

# LUCKNOW BELL

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*Students and staff at Lucknow Primary School acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people of the Brabuwoolooong 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"> <li>Mr Huddy's Running Buddies 8:15-8:45am. Meet at the top gate near the Playground</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast Club in the Hall 8:15am – 8:45am</li> <li>Mr Huddy's Running Buddies 8:15-8:45am. Meet at the top gate near the Playground</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast Club in the Hall 8:15am – 8:30am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk to School 8am. Meet at the corner of Flinns Rd and the Highway or join along the way!</li> </ul>

## SCHOOL CALENDAR –Term 2 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>APRIL 27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>MAY 1</b>
- Smooth Sailing Excursion Gr 6	- Smooth Sailing Excursion Gr 5 & 45K	- Special Friends Morning Tea		
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	- Division Cross Country			- Mothers Day Stall - Prep Mothers Day afternoon 2:30pm
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
- GRIP Leadership in Sale				- Winter Sports
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
- Student Free Day				- Prep & Gr 1 Forge Theatre Excursion - Indigenous Incursion

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Welcome Back to Term 2**

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope all of our families enjoyed a restful and happy break and had the opportunity to spend quality time together.

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school and see the excitement and enthusiasm they have brought into classrooms and learning spaces. Students have jumped straight back into their learning routines and have settled in beautifully, demonstrating a positive attitude and readiness to learn. We also welcome new students to LPS, Hannah 12G, Harper 2FW, Jaggar PNT and Jackson 45K.

Across the school, classrooms have quickly come alive with purposeful learning, rich conversations and engaged students. It has been pleasing to see students reconnecting with their peers, embracing new learning opportunities and continuing to demonstrate our school values of Respect, Inclusiveness and Resilience in the way they learn and interact with others.

This term promises to be another exciting and productive one, with many learning opportunities, events and experiences ahead. Our staff are looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with families to support every child to thrive and grow.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to a wonderful Term 2 together.

### **Australian Education Union - Industrial Action Continues...**

Families may be aware of ongoing industrial action occurring across Victorian government schools. We understand that this may raise questions for some families, and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

We will provide families with further information closer to the date regarding any arrangements required as a result of this action. Thank you for your continued support!

Happy learning everyone, have a great week!

**Carly Miller - Principal**

## **YARD SUPERVISION**

Student safety at Lucknow Primary School is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

**Before school:** School grounds are supervised at from 8.35am in the Courtyard area.

**After school:** School grounds are supervised until 3.35pm at the Howitt Avenue gate and the Balmoral Crescent gate. Bus travelling students will be supervised by the allocated bus duty teacher until each student has boarded their respective bus.

Students on school grounds outside these times will **not** be supervised (unless they are attending a before or after school care program or supervised extracurricular activity). Parents/carers are requested to ensure that students do not attend school outside of these supervised times unless they are attending before or after school care, or a pre-arranged supervised activity (i.e. sports practice).

Families are currently encouraged to contact Their Care on 1300 072 410 for more information about the after school care facilities available to our school community.

For a copy of our school's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy on our school website – <https://www.lucknow-ps.vic.edu.au/policies> or visit the office for a hard copy. This policy includes Lucknow Primary School's student supervision arrangements across the school day, including before and after school.

## ANZAC DAY

Last Friday our school captains did a terrific job leading the ANZAC Day service with respect and pride, and all students demonstrated outstanding respect throughout the ceremony. Selected senior students also shared thoughtful reflections on what ANZAC Day means to them.

Thank you to Allan Pappin, RSL sub-branch President, for attending our ceremony to give our students some background and context of the meaning of ANZAC Day and for speaking to our Grade 6 classes about his experiences. The students gained valuable knowledge and were thoroughly engaged.

On ANZAC Day Jaycee and Lewis, our school captains, represented Lucknow Primary School when they laid a wreath at the Bairnsdale Cenotaph. Again, showing great respect for the occasion. They then joined school staff and students in the ANZAC Day March. It was wonderful to see so many students and families in attendance.



## **What Anzac Day means to me**

by Maggie

WAR. It isn't a happy place and isn't the option any of us would choose. But the people who did can be described by many words but, the one word that means the most to me is brave. The sights they would have seen, blood splattering, fellow soldiers dropping to the ground.



While they ran towards gun fire, towards bullets, towards the enemy. They were fighting for their country. The home we have now. I have people that fought in my family like great great grandfathers or great uncles. But I can't imagine the grieving for days that you would feel if they were closer like a dad. The feeling of a missing face. You would remind yourself they are resting, but where a foreign land. They fought and died for our freedom and days like this will remind us of their courageousness. Although some soldiers did not come back they are all still with us in spirit. These people fought without knowing if they're going to live to let US live.

LEST WE FORGET.

## **What Anzac Day means to me**

By Sofia

ANZAC day means lots to me. I'm grateful for the soldiers who fought. They gave their lives to protect their country, to bring peace to Australia and the world. My great grandfather fought in this war. He marched, he fought, he was brave and most of all he was a soldier.

My great grandfather was one of many soldiers who had been captured and killed. He was worked to death in a camp. Most years we go down to the dawn service to honour his memory. My family wears the medals that he fought for.

He was one of the soldiers that never came home. That isn't all Anzac Day means to me, to me it means brave men went to war, they survived in those terrible conditions they slept in mud, but the best part they did it for us, for Australia.

A while ago if you told me we had to do a minute silence to show our respect, I would say what for, but now I know it is not just because they fought, they protected, saved us and kept Australia the country we know today. They let us live in the freedom we do today.

Even the soldiers that survived those brutal conditions are to be honoured. Even after the war, they'd have the memories replaying, the ones of their friends dying, them getting injured. The nightmares, the terrors that we only experience in a dream, we hear about it in stories, now imagine you're actually there, they are your friends, your family, this is you and you're going to be fighting next.

Lest we forget

## **What Anzac Day means to me**

by Abby

ANZAC day is a day to remember the lives lost in the war, the families who will never see their loved ones again, the hardships that the brave soldiers had to face, all to make Australia the place it is today.

It's impossible to imagine the terror of being shot at from above, the filth and fear of the trenches. To think of innocent people spending months and months in a place crawling with rats and disease is horrible.

Be grateful, people have lost their lives to give you the freedom you have today, to make Australia a safer place. Imagine your brothers or uncles or cousins going to war. Imagine them never coming back. Thousands of families have endured that pain; thousands of families have never recovered.

Never forget the ANZACS, never forget those brave, resilient soldiers, who never gave up and fought to make our lives safer. Never forget their sacrifice.

Lest We Forget

## **What Anzac Day means to me**

by Paige

ANZAC day means a lot of different things to me. It honours the courageous soldiers that sacrificed their life and family to go to war to protect our country. The soldiers were not just strong and fit; they were brave and courageous. Many soldiers left their homes and loved ones not knowing if they would ever return. Standing there for one minute is nothing compared to all the hard work the soldiers had to participate in. Soldiers fought while watching others die in action, living in trenches and dealing with hunger and thirst. Many soldiers did not return back to their loved ones, but their name is still remembered and honoured. Just imagine receiving a note that said you would never see your grandpa or great grandpa again. That note will be carried through every Christmas birthday, Remembrance Day and ANZAC day. All the soldiers that fought are all honoured. They have all done their part and served for the country we now call Australia.

Lest we forget



## GRADE 34F NEWS

34F were tasked with writing a paragraph about 'the room was scary', without using these exact words, in order to practise the 'Show, don't tell', Writing strategy. They were particularly asked to focus on using adjectives. These are samples of their impressive efforts:

**The dark gloomy room was covered in cobwebs, with a spider staring into your soul every time you looked towards him. With each step, a sudden creepy noise echoed through the room**

- Grace & Lauren

**I opened the creaky door, just leaving it ajar. The crumbling frame made it impossible to tell how old it was. A white mist popped out of the shivering wind.**

- Ryker & Elijah

**The room was pitch black. I heard growling. I hoped it was a nightmare. I called out to my mum but she didn't come. I saw ghosts, then heard one call out my name.**

- Ava & Mackenzie

**There was a deep, dark room down the hall with its lights flashing on and off repeatedly.**

- Logan & Mayson

**On a dark and gloomy Halloween night, there was a room that was filled with a dusty grey fog floating up to the roof. And the creepiest spiders I've ever seen, crawling across the room.**

- Charlotte B & Charlotte J

**'Creak'. The foggy room lit up with the light of the moon peering into the haunted room. There were spiders on every corner of the room.**

- Lucas and Ryka

**The room was petrifying, as if Adolf Hitler was in there with his army.**

- Lani and Rex

**The dark gloomy room was petrifying. Cobwebs were wrapped around the old wooden, cracked rafters. Once you were in the room you were desperate to leave.**

- Harvey

**My door was open, that's when I first thought someone must have been in my room. I looked everywhere, but when I looked at my bed my blankets and pillow were on the misty carpet. The lights started flickering, then turned off. That's when I started shivering, and I knew I wasn't alone!**

- Eadie & Mia

**The gloomy graveyard-like room haunted the people in the village for all eternity.**

- Ivy & Iona

## FUN RUN/CROSS COUNTRY PRIZE WINNERS



## SPORTS NEWS

### School Cross Country

Many students have been asking 'Who won the Cross Country Mr Hudson?' While it's been tempting to let slip which house took out this year's trophy, I have chosen to reveal the winning house at this week's Whole School assembly on Friday. So stay tuned....!! 😊

**The school cross country team (eligible Grade 3-6 students only) that will represent us at Nagle College next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May has been posted on uEducateUs.** Students will have a meeting later in the week and online permission forms will be up by Thursday.

### Millie Shines at State Swimming Championships

Last Thursday, Millie S proudly represented our school at the State Swimming Championships held at MSAC. Competing in the 11-year-old girls 50m Breaststroke, Millie delivered an outstanding performance finishing 8th in the state.

Even more impressively, Millie achieved a **two-second personal best**, a fantastic accomplishment and a true reflection of her hard work and determination. Improving your own time is the greatest goal in competitive swimming, and Millie absolutely rose to the occasion.

We are incredibly proud of Millie's effort, attitude and achievement. We can't wait to see what she does next in the pool.

### Division Tennis championships

Last Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April saw 9 Lucknow PS students compete in the Division tennis championships at the Bairnsdale Tennis Courts - Bonnie W 6JC, Zara W 6CM, Elsie W 45K, Penny L 4YM, Sam L 3SE, Maya P 56I, Nanook P 3CW, Iona B 34F, and Charlotte B 34F.

Students had a fabulous time and enjoyed the better weather this time around. A big thank you goes out to Kelvin MacLean (Bairnsdale TC Head coach) and the Bairnsdale tennis club for helping out and accommodating our division tennis tournament players. The top four boys and top four girls on the day qualified for the Region Tennis Competition which will be held in Traralgon on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

I can proudly confirm that Nanook has qualified for this event from our school. We wish Nanook every success in this tournament next Thursday and look forward to hearing how he goes!

### School Athletics days

The school Athletics' days will be held this term on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June (week 7). I will confirm which days will be allocated to Juniors and Seniors as soon as possible.

Students have been busy preparing for these athletic events during their sport lessons which has been really positive so far!

## GRADE 5 & 6 SAILLAB EXPERIENCE DAY



The Grade 5 and 6 students recently travelled to Paynesville for an exciting SailLAB Experience Day. A one-day 'taster' program designed to provide the learning experiences after they completed the classroom-based SailLAB Primary Learning Modules.

Students had the opportunity to take part in hands-on sailing, learning to skipper off-shore dinghies known as Pacers. After some onshore theory sessions with Australian Sailing instructors Oscar, Tom and Avril from Smooth Sailing School, students quickly built their confidence and were out on the water applying their new skills. The instructors were highly supportive and encouraging throughout the day, guiding students from the initial onshore learning through to on-water coaching, where they provided ongoing feedback and assistance to help each student develop their skills and confidence. Thank you Smooth Sailing school.

The conditions provided ideal beginner sailing weather. While the wind was light in the morning, a gentle sea breeze developed in the afternoon, creating perfect conditions for our young sailors.

Throughout the day, students also participated in a range of onshore STEM activities, including:

- Investigating pulleys and simple machines to understand how forces can be reduced
- Calculating and comparing sail areas of a jib and mainsail
- Taking part in a "Build a Boat" challenge, where teams assembled an Opti dinghy using key components—without instructions—against the clock
- Using Radio Control Sailing around small course to the all jetty, practicing points of sailing and sailing round a course.

A big thank you to Matt Stephenson from Fishcare Victoria, who ran engaging fishing sessions for all groups along Progress Jetty. Matt supported students of all experience levels, offering guidance, equipment, and helpful tips to build their skills and confidence.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club for warmly welcoming us and providing full access to their facilities. The club offers a wonderful opportunity for young people to get involved in sailing and would be thrilled to welcome more juniors into their "Division Kool" junior sailing program. They are very happy to chat with any families who may be interested and can provide further details about this program, as well as additional sailing opportunities run during the school holidays.

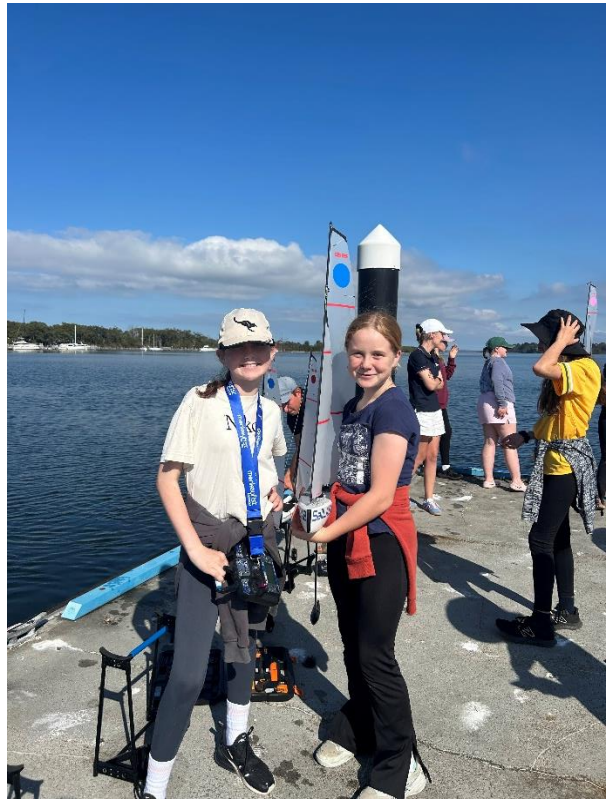
We were also fortunate to have Meg Goodfellow, a representative from Sailing Australia join us to observe the day. Lucknow Primary is proud to be the first school in Victoria to run a SailLab Experience Day, and we greatly appreciate the ongoing support and enthusiasm shown by Sailing Australia in bringing this innovative program to life.

It was a fantastic day of learning, teamwork, and real-world application of STEM skills, and one our students will not forget anytime soon.

A sincere thank you to all staff who attended across the two days—your support, organisation and teamwork ensured everything ran smoothly and was greatly appreciated

**Ms Henger - Outdoor Education Teacher**





Class	Student
PAS	<i>Violet for making a terrific effort with her learning and challenging herself to achieve her best. You should be particularly proud of your amazing writing Violet, what super work you are doing - keep it up!</i>
PMB	<i>Darcy, we're so proud of your writing this term! You're now able to form letters in your book and write on the lines. It has been great to see you taking pride in your work. Keep it up superstar!</i>
PNT	<i>Keith, it's wonderful to see you back at school, enjoying your learning, growing in confidence, and building new friendships. You are showing a really positive attitude and great effort in everything you do! Keep up the fantastic work Keith!</i>
P1G	<i>Eva for always putting 100% effort into everything you complete and for being willing to challenge your learning. Keep up the fantastic work, Eva. You are a super star!</i>
1CB	<i>Soren for his great communication this week and responsible choices within the classroom. Fantastic effort!</i> <i>Winston for moving himself away from distractions and really focusing on his learning. Well done we're proud of you!</i>
1EG	<i>Lakarri for showing great enthusiasm toward your learning and making great progress in your writing so far this year!</i>
1MP	<i>Kiera for her huge efforts to do her best listening and learning, and to be kind and honest with others. We're very proud of you Kiera!</i>
12G	<i>Odin and Ned for being open to challenges in Maths Problem.</i>
2DM	<i>Reggie for settling back into our classroom so beautifully after the holidays. Your hard-work, kindness and help brighten our classroom. We are so lucky to have you in 2DM!</i>
2FW	<i>Lukas for being incredibly thoughtful and inclusive all the time. We are lucky to have you in 2FW!</i>
2MC	<i>Evan for being his best and working hard on all his learning. Keep up the great work Evan!</i>
3CT	<i>Betty and Emelia for showing great effort in math by trying new strategies and approaches. Their willingness to learn and improve is fantastic—keep it up!</i>
3CW	<i>Bridey for your bubbly, friendly and caring personality. You are always there to help a friend in need. Well done, Bridey.</i>
3SE	<i>Kalev was a helpful and cooperative member in the class. Thank you Kalev!</i>
34F	<i>Charlotte B for displaying excellent knowledge about the ANZACs and winning our class quiz.</i>
34R	<i>Nash and Charlie for showing fantastic effort during our Free Write Friday sessions! They worked really hard on their stories and shared lots of enthusiasm for their writing. Well done boys.</i>
4EB	<i>Ayden H, you consistently demonstrate our school values in everything you do. Your respectful attitude and the way you actively include others make a real difference in our classroom. You should be very proud—well done!</i>
4YM	<i>Archie, you have really been working hard to be better all the time...and You are succeeding. You are working hard, and achieving great results because of your effort.</i>
45K	<i>Annie for the insightful ideas she adds to all of our class discussions and the strong example she sets within the class for work ethic. Well done Annie!</i>

<b>5CM</b>	<i><b>NJ for a great start to Term 2 - remaining focused and meeting learning expectations in all areas.</b></i>
<b>5JW</b>	<i><b>Millie and Sarah for working so hard on their persuasive writing and creating convincing arguments.</b></i>
<b>56I</b>	<i><b>Zarlie for working hard to understand fraction, decimal and percentage conversions. Well done!</b></i>
<b>6CM</b>	<i><b>Paige for her reflective responses to all of the work we have done leading up to Anzac Day. Well done!</b></i>
<b>6JC</b>	<i><b>LJ for being respectful, having a growth mindset and trying new things.</b></i>
<b>6LS</b>	<i><b>Caleb for the amazing effort he is putting into Literacy. You are making fantastic progress Caleb, keep it up!</b></i>
<b>Principal's Award</b>	<i><b>Congratulations to all Grade 5 and 6 students for their fantastic engagement in the Sailing Program. We are proud of the way you embraced this wonderful opportunity and represented our school so positively.</b></i>