

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
Mr Huddy's Running Buddies 8:15-8:45am. Meet at the top gate near the Playground		- 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	Breakfast Club in the Hall 8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to School 8am. Meet at the corner of Flinns Rd and the Highway or join along the way!

SCHOOL CALENDAR –Term 3 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUGUST 31	SEPTEMBER 1	2	3	4
- Somers Camp - Parent Teacher Interviews	Somers Camp	- Somers Camp - Parent Teacher Interviews	Book Week Dress Up Day Parade 9am	- Fathers Day Stall - Prep Fathers Day Afternoon 12:30 -1:30pm in Prep classrooms - Assembly 2:40pm
7	8	9	10	11
			Prep movie night	PJ Day
14	15	16	17	18
	First aid in schools incursion	First aid in schools incursion	Last day of Term 3 for students	Student free day Planning Day

Term 4

OCTOBER 5	6	7	8	9
First day of Term 4				

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2027 Enrolments

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are already welcoming lots of families through the school for tours as they begin planning for 2027.

If you have family or friends who are considering enrolling at LPS in 2027, please encourage them to contact our friendly office staff to arrange a school tour and a chat about all that LPS has to offer.

Likewise, if you know your family will be moving or leaving LPS in 2027, we would really appreciate you letting us know as early as possible. This information is incredibly helpful as we begin planning for the year ahead.

Demonstrating Kindness

Recently, we have had to speak with a number of our Year 6 students about the importance of demonstrating our school value of **Respect**, particularly in the way we speak to and about one another. It is a timely reminder for **all of our students** that our words matter. We encourage everyone to try to be the reason someone smiles and, before speaking to or about someone else, to pause and **THINK**:

T – Is it **Thoughtful**?

H – Is it **Helpful**?

I – Is it **Inspiring**?

N – Is it **Necessary**?

K – Is it **Kind**?

We would appreciate families having a chat at home about the **THINK** acronym and helping us reinforce the importance of choosing words that are respectful and kind.

Together, we can continue to make LPS a place where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all families who took the time to meet with their child's teacher this week. Parent/Teacher Interviews provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss progress, and work together to support each child's learning and wellbeing.

We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school and appreciate your ongoing involvement in your child's education. If the scheduled interview times were not suitable and you would still like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school office or your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternative time.

Grade 5 Camp Sovereign Hill

Last week, our Year 5 students and staff enjoyed a fantastic camp in Ballarat. One of the highlights was the Costumed School Program, where students dressed in 1850s costumes and stepped back in time to experience what life was like for a child attending school on the goldfields. They quickly discovered the very strict behavioural expectations of the era!

Students embraced the experience and had a wonderful time exploring Ballarat and learning more about life during the gold rush. And, according to many of them, another definite highlight was the lollies!

A big thank you to our staff for giving up their time to make this memorable experience possible for our students. Congratulations to all students – your behaviour on camp has been described as 'exceptional'.

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 you would like to know more contact the office.

Long Service Leave

Just a little heads-up that I will be taking some long service leave for the remainder of the term, beginning this Friday afternoon.

I'm looking forward to taking some time to recharge and will be back ready to go for Term 4! In the meantime, I know our wonderful staff will continue to keep everything running smoothly at LPS.

Wishing all of our students, staff and families a fantastic remainder of the term, and I look forward to seeing everyone again next term!

Happy learning everyone!

Carly Miller - Principal

HATS

It is school policy that all students wear a wide brimmed hat at school when they are outside as of September 1st. Please ensure that your child has a hat that is in good condition. New school hats can be purchased from Nicks Bairnsdale.

SOMERS CAMP

A little update from our students at Somers Camp. In their words 'We are having the BEST time'.



PREP FARM VISIT

Our Prep and P1G students had a wonderful time visiting Orrs Road Farm as part of our learning about different types of farms. This excursion provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to connect their classroom learning with a real-life farm experience.

The students were very excited to get up close to the animals and learn more about life on a farm. We fed the miniature horses, met some very friendly sheep and adorable lambs, and spotted chickens, pigs and a beautiful white peacock!

A definite highlight was riding the farm train, which brought plenty of smiles and excitement!

It was wonderful to see the children making connections to our classroom learning, asking questions and showing such curiosity and care when interacting with the animals.

A huge thank you to Orrs Road Farm for such a fun and memorable day!



Class	Student
PAS	<i>Ava and Beau for the impressive effort they are making with their writing! It is so great to see you both challenging yourself, coming up with creative ideas and using some amazing 'WOW' words. Keep up the superstar work!</i>
PMB	<i>River, for always being your happy and bubbly self! You make us laugh and bring so much positivity to our classroom. We have loved seeing you start to challenge yourself in your writing and have a go at tricky things. We're so lucky to have you in PMB!</i>
PNT	<i>Ava, you are demonstrating excellent progress and confidence in phonics. You apply your knowledge of sounds, to manipulate sounds within words and confidently blend and segment to support your reading and spelling. You approach literacy lessons with enthusiasm, focus and a willingness to challenge yourself. Well done, Ava on your outstanding effort and achievement!</i>
P1G	<i>Olive for great independence in beginning her learning. Well done! Keep it up!</i> <i>Immy, Wow! You have been doing some great learning and are really showing some fantastic gains!</i>
1CB	<i>Amanda for being such a responsible learner and always on track!</i>
1EG	<i>Matilda and Thomas for having the most positive attitude towards your learning and being such a bright light in our classroom! We are so lucky to have you in 1EG!!</i>
1MP	<i>Owen for persisting when faced with the many challenges we give him. A great way to learn Owen!</i>
12G	<i>Leon and Zac for their effort and care in writing their letters about their favourite vegetable.</i>
2DM	<i>Finn for being a kind and inclusive member of our class. Thank you for always offering to help in and out of the classroom, it does not go unnoticed. Keep up the amazing work!</i> <i>Mia for brightening our classroom everyday with her warmth and positivity. Thank you for being an inclusive and hard-working member of 2DM every day. You're a star!</i>
2FW	<i>Harry for making insightful connections about the authors message in reading! Keep it up Harry!</i>
2MC	<i>Joanne for a fantastic persuasive letter in writing. Well done Joanne!</i>
3CT	<i>Jerome for always trying your hardest and giving your best effort in all your learning. Well done!</i> <i>Sophia for actively participating in small-group learning and making thoughtful connections across the text. Awesome job!</i>
3CW	<i>Kaev for always demonstrating respectful behaviour and being a willing volunteer whenever I ask you to create artwork for our classroom displays. Kaev, you are a very talented artist! Your creativity and enthusiasm are wonderful to see. Keep sharing your amazing artistic talents!</i>
3SE	<i>TJ and Eva for respectful listening and following expectations well.</i>
34F	<i>Iona for always putting in 100% effort into all learning tasks. Congratulations on a fantastic effort Iona!!</i>
34R	<i>Owen for doing an amazing job in Maths, especially with your classroom mapping activity! You took your time, added lots of fantastic detail and made sure your work was completed to a really high standard. Keep up the awesome work, Owen!</i>
4EB	<i>Georgia, well done on the fantastic effort you've been putting into your learning. You ask thoughtful questions and always look for ways to deepen your understanding. Keep it up!</i>

4YM	<i>Will F your resilience and positive attitude are outstanding. You have a red-hot go at everything, and your bounce-back skills when you're faced with a challenge are impressive.</i>
45K	<i>Summer for the amazing way she got into her 1850's character on camp. She was the dusting queen of Raggard school. Great work Summer Ben for his fabulous behaviour and role-playing on camp. He was the king of gold panning, sharing his top-secret techniques with a lucky few.</i>
5CM	<i>The whole class for the resilience and respect they all demonstrated while on camp at Sovereign Hill, you are all such quality representations of our school, and a pleasure to spend time with.</i>
5JW	<i>The whole class for having a great time on camp and representing themselves and the school incredibly well.</i>
56I	<i>Bella and Ziara for demonstrating our school values on camp and immersing yourself in your 1850s characters!</i>
6CM	<i>Lara and Milla for giving up recess and part of lunch to turn our classroom door into the BFG's cave. I appreciate it!</i>
6JC	<i>Blake and Beau are my learning legends for applying themselves to all learning tasks and showing kindness to others.</i>
6LS	<i>James for your enthusiasm towards your information report writing!</i>
Principal's Award	<i>Noah of 1CB for showing wonderful persistence with his reading and sounding out words. It is lovely to see your confidence continuing to grow, Noah! You should be very proud of yourself – well done, superstar!</i>



GRADE 5 CAMP

Grade 5 student and staff all had a wonderful time at Sovereign Hill last week. They thoroughly enjoyed participating in the 1850s dress up school and experiencing what school life was like back then. Students appreciate how nice their teachers are now!

Students enjoyed the AURA Light and Sound Show on the first night, consolidating some of their prior learning of stories from the 1850s. Students were quite fortunate when gold panning, with most students finding gold in the bottom of their pan! They enjoyed the mine tour, lolly demonstration, as well as roaming and exploring the old town. Some students partook in bowling in the old alley and decided it was exhausting work!

All students showed our schools values and were great representatives of Lucknow Primary School and the staff couldn't be prouder.









Lucknow Primary School

Very Important Visitors Day!



Classroom activities



Scavenger Hunt

Friday October 16th 2026

2:30pm – 3:20pm

Lucknow Primary School



Bring along your V.I.V to celebrate your school!

FRIENDS PROGRAM

Many of our students have had the opportunity to be a part of FRIENDS Resilience programs. Mission Australia have now extended the opportunity to parents and carers to complete the free online training.

FRIENDS Resilience Program – FREE Training for Parents & Carers

Many of our Lucknow Primary School students have had the opportunity to participate in the FRIENDS Resilience Program, which supports children to develop confidence, resilience and positive strategies for managing life's challenges.

We are pleased to share that Mission Australia is now extending the opportunity for parents and carers to access FREE online FRIENDS training.

The training is:

- FREE and online
- Completed in your own time
- Flexible — you can stop and return to the training whenever you like
- A great way to gain a better understanding of the FRIENDS Program and learn strategies to support your child at home
- A certificate of completion is provided

Parents and carers can choose from programs designed for different age groups:

- Fun FRIENDS (Prep–Grade 3)
- FRIENDS for Life (Grades 4–5)
- My FRIENDS Youth (Secondary) and
- Adult Resilience.

Once a training module is completed, participants also receive access to a range of FRIENDS Resilience resources.

Start Building Family Resilience

Through the FRIENDS Program licence, parents, carers and members of our local community can also access Start Building Family Resilience, developed by Dr Paula Barrett, Director and Author of the FRIENDS Resilience Program.

This includes a short video and practical resources to help families build resilience and support children's emotional wellbeing.

Interested in completing the FRIENDS training?

Please contact Terri McNeil at Lucknow Primary School on 5152 4662 for more information and access details.

We encourage our families to take advantage of this FREE opportunity to build resilience skills that can support children both at school and at home.

Terri McNeil



GIPPSLAND LAKES YACHT CLUB DISCOVER SAILING PROGRAM 22026/27 - Welcoming young people to the fun of learning to sailing.

Start Sailing courses. This course does not require any previous sailing experience and use GLYC Pacers and Optimists.

DATES: 8 November 2026, 6 sessions.

DATES: 7 February 2027, 6 sessions.

Tacker courses targets Primary School aged children 7 to 12 years and held over 5 consecutive days during school holidays and are particularly attractive to grandparents caring for visiting grand kids. GLYC is working with *Smooth Sailing* to deliver these.

DATE: 4th to 8th January 2027.

DATE: 26th to the 29th, Easter school holidays if demand exists.

Out There Sailing courses can also be held in association with **Tackers** and targets young people 12 to 17.

GLYC Division Cool. Continuing to be held on Sunday morning at 11am in winter and is about having fun on the water. Season 2026/27 will kick off skills development with a focus on having fun around the race track.

The mornings will be spent improving skills that are relevant to participating in yacht racing . This includes improving boat handling skills, sail trim and sailing fast, practicing starting procedures and mark rounding and learning general right of way rules.

GLYC Green Fleet Division. 2026/27 Division Cool will also include the *Green Fleet* Division.

This involves a series of short races conducted in the inner bay between Paynesville and Newlands Arm on Sunday afternoons with active coaching of the participants as they sail the course.

We are hoping to see a strong fleet of Minnows and Sabots on the course as well as Sabres and Pacers as the participants

get closer to joining the GLYC racing fleet in the main lake.

Parents who are interested in their children participating in the GLYC Discover Sailing program can visit the Discover Sailing page on the GLYC web site. Enquiries and expressions of interest are welcome and can be sent to DSCP@sailglyc.com