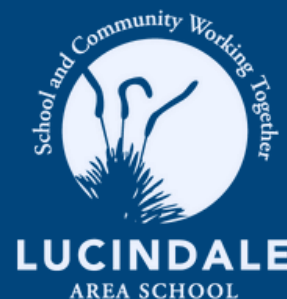


# FAREWELL 2023 NEWSLETTER



## PRINCIPAL AND DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome to our end of year Celebration Newsletter.

It gives us great pleasure to celebrate our incredible students and staff and all of our wonderful achievements this year.

We have faced some challenges this year, and yet together, we got through it! We are so incredibly proud of our school and everything that has been accomplished. The resilience our students have shown is second to none. Perseverance in the face of adversity is the greatest accomplishment anyone can achieve. The spirit of the holiday season is upon us, and it is an opportune time to express gratitude, celebrate achievements, and look forward to the promise of a new year.

Our students have all worked very hard and should be very proud of their accomplishments. School reports, NAPLAN results and different assessments, all demonstrate the learning growth that everyone here has achieved. Among the most-improved in 2023 was Lucindale Area School, which has fewer than 200 students. It ranked 17th out of the top 20 schools for year 5 results." - The Advertiser.

This year we welcomed new Reception students to a big school, saw outstanding commitment to learning across all years and celebrated the graduation of another cohort of Year 12s. Earlier in the year we had 70 students from Years 3-11 participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition and several students recognised as having achieved Credits and Distinctions. Ms Rivett's Year 5 and 6 class participated in a sustainability competition and had great success with Samantha Keifel winning the overall prize for South Australia and winning the school a 3D printer. Presentation Night was an opportunity for us to celebrate our students, with several young people being awarded subject awards and scholarships.

Our students have excelled not only academically but also in various extracurricular activities. Our show teams competed at the Adelaide and Mount Gambier shows in Goats, Rams and Cattle achieving fantastic results and representing Lucindale Area School with pride. We had a number of outstanding sporting achievements with our engagement in extracurricular sport being driven by our superstar PE teacher, Alisha Rothall and parents alike.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our hardworking teachers, admin, support staff and leadership, who also faced challenges. Lucindale Area School are so very fortunate to have a team of staff whose priority is always to ensure that our students have the best learning environment to succeed and this remained central to every decision that was made. This year we farewelled a number of staff including our Principal, Adrian Maywald. For the past 11 years, Adrian has supported the growth and development of the School, Farm, and Boarding program.

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15th December**

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Noteworthy highlights include the introduction of new subjects, enhancements to student voice and the SRC budget, adaptation of learning during the COVID era, digital transformation, a memorable meeting with the Prime Minister alongside students, the construction of new buildings, playgrounds, and sandpits, roof improvements, hall floor renovations, pool enhancements, and significant upgrades to the Farm and School resources. We would like to thank him for his service to the school and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours. We would also like to farewell Jason Backler, Tim Harrison, Rob O'Brien, Tony Hill, Natalie Austin, Tim Durik and Tristan Taylor and thank them for their contributions to the Lucindale Area School community. Alisha Rothall and Evie Higgins will be spending some time away next year to welcome their babies into their families.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank our parents, our Governing Council our Parents and Friends committee and our community for their ongoing support of the school. It truly is valued and appreciated. If there was ever a time to talk about parents as partners with the school, then it is this year. Together we shared the same wish for our children; that they will be happy at school and feel secure, they will make personal progress enabling them to reach their individual potential and they will receive an enriching set of experiences which prepares them well for their future lives. We look with admiration and pride at the way our students have thrived. This year our Parents and Friends Association provided us support in our inaugural Grandparents and Grandfriends day which saw over 80 special family members visit our school and share in student learning. We also had our first ever Colour Run which was organised and run by our Parents and Friends Committee. Students had a wonderful afternoon running through rainbow clouds and spending time with each other. We would like to thank parents who have volunteered in the Canteen this year. Running the canteen is an enormous task and we encourage any future volunteers in 2024.

As we bid farewell to this year, we eagerly anticipate the opportunities and challenges that the new year will bring. This year we have seen the commencement of the upgrade to the front of school, a project that will advance in leaps and bounds over the summer break. In the Primary School we have seen the upgrade of the interactive whiteboards which have been used extensively already by our Primary teachers and students. In 2024 we endeavour to provide even more opportunities to our students through extracurricular STEM and Mathematics programs to extend learning. We are also going to continue to improve our Literacy and Numeracy across all subject areas to improve student outcomes, in alignment with our Site Improvement Plan.

## **2024 Leadership – Adam Box (Education Director)**

I hope this message finds everyone well and looking forward to a Christmas Holiday break with family & friends. In my role as Education Director, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of Leadership plans for 2024. Firstly, as you are aware Adrian Maywald has decided to not return to the Principal role. Adrian has always been a very strong advocate for Lucindale Area School and for Public Education and his efforts have ensured that the school is massively well respected both locally and across the State. I would like to formally acknowledge his efforts and leadership.

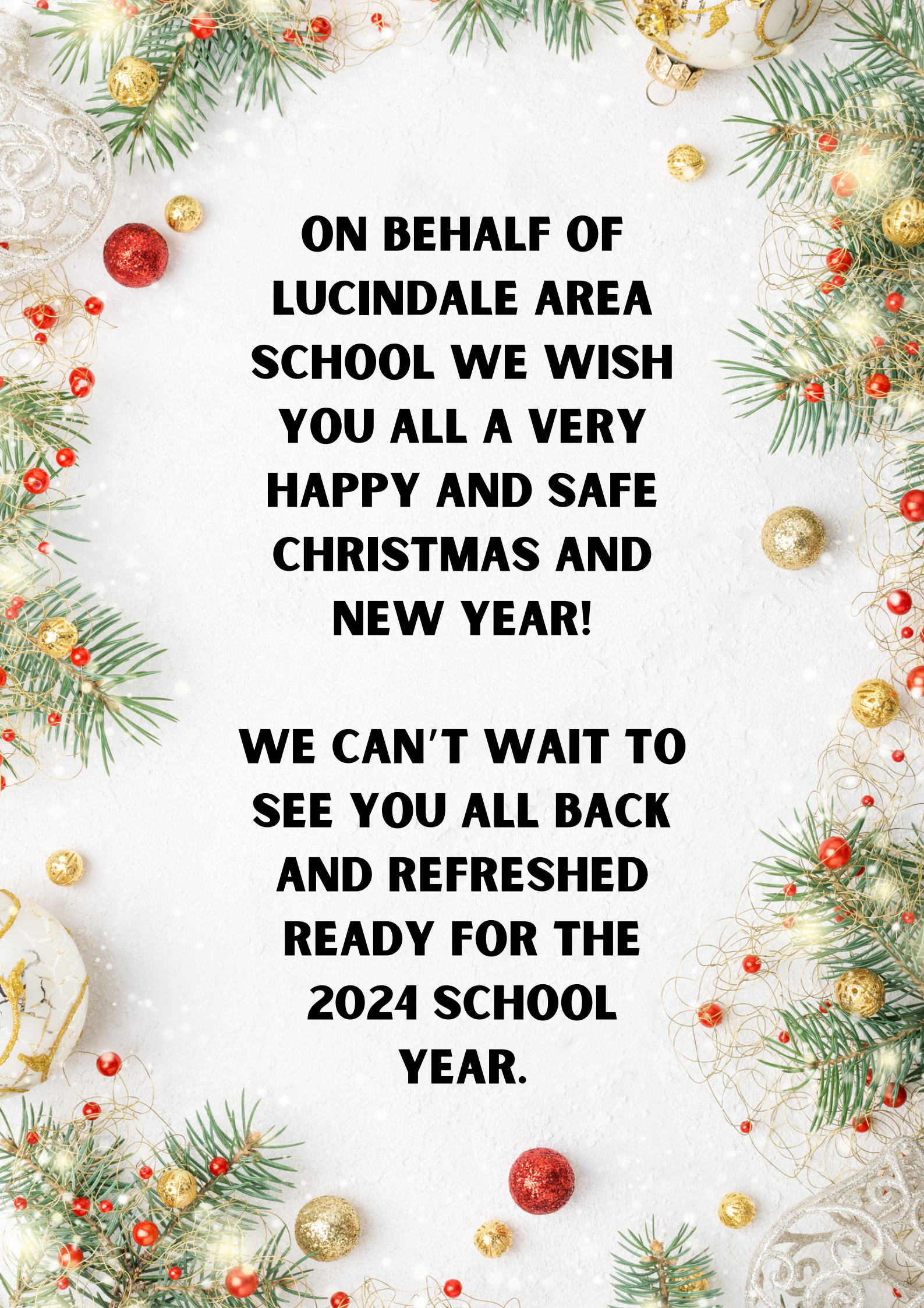
It is with this in mind that I and the Governing Council Chairperson have asked Louis de Jager to continue in the Principal role for Term 1 & Term 2 2024 whilst we undertake the advertising of the Principal position. I would like to sincerely thank Louis for his leadership during this time. Information will continue to be shared, when appropriate, in regard to the Principal appointment process.

I would like to take the opportunity to announce that Johanna Kemplay-Hill has been appointed as Deputy Principal for Term 1 & Term 2 for 2024. We look forward to having her back in the role to support the school moving forward in the new year.

Thank you to our entire community for a wonderful 2023. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please enjoy the holidays, catch up with loved ones and spend time together.

**Louis de Jager and Joey Kemplay-Hill**





**ON BEHALF OF  
LUCINDALE AREA  
SCHOOL WE WISH  
YOU ALL A VERY  
HAPPY AND SAFE  
CHRISTMAS AND  
NEW YEAR!**

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO  
SEE YOU ALL BACK  
AND REFRESHED  
READY FOR THE  
2024 SCHOOL  
YEAR.**





# *Holiday Office Hours*

**Closed From**

**Friday 22nd December 2023**

**Open From**

**Monday, 15th January 2024**

**9:30am - 3pm**

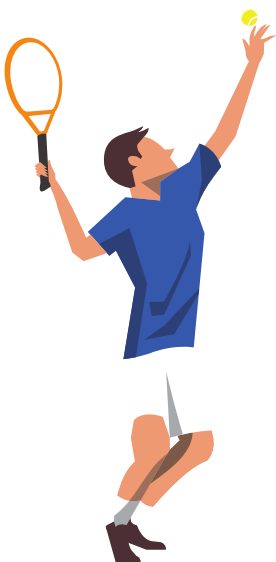
# SAPSASA TENNIS



I had a great time at SAPSASA. As it was raining lots, we also got to do 10-pin bowling and laser-tag. We also went out for dinner and did lots of tennis. I am very happy that I got to go again this year. - Vander.

SAPSASA Tennis was really fun, and I would definitely do it again if I could. 10-pin bowling and the Beach House activities were really fun outside of the tennis playing. - Harry

I liked it when we had our day off as a team. I also liked how we built friendships during SAPSASA. We all played with different people from our team nearly the whole time. - Rebecca





# TENNIS SA STATE LEAGUE ALL STARS



On Friday the 24th November the Primary students in Years 1-6 at Lucindale Area School were the first to welcome the Tennis SA State League All Stars to town! With a pretty wild weather forecast the meet and greet and on-court session was moved from the Lucindale Country Club to the school hall.

Our students loved cheering the players through the guard of honour and getting some posters autographed.

Then the students hit the court for some intense red ball Hot Shots battles, with some great skills and talent on display by the kids, and the All Stars were pretty good too!

The All Stars then had a big weekend in our local area exploring the Caves and then putting on a great exhibition of tennis at the Country Club on Saturday, with many of our students taking part as Ball Kids.





# STAND UP PADDLE BOARD PROGRAM

On Friday 1st of December the Year 9 students travelled to Robe to take part in a Stand up Paddle Board program, ran by Stillwater Paddleboards. The students went out on Lake Battye, they were taken through a briefing and introduction to SUP, warm up games, skill and water awareness and turning drills. The students' confidence increased drastically over the course of the session. It was a very fun day on the water for staff and students.





# BEACH DAY



2023



# Christmas Special



## 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

Full bodied dry red, which shows rich, ripe fruit character of blueberry, blackcurrant and peppermint flavours mixed with distinctive oak complexity. It has the potential for cellaring with the presence of mature tannin and good acidity.

Proudly produced in conjunction with DiGiorgio Family Wines

\$15 a bottle or buy 6 for \$90  
and get an extra bottle for free





# PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

The final Primary Assembly for 2023 was held on Wednesday 6th December.

The R/1 students hosted the Celebration Assembly.

Kerena presented the certificates and medallions for the Premier's Reading Challenge. 2023 marks 20 years of the Premier's Reading Challenge in South Australia, students will also receive a certificate to show their participation in the 20th year of the challenge.

Kerena also presented the medallions for the Premier's Be Active Challenge. The students were required to participate and record their physical activities over a 4 or 10 week period.

These challenges are not year level based, they are awarded on the number of years students have participated in South Australia.



## Premier's Reading Challenge Recipients:

1<sup>st</sup> Year - Certificates – Ravena, Henry, Elayna, Lilly, Liné, Adebyn, Serena, Corey, Yma, Stacey, Victoria, Olive, Jaxson, Dylan, Matilda

2<sup>nd</sup> Year - Bronze Medallions – Ava, Maggie, Fred, Angus, Hughie, Shayla, Levi, Mae, Jack, Harvey, Cody, Albie, Abel, Bodhi, Mia, Marlé, Harry, Lucy

3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Silver Medallions – Celia, Jett, Ned, Harvey, Piper, Harry, Ivy, Billy, Pip, Lacie, Indi, Sophia, Madeleine

4<sup>th</sup> Year - Gold Medallions – John, Jorja, Matilda, Maya, Lincoln, Sophie, Gabriel

5<sup>th</sup> Year - Champion Medallions – Charles, Amelia, Alice, Jack, Austin, Daniel, Ruby, Skyla, George, Rylan, Liam, Harry, Bridie, Jeremy

6<sup>th</sup> Year - Legend Medallions - Rebecca, Taylor, Amelia, Beth, Kauri, Mahli

7<sup>th</sup> Year - Hall of Fame Georgia, Tom, Samantha, Harry



# PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

The R/1/2 students were given certificates from Tony Pasin MP, for sending their entries for the Barker Christmas Card competition.

The Lucindale Country Club hosted the Tennis SA State League All Stars on the last weekend of November. The All Stars visited the School on Friday afternoon and shared their knowledge and assisted students with their tennis skills. Students participated in a colouring competition; Henry was declared the winner and was presented with a gift.

Our Primary awards for this assembly were for HASS chosen by Mrs Rivett and the Rising Star and Excellence awards were chosen by class teachers. These awards were presented to students by Mr de Jager.

Students who were absent at Presentation Night in Week 7 were presented with their curriculum awards, Principal's awards, Mavis Anderson awards and graduation certificates.

Congratulations to all students who received an award in recognition of their determination and dedication towards their learning over the year.



**HASS AWARDS – HARVEY, LINÉ, INDI, ALICE, SKYLA, HARRY**

**RISING STAR AWARDS – LILLY, NED, BILLY, BRIDIE AND SETH**

**EXCELLENCE AWARDS – MIA, DYLAN, LEVI, JAXON, MAHLI**



# PRIMARY ASSEMBLY



**HENRY- TENNIS COLORING IN  
COMPETITION WINNER**

## **JOKES SHARED AT THE ASSEMBLY**

**WHAT DO ELVES LEARN IN SCHOOL? THE ELF-  
ABET**

**HOW WERE CHIPS INVENTED? BY PLAYING  
TENNIS WITH A POTATO**

**WHAT TYPE OF CARS DO ELVES DRIVE? TOY-OTAS**

**HOW DOES A FROG OPEN HIS CHRISTMAS  
PRESENT? RIPPIT! RIPPIT! RIPPIT!**



**PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARD  
WINNERS**



# YEAR 8 SCIENCE

For Science, the Year 8 class participated in an industry collaboration with Struan Research Centre. Students participated in a farm tour in which they were posed industry problems. These were focused on yard design, animal temperament, irrigation, land restoration and shearing shed design.

Throughout the term, students conducted research, drawing on both primary and secondary sources. They then designed industry solutions and presented them back to Megan Willis, a researcher and PhD candidate at Struan. The Year 8 class conducted their research and presentations in a professional manner and should be commended on their efforts.



# PRIMARY INTERACTIVE BOARDS

This term, the Primary Building was busy with an exciting development, an update to our classroom technology. The technology in the Primary Building was outdated and no longer conducive to the teaching and student learning environments. After a lot of research from the school's IT department, Promethean interactive panels were chosen as the best fit for our classrooms.

This update was made possible by the generosity of our local community groups. We would like to sincerely thank the Lucindale Lions Club and Lions Australia Foundation for funding the total cost of 4 interactive panels for the Primary Classrooms.

The school has acknowledged this contribution by placing plaques next to each of the interactive panels. Lucindale Lions President, Mr Bob Crosby visited the school and had photos with classes to mark this generous contribution. He was presented with cards from the students to pass on our gratitude to the Lions members.

The R/1 Class has utilised their Promethean interactive panel during Literacy and Numeracy for building understanding through teacher instruction, classroom discussions and game-based activities. Students are more engaged in InitialLit sessions due to the high quality of the new screen and the speed of programs working instantly.

The 3/4 and 5/6 Class have already put the Promethean interactive panel to good use. Students are eager to share work by writing on the digital whiteboard and watch avidly for their name to be chosen on the digital spinner. Students are finding the new screen easier to read and the features easy to use. Games, teacher presentations and displaying student work on the board are just the start for our use of this new technology.

## STUDENT COMMENTS FROM THE 1/2 CLASS

**"YOU CAN SEE BETTER WITH THIS  
BOARD" MADDIE**

**"I LOVE WATCHING THE STORY BOOKS  
AND I LIKE HOW IT'S CLEARER TO SEE"  
HUGHIE**

**"10/10" FRED**

**"I LIKE HOW IT'S CLEARER, I LIKE  
WATCHING STORIES ONLINE AND  
WRITING ON THE BOARD" INDI**

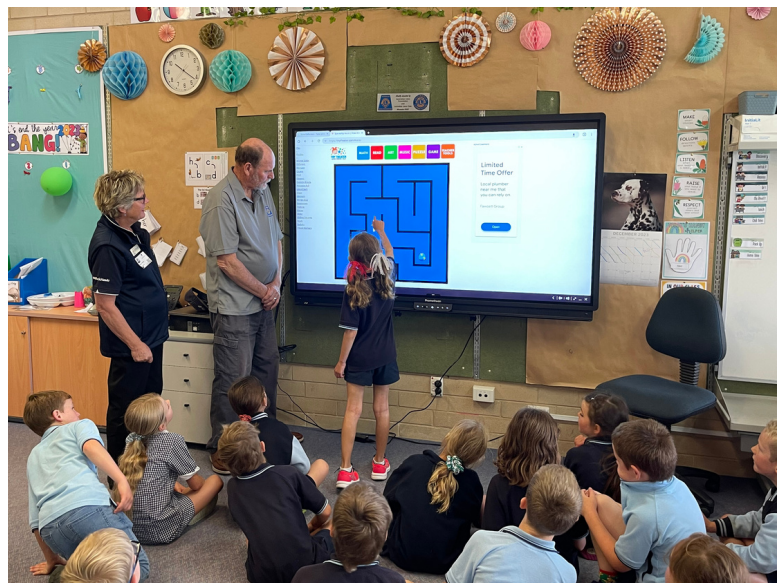
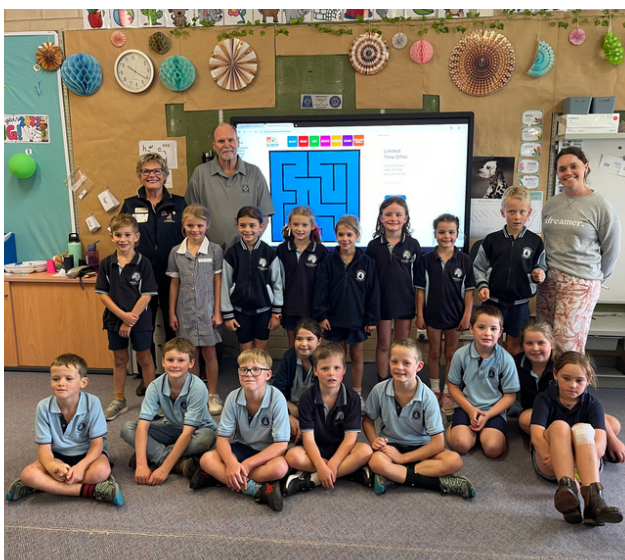
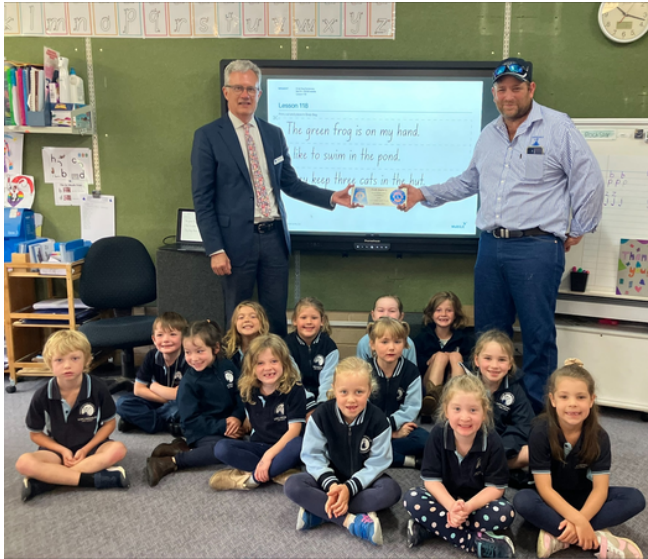




# PRIMARY INTERACTIVE BOARDS

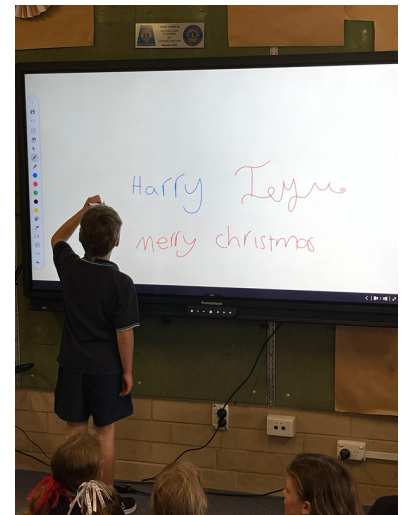
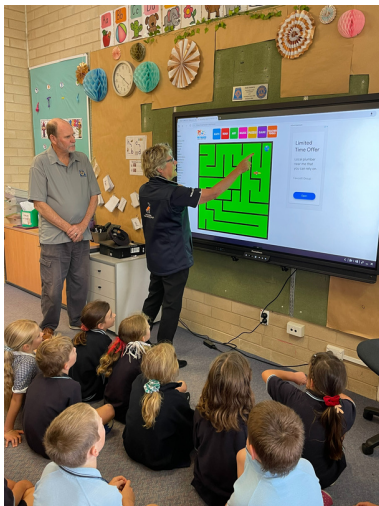


Thank you  
Lions!





# PRIMARY INTERACTIVE BOARDS





# RECEPTION / YEAR 1 AG

The Reception and Year 1 students have been having a wonderful time learning about different types of cattle and dairy processing with Mrs Bedworth. They even had a go at “milking” and trying to make their own butter!





# ART PRIZES



Students from Year 8/9 classes competed in the Southern Ocean Art Prize, Wattle Range Youth Prize and the Naracoorte Show.

Winners – Naracoorte show Max Boddington for his welded metal Pelican

Eddie Myers – Southern Ocean Art Prize – For his welded metal crab



# CERAMICS WITH THE YEAR 9'S

Year 9 students have been completing a unit in Ceramics in Art. Students have been learning about 4 different types of clay, their blends and purposes being sculptural or functional. Different clays were put to use to create wheel thrown vessels on a pottery wheel, coil and slab hand built items and discussions around glaze versus paint as a finishing process. Students have also learnt a three part glaze application and the value of a mid fire clay versus natural clay abstracted from the ground.





# INDIGENOUS GARDEN DEVELOPMENT— UPDATE

Students from the Year 9 class have mentored some younger levels assisting them in their imprinting and making tiles. As the tiles dry we have started on the glazing process. The Earthenware clay chosen is a dark blend of sand and ground mud oxides that is a durable material if high fired. Its also a great clay for students as it holds itself up well for sculptural projects and there is less chance of kiln failures and excess waste. Students have been learning about underglazes, engobes and use of stains as a first application onto a raw dry surface. As a second glazing process students have been applying clear mid fire gloss that will once fired be glossy. Other glazes have been a mixture of various ingredients providing a variety of natural shades. The next process that students have been helping with is kiln stacking, preparing kiln shelves with kiln wash and measuring kiln furniture in height and width. Discussion and length of a firing, changes in temperature and weather all have impacts on success and clay shrinkage have been topics of discussion. Hopefully the kiln will be fired in the next few weeks.





# LUCINDALE AREA SCHOOL TRANSITION VISIT PHOTOS





# WOMBAT STEW

## Reception & Year 1 Literacy Activity

Recently the Receptions and Year 1s worked together using the InitialLit focus book – Wombat Stew by Marcia Vaughan.

After the story was read to the students a Reception and Year 1 student worked together to select the correct order to recreate the Wombat Stew using elements of a text type procedure.





# GEORGE THE FARMER & RABO COMMUNITY FUND



Rabo Community Fund partnered with 'George the Farmer' on 'his' mission to help educate children about where their food and fibre comes from in both a fun and educational way.

As a dedicated food and agribusiness bank, Rabobank is committed to contributing to the vibrancy and resilience of rural Australia. The Rabo Community Fund supports local grassroots initiatives, identified by Rabobank clients in the heart of their communities.

Rabobank and George the Farmer – were gifting 50 primary schools across Australia a George the Farmer book set during National Book Week.

The Junior Primary children and staff would like to THANK Mrs Parkins for entering our school. Mrs Parkins' entry was successful and the School was sent the first 6 books.

The R/1 and 1/2 classes have both utilised these resources during literacy learning and Agriculture lessons.

The classes have made thank you cards which will be dropped off to the George the Farmer shop in Penola this week.





# LUCINDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

23rd December 2023 to 14th January

2024 – **CLOSED**

Re-opening on Monday 15th January  
2024 at 9:00am for normal hours.

Friday 26th – Saturday 27th January  
2024 – **CLOSED**

Wishing our patrons  
a happy and safe Christmas and New Year





# School Library News



**End of year returns** As we wind down for the end of the year, thank you for supporting your child / children to return their Library borrowings before the end of the school year. Any items not returned will be invoiced to families in the new year.

**Digital lessons** Our digital lessons for 50 + year olds will continue in the new year, at 10am on the first Thursday of each month, commencing on February 1st 2024. We thank Becky from the Naracoorte Library for delivering this valuable service.

**Holiday hours** The Lucindale School Community Library will be closed for three weeks over the Christmas / New year period. Our last day for 2023 will be Friday 22nd December, closing at 4pm. Plenty of time to stock up on your holiday reading material.

The staff of Lucindale School Community Library wish you a safe and happy Christmas / New Year break. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2024 on Monday 15th January 2024.

**Kerena**



# WAY2GO WHEELS HUB FUNDING

On behalf of the school, I applied for a grant at the end of Term 3 through the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) who supports the Way2Go program to improve the bike and scooter facilities for students who actively travel to school.

The overall goal is to see an increased number of students cycling, scooting or skating to school on a regular basis.

The grant has been approved and local businesses have been sourced to undertake improvements to our current bike/scooter facilities.

Zachers Engineering is making new bike and scooter racks.

Burdett Concreting will be laying a new concrete pad.

The shelter posts will need to be repainted – if you would like to volunteer to help with this please let me know [Felicity.Jenke570@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Felicity.Jenke570@schools.sa.edu.au)

In 2024, we will also be holding the Way2Go Bike Ed program which is aimed for students in Years 3-4.





CAROL'S IN THE SQUARE

Town Square | Smith Street | 7.30pm  
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Food carts +Pre Show Entertainment from 6pm.

Live Local Performers

BYO your chair and picnic rug, and enjoy a wonderful evening singing your favourite carols.



NARACOORTE LIBRARY + TOWN HALL

93-95 Smith Street

Term 4 Adult's program including Knitting group, Digital sessions, Games night and more.

Term 4 Children's program including JP Craft, Active Story Time (Naracoorte and Lucindale) Teen Art to name a few.

For all enquiries please phone 87622 338  
Or pop in and see the staff at the Naracoorte Library.

[For more information on community events click here](#)

NARACOORTE ART GALLERY

91 Ormerod Street

The gallery will close for the festive season on 3pm Sunday 17th December and reopen Wednesday 10th January 2024.

Until the 17th pop along to the Gallery's "Art Op Shop". You never know you may find that "special piece" you have been looking for!!

Cost: Donations gratefully accepted  
Time: 10am-4pm Wednesday - Friday, 10am-3pm Saturday and Sunday  
Location: Ormerod Street  
For more information: Contact the Gallery 87623390



DECEMBER 2023

Naracoorte Lucindale Community Events List



CARTER'S NARACOORTE FOODLAND CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Friday 1st | Naracoorte Showgrounds | 5pm  
FREE EVENT

Bring the family out for a fun evening.

Attractions including Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Circus Entertainment, Market Stalls, Food Trucks, entertainment, and a Christmas parade.  
Open from 5.00pm

LUCINDALE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 15th | 5pm  
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

5.00-6.00pm Christmas Stalls  
6.15pm Decorated Bike Judging  
6.30pm Christmas Parade  
6.45pm Santa's Visit  
+ yabby racing  
Please register your Christmas Lights, by Monday 11th at the Lucindale Post Office.

FARMERS AND MAKERS MARKET

Naracoorte Town Square | Sunday 17th | 9.00am

Select from the very best of seasonal produce, along with quality value added foods, and other locally produced products and crafts.

Naracoorte Lucindale Council | Ph: (08) 8760 1100 | W: [www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/](http://www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/)

KEY DATES FOR DECEMBER

1- Carters Foodland Naracoorte Christmas Pageant

15th - Lucindale Christmas Party

17 - Carols in the Square

COUNCIL OFFICE AND FACILITY CLOSURES OVER THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

- Naracoorte Council Offices - closed on 25/12/2023 to 1/1/2024 and reopening on Tuesday 2/1/2024;
- Lucindale Council Offices - closed at 3pm on 19/12/2023 and reopening at 9am on 16/01/2024;
- Naracoorte Library & Town Hall - closed on 23/12/2023 to 1/1/2024 and reopening on Tuesday 2/1/2024;
- Naracoorte Regional Livestock Exchange and Lucindale and Naracoorte Works Depots are closed from 25/12/2023 to 1/1/2024 and reopening on Tuesday 2/1/2024;
- Naracoorte Visitor Information Centre closed on Christmas Day 25/12/2023.

NARACOORTE LUCINDALE COUNCIL

Monthly Council Meeting Tuesday 19th 2023 at 5pm in the Council Chamber, DeGaris Place, Naracoorte



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PIANO LESSONS

phone  
Alison  
for details  
0427 854 175

FREE DIGITAL HELP

for people aged 50+

Lucindale Library  
1st Thursday of the Month

10AM  
February 1st  
March 7th  
April 4th

OR by appointment  
call 87622 338 or email  
[becky.porter@nlc.sa.gov.au](mailto:becky.porter@nlc.sa.gov.au)

Naracoorte  
Library + Town Hall