



Lucas Gardens School

Celebrating Ability Through High Expectations

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Dates for Your Diary

19 December – Final day of Term 4 for students

30 January – First day of Term 1 2019 for students

6 February – P&C Annual General Meeting

Principal's Award



***Harriet receiving her award from
Jacqueline Attard***

Principal's Message

It is my privilege to be the Principal of such a dynamic school that continues to be a wonderful example of educational excellence. Such success is made possible through strong and effective school and community partnerships.

All stakeholders have worked collegially and harmoniously to achieve the best possible outcomes for all engaged learners this year.

At Lucas Gardens School, every student is known, valued and cared for, supported by a committed, dedicated and highly skilled staff.

In line with our two strategic directions for 2018-2020, we have five projects, including:

- Literacy and numeracy and the development of a tracking system to inform us of student learning outcomes from Kindergarten to Year 12
- A scope and sequence for science, history and geography to support students from Kindergarten to Year 10
- The establishment of a positive learning team, who this year set up systems, processes and programs to support learning outcomes
- The development of a smooth transition procedure for students entering and exiting our school
- The exploration of various digital communication systems that may be implemented as additional tools between home and school.

These projects were incorporated into our syllabus and have proven to be productive in relation to students' academic achievements.

We are very grateful for the generous donation from a private foundation allowing us to continue to employ a speech therapist, occupational therapist and a physiotherapist. Furthermore, additional funds were donated to the school to purchase a new activity chair

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and to purchase and install outdoor climbing equipment.

The implementation of robotics across the school was also very successful and funds have been allocated in 2019 to build on our current resources.

The school bus has been well utilised this year by students attending excursions to the zoo, aquarium, local parks, dance workshops and the Art Program at Marie Bashir Public School. Our Year 12 graduates attended transition sessions at their post school option settings, to make their transition in 2019 as seamless as possible.

Integration with other schools continues to be a focus area; this year we welcomed Concord Public School, Concord High School and Trinity Grammar School.

In relation to staffing, I am pleased to announce that Rosie Ryan has been successful in obtaining the Assistant Principal position at Yennora Public School. We thank Rosie for her contribution at Lucas Gardens School and wish her every success in this exciting new opportunity.

I would like to touch on the success of Presentation Day and congratulate every student on their achievements. A special thankyou to John Sidoti MP, Mayor Angelo Tsirekas, Lance Brooks, Jacque Weaver, Jacqueline Attard, Justin Coupland, Wendy Stanton and Bartolina Natoli for presenting student awards and attending this annual celebration.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for contributing to making 2018 another successful and productive year and wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break.



***Congratulations to our 2019 captains;
Katherine and Jacob!***

Kind regards

Jenny Zagas

2019 Annual Student Booklet

A reminder to all parents/carers to complete all pages of your child's 2019 Student Booklet, including doctor's stamps and medical plans. These booklets will be sent home with each student on the final day of Term 4 and are expected back the first day of Term 1 2019, Wednesday 30 January.

Thank you for your assistance with this compliance matter.

P&C Planning Committee

On Wednesday 6 of February 2019, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting to vote and form our Planning Committee. All parents and carers are welcome to participate in voting or nominate for positions within the school planning council. The meeting will be held at Lucas Gardens School, commencing at 7pm.

Regina Ashdown

Parent

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Parent Report

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our 2018 Easter Raffle. Funds collected have been used to purchase clothing protectors, which have been presented to the students of Lucas Gardens School. It is great to see them being used!



Clothing protectors purchased with the Easter Raffle funds



Morgan, Alana and Isaac sporting the new clothing protectors

Mary Mouawad

Parent

Primary 6

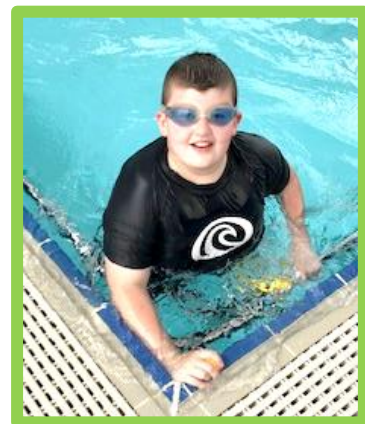
We have had a great year of learning in Primary 6. The boys have worked very hard! Throughout this year we have been busy reading in English, problem solving in mathematics, exploring Aboriginal culture in

History, learning all about Vietnam in our *Engaging Asia* unit for geography and much more.



Richard and Jayson floating in the pool

The highlight for the end of the year was the swimming sessions in Term 4. Hydro benefits the students in many ways; including water safety and confidence, exercise, social interaction, and most importantly, it is fun!



Andrew's favourite school activity is swimming

We have really enjoyed working with your children this year, it has been a privilege to watch them grow and we wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Michelle and Danielle

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Ryle enjoyed being in the pool in his first year at school



Primary 5 exploring an ocean exhibition at the Sydney Aquarium

Primary 5

As 2018 draws to an end I have been reflecting on the year of learning and growth in Primary 5 and feel immensely proud of our students. The students of Primary 5 want to share with you our most recent learning experiences and achievements as depicted in the following photos.

To all of our students and their families, We wish you all a safe and joyful holiday and look forward to seeing you on return to school in 2019. Thank you for your contributions to Lucas Gardens School and the support of our students throughout the year.



Thank you Merlin Entertainment for sponsoring our excursion



Jayden showcasing Japanese artefacts Primary 5 created for Engaging Asia

Diane and Penny

Primary 2

Congratulations Primary 2 on a successful first year of school! Students have progressed throughout the year and accomplished many achievements.

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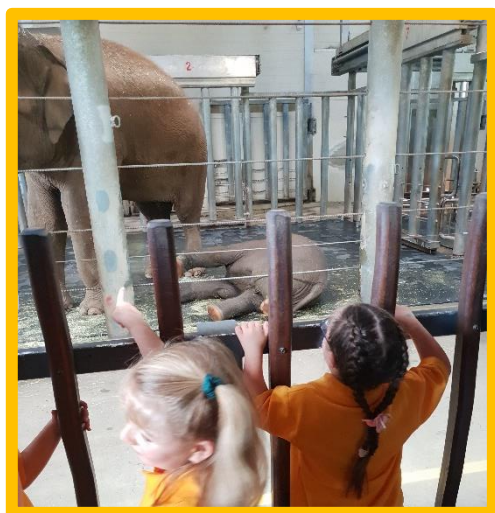
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We met a baby Triceratops!

There have been many fantastic moments during the year with our biggest highlight being our excursion to Taronga Zoo. We saw many animals including seals, chimpanzees, elephants, tigers and even dinosaurs! It was a delight to see the smiles on the children's faces as they were able to observe and interact with the animals.



Alicia and Harriet watching the baby elephant playing while it's mother had a bath

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Primary 2 this year. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday surrounded by your family and friends. See you next year!

Francyne and Vicki

Primary 3

It has been a busy year for Primary 3. Our highlight of the year was going to Marie Bashir Public School for the art program. Our class really enjoyed making a variety of artworks with Marie Bashir students.



Maheen is using her PODD book to make a sentence and request items

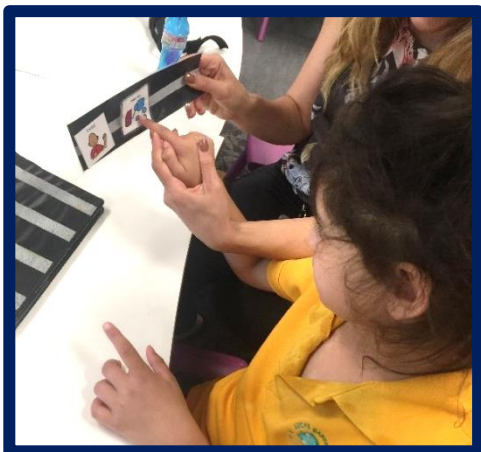
All the students have made immense progress in using their personalised communication systems. The students have had multiple opportunities throughout the day to communicate. Maheen has continued using her Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Display (PODD) book to generate short and simple sentences to make requests or comments. Joji developed his communication skills by first learning to use Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). Now Joji is making simple sentences using the iCompass application on the iPad to make requests. Reham also began using PECS, however, she is now

learning to use Proloquo2go on the iPad to make requests for preferred items or activities. Christian has learnt to use his pointy finger to touch buttons on his iPad. He is using Proloquo2go to request desired items, activities and during mealtimes.



Joji using the iPad to make a sentence and request a desired item

It has been a delight to teach Primary 3. I wish you all safe holiday and a happy new year! Looking forward to seeing you next year!



Reham exchanging the 'I want' sentence strip to request bubbles

Ayse and Jenny D

Primary 7/Secondary 1

Congratulations to all our students for the effort and determination displayed whenever new challenges were set for them this year. We have learnt many things just witnessing the positive attitudes and pleasant participation from the Primary 7/Secondary 1 students. It was an absolute pleasure to be a part of their learning experiences this year, albeit for a short time. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Morgan, Daniel, Isaac, Bianca, Sehal and Clare for their great results as reflected in their individual reports. Well done!



Bianca loves playing the drums in music lessons

On behalf of Nobuko and myself, we wish to extend our best wishes to all of our students, their family and friends.



Clare and Sehal working hard in class

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Thank you to all our parents and colleagues for your support and contributions to the further development of our students.



Stanton and Isaac enjoying a lesson in the water

Enjoy the Christmas break and have a safe New Year. We look forward to a big 2019!

Stanton and Nobuko

Primary 1

Congratulations to everyone in Primary 1, we really have had the most excellent of years.

We would really like to thank Cooper, Emmarisa, Madison and Rebecca for making this year so much fun, we have all grown so much. Cooper loves to look and has been using his eyes very well.



Cooper uses a light box during learning activities

Emmarisa has really blossomed into a star student – showing a love of every single subject! Madison is a budding artist – we can tell her paintings will one day be worth ‘millions’.



Emmarisa sequences story cards during English

And Rebecca, watch out for her, she'll be swimming at the Olympics!

We would also really like to thank all our lovely parents. You have such beautiful children and you have been a pleasure to work with.

Although we do not have any photos yet to share, we are ending our year with a party in Primary 1! On Friday the 14 of December, we are going to Timbrell Park for a picnic.



Emmarisa and Sian say thank you for the best year ever!

From all of us here in Primary 1, have a safe and happy holiday! One year down and twelve to go!

Sian and Denise

Secondary 2

Secondary 2 have had a wonderful year full of a wide variety of challenging and fun learning experiences. It has been a pleasure to see the progress students have made, particularly with their communication and independence skills.



Katherine and Luke exploring our China theme for Engaging Asia

Highlights for Term 3 include reading and watching news in different ways, learning about Gallipoli and using forces to go about daily jobs including zipping our own school bags; students have made gains with their independence. The highlights for Term 4 involved getting creative with 'China'; e.g. building the Great Wall of China, exploring products and places and cooking chinese foods.



Muhamad and Jacob use forces for everyday movement at school

It is with a mix of excitement and sadness that we say goodbye to two fine young people ready for adult life - congratulations to Lina and Muhamad on their achievements at school and thank you for leading the school this year as confident, respectful and polite school captains. Both students are looking forward to an inspiring future at post-school places.



Goodbye Lina and Muhamad!

Toula, Antoinetta and myself would like to wish Muhamad and Lina all the very best for a bright future. For our other students, we look forward to seeing you next year. Have a relaxing and happy holiday everyone!

Jen, Toula and Antoinetta

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Primary 4

It has been wonderful to reflect on the achievements and progress of our students whilst preparing student reports and at Presentation Day this week. A key focus in Primary 4 this year has been developing communication skills and multi-modal systems of communication have been encouraged to support students' expressive communication.



Sienna using her PODD to communicate and engage in activities

Thank you to our parents and therapists for supporting these programs as these close partnerships have greatly contributed to the progress of our students. There have been so many highlights and achievements over the year across all key learning areas. Here are a few highlights in the area of literacy.

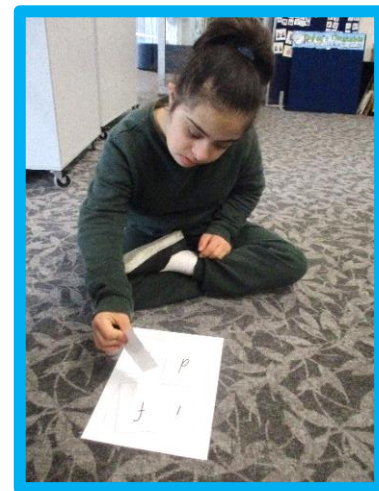


Archie and Malayka have accumulated a wealth of knowledge this year



Sofia has developed her pencil grip and using a variety of writing tools

Well done to everyone in Primary 4 for your hard work and engagement in learning this year. We wish all students and their families and carers a very happy and restful holiday break.



Ava has learnt to match and identify more initial letter sounds and sight words

Wendy and Zenab

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