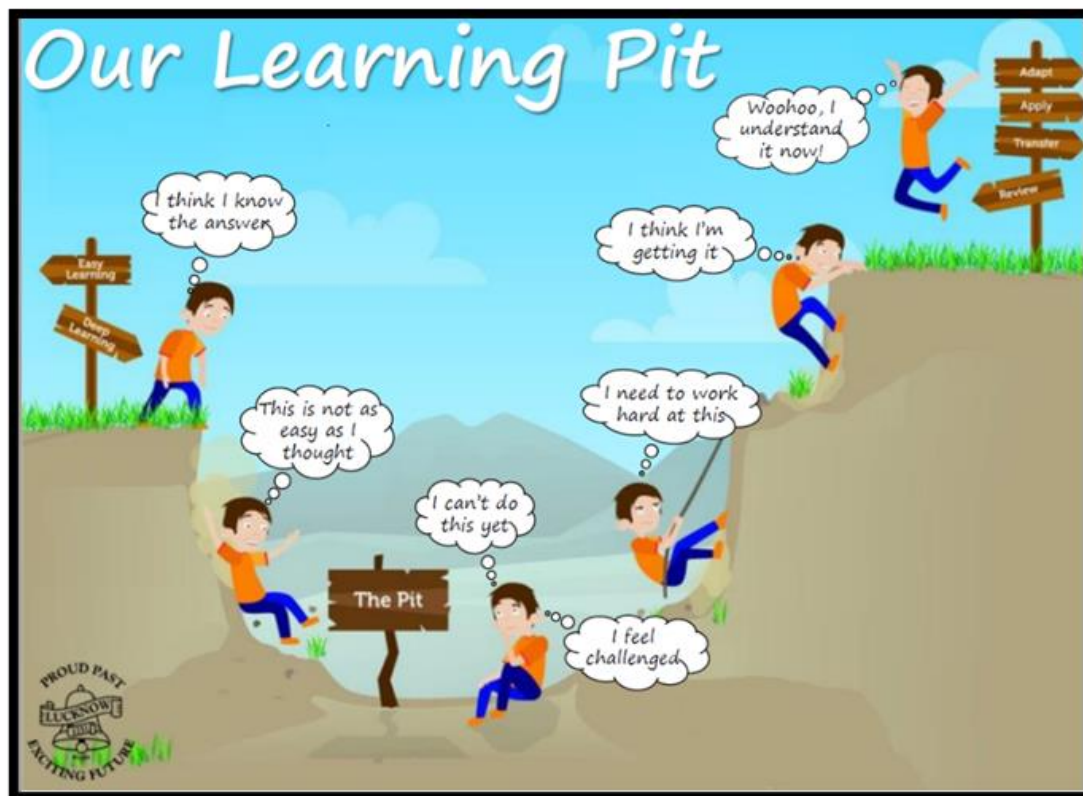
If you'd like to learn more, this short animation by James Nottingham provides a great explanation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IMUAOhuO78>

We encourage you to chat with your child about The Learning Pit. You might ask:

- When were you in the Learning Pit this week?
- What helped you move forward?
- What strategy did you try?

You could even share a time when you found something challenging and what helped you persist — learning truly is a lifelong journey!

Emily Forbes - Assistant Principal



CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund) Applications Reminder

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid Centrelink pension concession card or Health care card or are a foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student for 2026 is \$400 for primary school students.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Applications close end of Term 2 2026.

GRADE 6 LEARN TO LEARN

Grade 6 students have participated in an engaging Learn to Learn activity. The aim was to use resources and teamwork to construct the tallest tower. Each group was judged on teamwork, creativity, how tall their tower was and stability.

It was fantastic to see the students working together and showing our school values!



GRADE 1 NEWS

All of the Grade 1's have been working very hard on knowing, understanding and showing KINDNESS. Through a variety of experiences the children are showing us they have a great understanding of kindness and all classrooms are looking out for this in our daily conduct- classroom or yard.

Here is a snippet of writing from 1CB Skylah explaining in her own words what kindness is:

Kindness is helping Mrs Burchall.

Being helpful it makes Mrs Burchall smile.

Helping Sadee.

I help my aunty with looking after my cousins and baby cousin.

Being respectful.

Friends asked for them to play with me and I said sure.

JUNIOR COMMUNITY ROTARY AWARD

Junior Community Rotary Award first commenced in Bairnsdale almost 30 years ago. It was introduced by David Hawkey of the Bairnsdale Rotary Club. It is now recognised in countries around the world and is open to all grade six students.

The emphasis of this program is to encourage students to be active in the community and it builds important life skills such as commitment, resilience and striving to achieve goals.

As mentioned, 2026 is a special year as it celebrates 30 years of this award.

We would love to see as many grade six students as possible be part of the award this year.

Grade 6 students will have Term 2 and Term 3 to complete the award with activities outside of school hours. They must complete 10 hours of community service, learn a new skill and there is also a physical activity component.

There is also a range of one-off community requirements such as Anzac Day, attending a meeting, cultural exchange, along with an arts component and environment investigation.

An information afternoon will be held on Tuesday 24th of February at 3.30pm in 6LS classroom.

Laura Szabo and Sylvana Swan

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming trials for District Swimming – Monday 9th February 2026

Our school swim trials were held at the BARC on Monday 9th February, and it was a fantastic morning of participation, effort, and school spirit. Students gave their best in every event as they competed for a place in the team heading to the District Swimming Carnival.

The event ran exceptionally smoothly thanks to the wonderful support of our school community. A heartfelt thank-you goes to the many parent helpers who assisted with timing and other important jobs around the pool. Your help ensured the event was well-organised and enjoyable for everyone involved.

I wish to acknowledge a special thank-you to Annabel, Dorothy and Ronelle as well as Carly and Terri from school, who generously volunteered their time to transport students to and from the pool. Your contribution was truly appreciated, and the day simply could not have happened without you.

The swim team has been published on UEducateUS. It includes swimmers who placed in the top two for their individual events, as well as those who recorded one of the top four times in Freestyle to form our Freestyle relay teams.

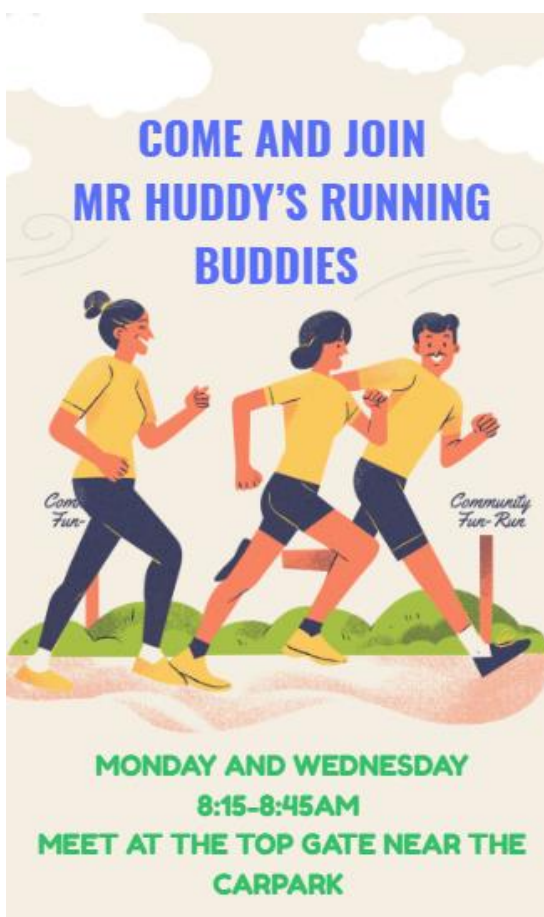
We congratulate all students who took part and look forward to seeing our swimmers represent the school at the **District Swimming Carnival, to be held at the Sale Outdoor Pool on Thursday 19th February.** Go Lucknow!!

“Mr Huddy’s Running Buddies”

Every Monday and Wednesday morning (8.15-8.45am) all students are more than welcome to come and join in a group to improve everyone’s general fitness and running levels. Sessions are varied and cater for all ability levels. If you are interested, please meet us at the top gate of the school near the carpark of Lucknow (Tulaba) Park.

Any changes to this will be communicated via UEducateUs as soon as possible.

Mr Hudson – PE Teacher



Class	Student
PAS	<i>Jack for being an all-round star we are lucky to have in PAS! It is so wonderful to see the amazing job you do with all your learning and are so grateful for the kindness you constantly show towards others. What a top start to school Jack, well done!</i>
PMB	<i>Dixie, you have settled into school life beautifully. We love seeing your gorgeous smile come through the doors each day. We're so lucky to have you in PMB. Keep being your kind and caring self!</i>
PNT	<i>Eadie, you have had a fantastic start to school. Keep up the hard work, PNT are so lucky to have you!</i>
P1G	<i>Imogen V, what a great start to school you have had! Already making great learning choices and doing some great writing!! Keep it up!</i>
1CB	<i>Pandy for always looking out for others. I can rely on Pandy to support her peers and always deal with her classmates respectfully. Thank you Pandy.</i>
1EG	<i>Bodhi, for his passion for learning and his ability to always stay on task. He works hard every day and sets a wonderful example for our class. Keep it up Bodhi!</i>
1MP	<i>Sophie and Tyson for having an excellent growth mindset that lets them try all sorts of new and challenging things. Way to go legends!</i>
12G	<i>Joshua & Ozmond for the effort you have been putting in to change to green brain thinking in Writing. Great effort, keep it up!</i>
2DM	<i>Marley for such a positive start to Year 2. You brighten our classroom with your kindness and positive mindset. We are so lucky to have you in 2DM!</i>
2FW	<i>Archie for bouncing back so quickly. Well done Archie.</i>
2MC	<i>Mia for always actively contributing to class conversations. Keep up the great work Mia!</i>
3CT	<i>Noah for bringing a positive attitude to class! He is willing to share his thinking during lessons and explains his ideas. He tries his best, even when he feels challenged, and his enthusiasm helps make our classroom a happy place to learn. We are so proud of his hard work and positive mindset!</i>
3CW	<i>Nanook for the wonderful writing pieces you have created this fortnight. You use interesting word choice and your pieces are always a pleasure to read. An author in the making! Keep up the great work!</i>
3SE	<i>Arham for constantly demonstrating our school values both inside and outside the classroom. Keep up the fabulous effort!!</i>
34F	<i>Grace for displaying an excellent attitude towards her learning, and for being a champion at solving our class brain teasers!</i>
34R	<i>Charli for her amazing ability to make deep connections while reading. You thoughtfully link stories to your own experiences, other books, and real life! Great work!</i>
4EB	<i>Piper and Ashby for their great efforts in Writing. Well done girls!</i>
4YM	<i>Zane, your help and support around the classroom is fantastic. We love the way you find important jobs to do and get things organised for us. Thankyou.</i>

45K	<i>Ally for being a kind and friendly member of our class who tries her best at everything she does. Keep it up, Ally!</i>
5CM	<i>Mia and Bernard for being outstanding examples of how respect is demonstrated at Lucknow Primary School.</i>
5JW	<i>Ava for making such an amazing start to the year and for always using a green brain. Keep it up!</i>
56I	<i>Anelia for your enthusiastic participation in class discussions, fantastic growth mindset, and willingness to learn and improve. Keep it up!</i>
6CM	<i>Jake for his kind nature and being an inclusive member of our grade.</i>
6JC	<i>Beau for working hard to tackle problems and looking out for younger students in the yard.</i>
6LS	<i>Ayden for an amazing start to the school year! You are showing maturity and demonstrating our school values both in and out of the classroom, keep it up Ayden!</i>
Principal's Award	<i>Jetty for consistently demonstrating our school values of Respect and Inclusiveness. Jetty greets everyone with a warm smile and welcoming hello, and he is always looking out for those around him. Keep being awesome, Jetty — you're a true star!</i>

SUPERSTAR IMMI

On Friday 13th February Immi (3CW) competed in a Horse Riding Event representing Lucknow Primary School. She was in a team with other schools from Sale and Orbost. Her team came 4th, which is an excellent result! Well done Immi, we are so proud of you!

