

# 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
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## SCHOOL CALENDAR –Term 1 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>FEBRUARY 2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
				- Grade 6 Leadership Day (at school)
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
- SWIMMING Group 1 3CT & 34R Group 2 3CW & 34F Group 3 3SE & 1MP	- SWIMMING Group 1 3CT & 34R Group 2 3CW & 3 4F Group 3 3SE & 1MP	- SWIMMING Group 1 3CT & 34R Group 2 3CW & 34F Group 3 3SE & 1MP	- SWIMMING Group 1 3CT & 34R Group 2 3CW & 34F Group 3 3SE & 1MP	
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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to school! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break engaging in things that make you and your family happy. We have had a wonderful start to the year and the learning tone across the school is settled and focused. This term our whole school academic focus will be on implementing the Departments new Literacy Curriculum and Disability Inclusion. We will continue our Writing and Values focus work from 2025 also.

### New to 2026

This year we welcome the following teaching staff members to our school: Shanae McMullan (Art and Classrooms), Bec Young (PE and Classrooms), Ellie Gale 1EG and James Clarke (6JC). We also welcome the following Education Support Staff: Ava Devenie (PNT), Courtney Whelan (12G), Aivah Neilson (1CB), Simone Lutz (2DM), Tahlia Hare (3CW), Zane Marsh (34M), Jodi Hare (34R) & Teagan McKenzie (5CM). Welcome back Christine Burchall and (1CB) and Maryann Ivers (Tutor Learning) – please introduce yourself to new staff when you have a chance.

Specialist classes this year for all students all year are:

Specialist Subjects:	Staff:
Outdoor Education	Vicki Henger & Marg Cray
Visual Arts	Jenni Cox, Shanae McMullan & Jo Raey
Physical Education	Mal Hudson, Shanae McMullan & Bec Young
Music and Culture	Rachael Gilliland
Library	Jodie Alvin
Tutor Learning Program	Marg Cray, Ebony Mooney, Maryann Ivers & Tara Thompson

### Learn to Learn

Our Learn to Learn program is well underway, and the benefits are already shining through. This program focuses on establishing strong learning mindsets, a positive learning climate, clear classroom expectations, and effective learning resources right from the beginning of the year.

This foundation is essential in helping students understand how their classroom operates and how they will be supported on their individual learning journey. We encourage families to ask their child about the positive learning behaviours they are practising in the classroom and the goals they may be setting for themselves.

The impact of this work is clearly reflected in our 2025 Attitudes to School Survey, completed by our students. An impressive 89% positive endorsement for 'effective classroom behaviour' was recorded—well above the state (78%), similar schools (79%), and network (84%) averages. Outstanding results, staff and students—we are incredibly proud!

Percentage Endorsement in 2025 (%)

Effective classroom behaviour for students in Years 4 to 6

89%

Your school

79%

Similar schools

84%

Network

78%

State

## **Call for School Council Nominations 2026**

We will commence the election process next week by calling for nominations from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of February. The closing date for nominations is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

Nomination forms will be available from the school office, and I warmly encourage any interested parents or carers to consider putting their hand up to support our school community. Please feel free to come and speak with me directly if you have any questions about the role of a School Council member.

If more nominations are received than there are vacancies on Council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks following the close of nominations. There are several parent vacancies this year, and serving on School Council is a valuable way to contribute to the direction and success of our school.

## **Open Communication and Strong Partnerships**

I would like to remind families of the importance of making time to discuss any specific needs for your child, or any concerns you may have, with your child's classroom teacher. Establishing open communication early helps us provide the best possible support for every student. Alternatively, you are always welcome to arrange a time to meet with me directly. Often, there is a simple solution, and together we can quickly set things back on the right track — after all, a problem shared is a problem halved, and our doors are always open.

Lastly, I would like to warmly welcome all of our new families to Lucknow Primary School. I look forward to beginning our partnership as we work together to support your children in achieving their goals. We hope you come to love our school as much as we do!

Happy learning everyone, have a great week!

**Carly Miller - Principal**

## **FEEDBACK ON SEMESTER 2 REPORTS**

Thank you to the 35 families who completed our feedback survey on Semester 2 student reports. We truly appreciate your partnership and the thoughtful insights you shared.

Overall, feedback was very positive and reassuring. Families told us that reports were clear, parent-friendly and gave a strong picture of their child's learning and progress. Many responses reflected confidence that teachers know their students well and can accurately describe their achievements and next steps.

Families particularly valued:

- Clear explanations of how children are progressing
- Easy-to-understand language
- Seeing both learning achievements and effort recognised

You also shared some helpful suggestions to guide future improvements. These included:

- Providing more explanation around achievement ratings and what they mean
- Exploring ways to include additional feedback from specialist teachers
- Continuing to refine how growth and progress are communicated
- Strengthening connections between reports and parent-teacher conversations

We are very grateful for this feedback. It will directly inform our ongoing work as we continue refining our reporting processes. Your insights help us ensure our reports remain meaningful, informative and supportive of every child's learning journey.

Thank you again for your time, trust and continued support as partners in learning.

**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 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.

## **SCHOOL HATS**

Just a reminder that students need to be wearing a broad brimmed hat when outdoors until the beginning of the May. Please ensure your child has their clearly named hat at school with them each day.

## **MUSIC LESSONS**

Lucknow Primary School offers Instrumental Music Lessons to students in grades 3 to 6. Expression of Interest Forms are available at the office for those students who are interested in lessons.

## **SENIOR STUDENTS**

This year our senior students have lots of exciting events planned, with this comes a cost.

The Grade 5 & the Grade 6 camp will be approximately \$500 each. Parents are welcome to start doing regular Bpay payments now to ease on family budgets. You can do so weekly or fortnightly.

Please contact the office if you would like to organise this.

## **BREAKFAST CLUB – Parent Helpers Needed**

We are seeking parent helpers to support our Breakfast Club Program on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15–8:45am.

Volunteers assist with preparing and serving breakfast and help create a welcoming start to the day for our students.

If you are able to help, even occasionally, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact the school for more information.

Class	Student
PAS	<i>Haddie for settling into school like a superstar! She puts her best efforts into her learning and is always happy, kind and helpful! How lucky are we to have you in PAS Haddie!</i>
PMB	<i>Ruby, for being a great leader. You have been such a great helper in PMB and are always looking out for your peers! We're so lucky to have you. Great stuff Superstar!</i>
PNT	<i>Zane, you have had an excellent start to 2026 in PNT. You are working hard to follow expectations, showing a positive attitude and growing in confidence each day. I'm very proud of you, keep it up!</i>
P1G	<i>Jaxon for such a great start to the school year. What wonderful learning you have already achieved with that "I can have a go at anything" mindset. Well done Jaxon!</i>
1CB	<i>Reeve for being such a supportive friend and going out of his way to include others. Thank you Reeve, you are an asset to 1CB!</i>
1EG	<i>Bianca for settling in really well and always being happy to get involved and share your ideas with others. You are starting to create some amazing friendships and you bring such a positive energy to the group. Bianca, keep being your wonderful, friendly self! We love having you as part of our class!</i>
1MP	<i>Jake for being a keen listener and kindly helping others. You're a huge help Jake!</i>
12G	<i>Lincoln and Eden for an amazing start to 2026!</i>
2DM	<i>Georgia for settling into Year 2 beautifully and being an incredible role model for her classmates. We are so lucky to have you in 2DM!</i>
2FW	<i>Declan for settling in so well and following our class expectations. Well done Declan!</i>
2MC	<i>Isabelle for a fantastic start at Lucknow. You have settled into our class beautifully and are already an excellent role model to others. Great work Isabelle!</i>
3CT	<i>Willow, what a great start to the year! You are quiet, focused, and always ready to learn. You are kind to others and are growing in confidence every day!</i>
3CW	<i>Hanoch for demonstrating all the school values this week as well as working hard and helping out around the classroom. Well done, Hanoch!</i>
3SE	<i>All of 3SE for a wonderful start to the year, settling into our classroom routines and approaching each learning activity with a positive mindset! Let's keep up the fabulous work</i>
34F	<i>Ava and Ryker, both for a wonderful, positive start to the school year.</i>
34R	<i>To the fabulous class of 34R for having a positive start to the year and following the school values. Thank you so much for welcoming me into your class and being amazing individuals. I am confident that you are all going to have a wonderful year.</i>
4EB	<i>Ollie and Brin, you have both shown our school values of Respect and Inclusiveness through your patience and understanding with your peers. Your kindness and care for others do not go unnoticed — well done!</i>
4YM	<i>Klayton, we have been talking about resilience and using a growth mindset. You showed resilience and a 'never give up' attitude when you felt overwhelmed. Well done!</i>
45K	<i>Max for showing determination and creative thinking during the Four Fours task this week.</i>

	<i>Josuhan for always being respectful and showing us what a focused learner looks like.</i>
<b>5CM</b>	<i>Eliza for demonstrating resilience quite a few times in our first week, well done Eliza!</i>
<b>5JW</b>	<i>The whole class for having a terrific, fantastic and positive start to the year. Keep it up!</i>
<b>56I</b>	<i>Sonny for how well you have settled into Grade 5 and for getting out of your comfort zone. We're super impressed! Keep it up!</i>
<b>6CM</b>	<i>Micah for exploring maths problems deeply and pushing himself with his thinking.</i>
<b>6JC</b>	<i>Hudson for working to the best of his ability in class. Making quality contributions and being a great friend. Keep up the fantastic work!</i>
<b>6LS</b>	<i>Eithan for the way he has settled into a new school with a fantastic positive attitude towards learning.</i>
<b>Principal's Award</b>	<i>Beau W for demonstrating our school value of Inclusiveness and offering support to help settle his peers into their learning. You are a shining example of kindness and leadership — outstanding work, Beau!</i>