



# Lucas Gardens School

*Celebrating Ability Through High Expectations*

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## Dates for Your Diary

18 December – Last Day of Term 4 for Students

18 December – C4C Carols in the Park

29 January – First Day of Term 1 2020 for Students



***Congratulations Luke, our  
2020 School Captain!***

## Principal's Message

As Term 4 draws to a close I would like to thank families, students, staff and community members for their contributions in making 2019 an exceptional year of learning and achievements.

Thank you to all who attended the Graduation Dinner to farewell graduates Katherine and Jacob. The hard-working committee did an outstanding job to make

this evening a memorable occasion. Presentation Day Assembly, which was held last week, was just as successful with all students receiving acknowledgement for their 2019 achievements.

I would like to share with our school community the key achievements of 2019. They include:

- a positive external validation report, recognising the outstanding teaching and learning that is delivered to all students;
- the creation of literacy and numeracy pre-skills, to assess all students and track their learning;
- classes displaying literacy walls, showing student goals and progress;
- the introduction of The Zones of Regulation which is embedded within our PBL framework;
- an increase in technology resources to support our robotics program;
- the installation of outdoor play equipment in 'Margaret's Playground';
- the establishment of a very energetic and productive P&C;
- ongoing requests by schools to visit our school and classrooms to witness evidence of best practice;
- our PBL launch.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all Lucas Gardens School staff for their commitment and dedication throughout the year. It is a privilege being the Principal of

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Lucas Gardens School and leading this outstanding team. I look forward to working with them all in 2020.

Wishing everyone a safe and restful summer break. Over the holidays, if you have any queries about transport please contact Assisted School Travel on **1300 338 238**.

Kind regards

**Jenny Zagas**

## **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Launch**

Last Friday, the school held a PBL launch day. We celebrated and recognised that we are a PBL school that fosters positive student behaviour in all settings. The students thoroughly enjoyed participating in a variety of stations, which included art, music, sport and dance activities.

During the art station, students used the PBL colours to paint the outline of our PBL mascot 'Marlee'. Our artwork will be displayed in different areas of the school.



***Ake painting the PBL mascot Marlee***

In the music station, students enjoyed listening to teachers perform songs. The students joined in by singing and playing along with musical instruments.



***Juliette and Emmarisa engaging with the music***

During the dance station, students had lots of fun listening and dancing to their favourite songs!



***Morgan enjoying moving to the music***

In the sport station, students enjoyed playing ball games and using the parachute.



***P2 and P5 excited to participate in parachute activities***

I would like to acknowledge and thank the PBL team for their hard work in organising an outstanding event!

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**The Lucas Gardens School PBL Launch!**



**Ava diligently working on her pinch pot**

**Ayse  
PBL Co-Ordinator**

## **Secondary 2**

We have had a great year of learning in Secondary 2. The students have worked very hard! Throughout the year we have been busy reading in English, counting and adding in mathematics, exploring earth and space for science, learning about being a safe learner in health and PBL and much, much more!



**Sehal enjoying playing the drum during our PBL launch**

Some of the highlights for the end of the year included students making sandwiches for food technology, making pinch pots for 3D art forms and the PBL launch.

We have 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.



**Sienna, Richard, Sofia and Daniel making sandwiches during Food Technology**

**Michelle and Zenab**

## **Primary 4**

As the year draws to a close, we have been reflecting on this semester and feel immensely proud of our students' love of learning and their determination to strive and succeed. We want to share our most recent learning experiences and achievements.



***Joji and Archie reading and writing their numbers and sight words***



***Following a visual work and reward schedule***



***Being respectful learners by listening, speaking and taking turns***



***Producing recipes to share with friends***



***Students engaging with Sydney's famous landmarks***



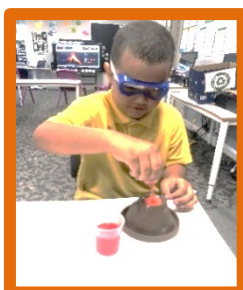
***Being a learner makes us feel happy***

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday. We look forward to seeing you in 2020. Thank you for your support throughout the year.

**Diane and Dani**

**Primary 5**

The students in Primary 5 have worked very hard this year, and there has been a lot to celebrate! Last week was the formal recognition of that hard work at Presentation Day.



***Taking responsible risks and experimenting***



***Primary 5 enjoying the PBL launch activities***

Students have worked well across all curriculum areas, making great gains and achieving their goals. It has been rewarding witnessing the enthusiasm and dedication that the students have for their learning, we know that students will continue to excel in 2020!



***Hadi creating art with a Sphero robot***

We wish all our families a restful break and a happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2020.

**Julia and Penny**

## **Music**

All students have been engaged in the music program during Semester 2. Students have enjoyed the variety of music that they have

had the opportunity to listen and play along to. This term, the school purchased new instruments for the students and they were eager to test them out! Our new instruments include bells, triangles, shakers, maracas, tambourines, clappers, egg shakers, xylophones, glockenspiels and rhythm sticks. It has been a pleasure to work with students across the school and watching their progress with the music program.



***Students using a variety of instruments***

**Jessica**

## **Secondary 3**

Secondary 3 have had an amazing year, with the students maturing and getting ready to take on new roles and responsibilities in the future.

One highlight of the year was Education Week, with our fantastic showcase on 'Paper' related to sustainability and student voice. Students will take home books they made which show their choices in supporting the re-use, reduction and recycling of paper in our school.



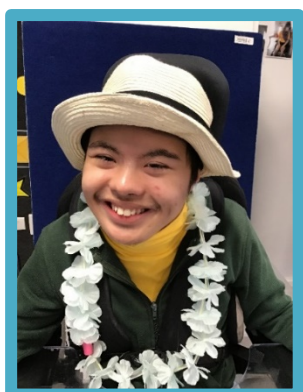
### ***Our Education Week Display***

Students loved our film studies in English, which focused on 'The Greatest Showman', which supported learning on how the students have grown and changed during their journey at Lucas Gardens. They enjoyed inviting friends to a screening of a short film we made, based on the song 'This is Me'.



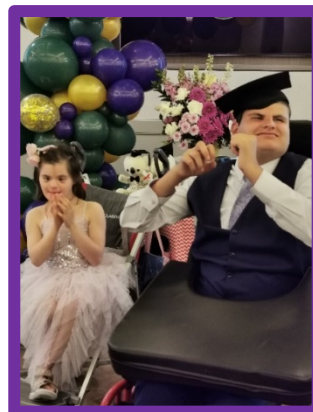
### ***Our screening of 'This is Me'***

Presentation Day was a celebration of our achievements and we make special mention of Luke who is excited and ready to take on the School Captain role in 2020.



***Luke, our School Captain for 2020***

We say a fond farewell to Jacob and Katherine who are finishing Year 12 and moving to post-school options. Katherine and Jacob enjoyed a Graduation dinner on Friday 29 November, as you can see from the great photos in the newsletter.



### ***Katherine and Jacob at Graduation Dinner***

We also say a warm farewell to a student of many years, Bianca, who will be leaving at the end of this year for post-school options. Bianca will be enjoying a farewell assembly and senior class party on Friday 13 December, where we will celebrate her achievements at Lucas Gardens; all three students will be greatly missed.



### ***Farewell Bianca!***

I share with Toula and Antoinetta in wishing all students and families a very relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday; it has been a pleasure teaching Secondary 3!

**Jen, Toula and Antoinetta**

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## Primary 2

It has been an outstanding year of teaching and learning in Primary 2! I would like to acknowledge the hard work of each student in Primary 2. The students were always focused and engaged in their learning tasks. Throughout the year, students have participated in modelled reading for English, counting activities in mathematics, experiments in science, ball games in physical education and engaging in safe, respectful learner lessons. Here are some of the highlights from this year.



***Eleanor using PECS to make an exchange***



***Emmarisa using her e-tran board to make requests***



***Alana identifying different numbers***



***Rebecca counting to 5***



***Cooper counting yellow figures***

It had been lovely working with your children and watching them grow as learners. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

## Ayse and Denise

### Primary 6/Secondary 1

Term 4 has come and gone quickly for everyone in P6/S1. Students have participated in many active 'hands on' experiences in each subject, exploring new topics and consolidating their learning. We have enjoyed building 3D artworks to illustrate our learning in science, making damper when exploring Australian history, interacting with our friends in PDHPE and expanding our literacy and numeracy skills. This has been a great way to end the year and we are all looking forward to exciting opportunities in the year ahead.

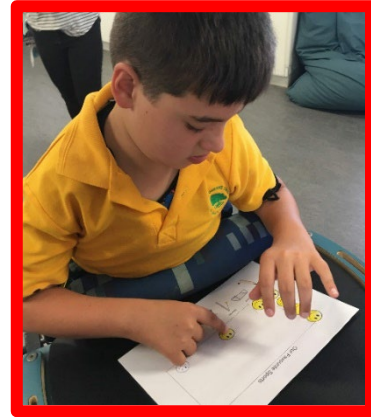
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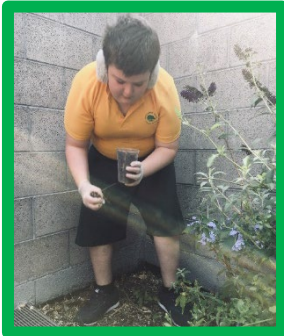
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**Isaac observing how to make dough for damper after he selected the ingredients**



**Pierre creating a data chart about our favourite sports**



**Andrew planting a seed for a science experiment**



**Morgan making a sandwich following a visual procedure**



**Jayson demonstrating his knowledge about resources that plants require**

## **Allison and Nobuko**

### **Primary 3**

It has been a wonderful year of learning and achievements and we are very proud of all the students in Primary 3. There have been many highlights across the year and it has been a pleasure working collaboratively with parents/carers in supporting students in working towards students' individual goals. It was with great pleasure that we were able to share student achievements with parent/carers at Presentation Day. Here are some of the highlights from this year.



**Ake mixing paper mâché paste to build a 3D model**





**Lily demonstrating her keen interest and engagement in robotics**



**Reham celebrating 2019 Book Week**



**Hermeslla demonstrating progress in writing**



**Harriet attending Marie Bashir art program**



**Lilu creating fantastic artworks**



**P3 of 2019!**

We wish all of our students and families a safe and relaxing holiday break and look forward to continuing our learning journey in 2020.

**Wendy, Emily and Vicki**



**Antonia on the class excursion to Timbrell Park**

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# Presentation Day



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# Graduation Dinner



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# CAROLS IN THE PARK

**WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER**  
**HALLIDAY PARK**  
**MCGRATH AVE, FIVE DOCK**

**FOOD FROM 6PM • CAROLS FROM 7PM**

**FEATURING**

**THE INNER WEST COMMUNITY BAND**  
**PERFORMERS FROM 'THE LIFE OF US' AT THE HAYES THEATRE**  
**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

**AND**

**A VISIT FROM SANTA!**

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