NEWSLETTER

LAS NEWSLETTER
ISSUE 1, TERM 1

February 2026

LUCINDALE AREA SCHOOL

Important Dates 2026

Wednesday 11 February
Whole School Assembly
Ag Farm Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 12 February
Student Free Day
Wednesday 18 February
Distance Day
Thursday 19 February
Lions Youth of the Year (Yr 11)
Friday 20 February
LAS Sports Day
Tuesday 24 February
NAPLAN Practice
Governing Council Meeting 6.30pm
Saturday 29 February
Lucindale Show
Thursday 5 March
RST Working at Heights
Friday 6 March
LAS Splash Day
RST Working at Heights
Monday 9 March
Public Holiday Adelaide Cup
Wednesday 11 March
School photos
NAPLAN Starts
Friday 13 March
Interschool Sports Day - Allendale
Canteen Closed
Wednesday 18 March
Harmony Day
Friday 20-21 March
South East Field Days
Monday 23 March
NAPLAN Finish
Tuesday 24 March
Governing Council AGM 6.00pm
Thursday 26 March
Adelaide Athletics Event
RST Chemical Accreditation

KEY VALUES

RESPECT YOURSELF

RESPECT OTHERS

RESPECT LEARNING & ENVIRONMENT

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2026 school year. I hope this newsletter finds you feeling well-rested and ready for the exciting year ahead. It is with great enthusiasm that I extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those joining the Lucindale Area School community for the first time.

SACE Results

At Lucindale Area School, we are extremely proud of the Class of 2025. We achieved a **100% SACE completion rate,** with several students earning **A grades across a range of subjects.**

Congratulations to Jacob Thornhill, our 2025 **Dux,** who achieved an outstanding **ATAR of 98.4**. We wish Jacob every success in his future endeavours. I would also like to sincerely thank our **Stage 2 teachers** for their dedication, expertise, and guidance throughout 2025.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome the following staff members to our school community:

- **Ms Kylee Seabrook** – Primary/Middle School
- **Mrs Ebony Philips** – Year 2/3
- **Ms Emma Gill** – Year 4/5
- **Mr Kaz Neilson** – Permanent Relief Teacher

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to all.

In addition, **Ms Simi Liu** will take on the role of **SACE Coordinator** for 2026.

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A Positive Start to the Year

We have had a fantastic start to the school year, with students settling quickly into routines and a calm, positive atmosphere across the school. Establishing strong routines is a key focus at the beginning of every year, and I encourage all families to read our newsletters carefully, as they are an important communication link between home and school.

Our Reception students have made a wonderful start to their primary schooling. This is a truly exciting time for them and their families, and we look forward to supporting them on their learning journey.

Whole School Assembly

Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend our **Whole School Assembly** on:

Wednesday, 11 February at 9:00am

We especially encourage families with students in **Reception and Year 12** to attend. Please save the date—further details will follow.

General Information and Reminders

As this is our first newsletter for the year, it includes important information and general reminders. Please take the time to read it carefully and familiarise yourself with school routines and expectations.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's **Homegroup Teacher** or myself. My door is always open—I am here to support you and your child whenever needed.

Parent Contributions

Thank you to the families who have already paid their parent contributions. These contributions are vital in enabling Lucindale Area School to provide a broad range of curriculum programs and to maintain and improve our facilities and services, which would otherwise not be possible given our limited resources.

Parents and Friends (P&F)

We invite all parents and caregivers to attend **Parents and Friends** meetings. If you need more information, please make contact with Casey Weaver or email to lucindaleparentsclub23@gmail.com . The P&F meet once a Term.

The P&F plays a vital role in enhancing school life for students and families. This meeting is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about current initiatives and how you can get involved. While we understand the demands on family time, the success of the P&F relies on the support and involvement of our community.

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Student Attendance and Arrival Times

Regular attendance is essential to ensure continuity of learning. Learning experiences—particularly explicit teaching and peer interaction—cannot be replicated once missed.

If your child is absent, please notify the school by:

- Phoning the Front Office after 8:30am, or
- Completing the absentee form on our website:

https://las.sa.edu.au/absentee-form/

Morning supervision begins at **8:30am**. Students arriving before this time cannot be adequately supervised. Afternoon duty of care concludes at **3:15pm**, so please ensure collection arrangements are made accordingly.

Communication with Teachers

For subject-specific questions, please email the relevant teacher directly.
For general information, contact your child's **Homegroup teacher.**

Please note that teachers will respond to emails between **8:30am and 5:00pm on weekdays.** During the school day, their priority is teaching and supporting students.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders can be placed via the **QKR! app.**
Students may pay using **cash or EFTPOS (card only – no mobile phones).**

Australia Day

At the Australia Day celebrations in Lucindale, our School Captains, Paige and Kayden, were the Masters of Ceremonies and did an outstanding job representing our school.

Mobile Phone Policy

Lucindale Area School continues to implement the Department for Education **No Mobile Phone Policy.**

Personal mobile phones and digital devices must be kept out of sight at all times during the school day. Notifications on wearable devices, such as smart watches, must be switched off.

If students need to contact parents or caregivers, they may do so through the **Front Office**. In cases of illness or emergency, school staff will ensure families are contacted promptly.

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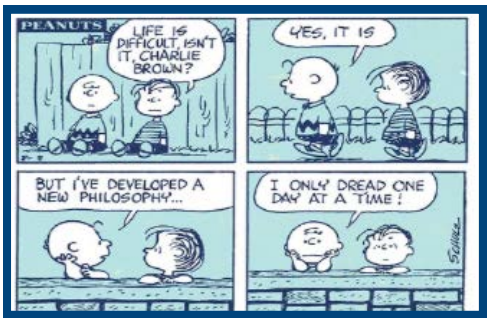
I just want to conclude with the following:

Do you remember the comic, Peanuts, created by Charles Schulz between 1950 and 2000? For those who do, you will remember it had characters such as Woodstock, Snoopy, Franklin, Linus, Peppermint Patty, and, of course, Charlie Brown. Whilst it would seem a very old reference point in an age where comics are a thing of the past and considering most students today will have never seen the comic; the references and comments made then, still resonate today. Before the online influencer, there was the comic character, read between the pages of a newspaper.



Go back a couple of weeks and this quote is still relevant today. Whether it is the end to the holidays, wearing School uniforms, earlier bedtimes and wakeups, homework or assignments, being a child at school is challenging, yet, as parents know all too well, it will always be the same, and being an adult is no easier.

Therefore, as we start a new year with enthusiasm, sunshine and anticipation for what lies ahead, I encourage our community to leave behind the notion that the challenges will last the whole year, and to take on the challenges one day at a time.

To the new students and families who have joined Lucindale Area School in 2026. Your bravery and willingness to be involved is commendable. I hope as the weeks pass, you find friendship and confidence within our community.

Therefore, rather than worrying like the ever-pessimistic Charlie Brown, I wish you all the best in 2026, with the words of Peppermint Patty... the eternal optimist.....

”It’s not how you start, it’s how you finish!”

Louis de Jager
Principal

LIBRARY

Welcome back for the 2026 school year, and welcome to all of our new families.

The Lucindale School Community Library is situated on school grounds, and is open to the public, staff and students. All students are issued with a membership when they enrol at Lucindale Area School, or if already a member, their membership transfers to Lucindale. All student library cards are kept on file in the library admin area. Please note: student cards have some borrowing restrictions placed on them regarding content and quantity. For further details, please visit the library.

The library is a member of SA Public Libraries, and as such a member of the One Card system. This allows members online access to borrowing from any SA Public Library. Items from any SA Public Library may also be returned to the Lucindale School Community Library. It is an expectation that students abide by Public Libraries SA Fair Use policy.

Opening hours to the public are:

Monday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Tuesday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 11:30am

All visitors welcome during public opening hours. I look forward to meeting you soon. The library opens at 8:30am Monday to Friday for staff and students only.

Scholastic Book Club

The school actively promotes Scholastic Book Club. Any purchase made by our families earns a % of money credited directly to the school to spend at Scholastic. These credits are used to purchase student prizes for Book Week, and classroom resources. Thank you for supporting our school when you make a purchase. Orders for issue 1 are due online by 16th February 2026.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Our primary students are encouraged to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. This is co-ordinated by home group teachers. More details to come later in the term.

Garden Help

During the holidays our garden became quite over grown. If you have any spare time to help at a working bee please contact Andi Zerk at Andi.Zerk714@schools.sa.edu.au

PASTORAL CARE

Hi! I'm Mrs B.

It is a privilege to be your Pastoral Care Worker again this year.

I am a trained Primary School teacher, working at Ceduna before coming to Naracoorte to work at Naracoorte Primary School and then Sunrise Christian School.

I live in Naracoorte with my husband Micheal and our Jack Russell, Stitch.

Our daughter, Emma works at the Newcastle University as a Research Assistant and our son, Matthew teaches Sport to Grades 8-10 at Waverly Christian College.

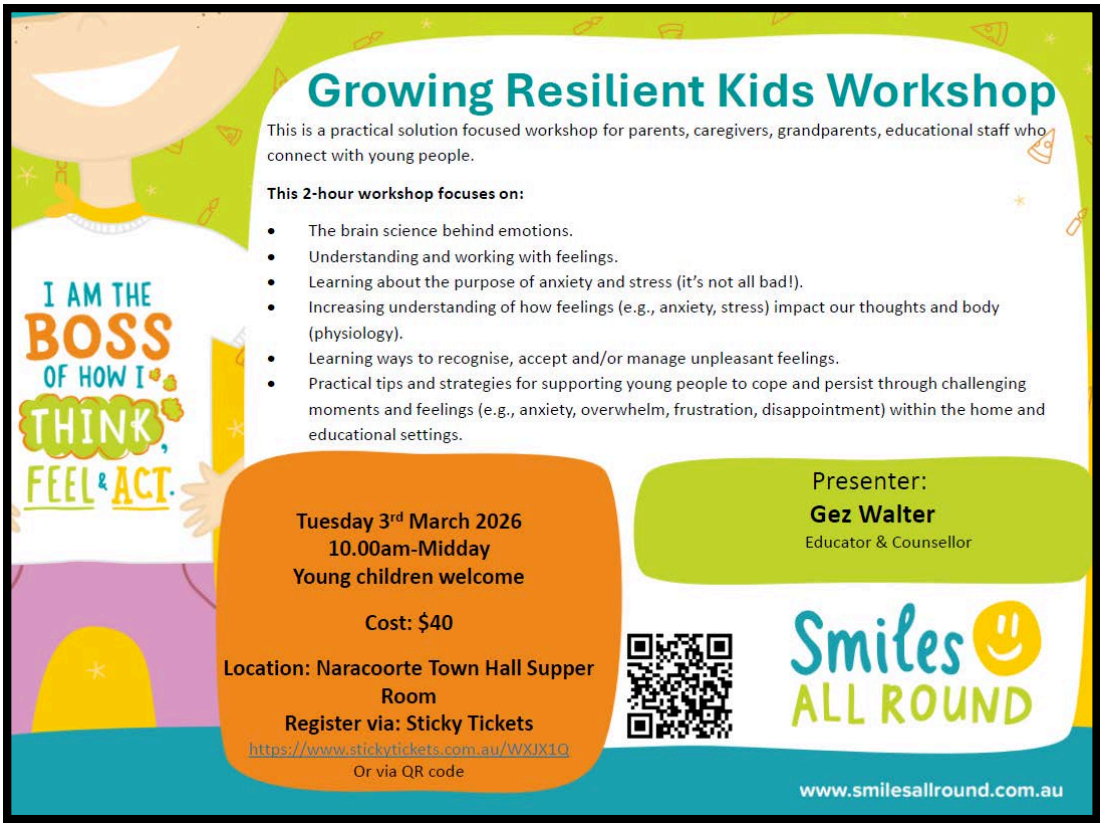
I love dogs and eating chocolate. I also enjoy reading, writing, walking and dancing.

My regular days at school are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

You can contact me by ringing the school office on 87662084 or by leaving a message at the Wellbeing office in the Library.

I look forward to serving you.

Blessings,
Leanne Becroft



YEAR 12

What a great start to the year by the small yet energetic cohort of year 12s. The leaders are looking forward to Sports Day and Splash Carnival while also being 'buddies' to the new Reception class. These connections are important to the older students and the younger students – one of the great aspects of attending an area school.

The year 12s are partaking in a range of subjects at school and through TAFE to enable them to be able to follow their chosen pathways. We wish them luck as they take on a variety of pathways this year.

Reception Class 2026

Lukah

Sierra

Leo

George

Leila

Hunter

Franklin

Millie

Beau

Kai

Ava

Percy

Hunter

Jan

Bryden

SWIMMING DEVELOPMENT

Swimming Development will begin week 3 of Term 1. Participants must be confident and competent swimmers. Swimming Development will take place in the morning before school. Times to be advised.

If interested please call Emily Savage on 0422 087 234

YEAR 2

On Tuesday, 3rd of February, year 2 students from Mrs Gill's and Mrs Phillips' class attended a Life Ed. visit held in the school hall.
Discussions were had around staying healthy and understanding what certain organs in our body does to help keep us healthy and safe. We also talked about how we can process thoughts and keep a positive mindset using self talk and encouragement.

Ebony Phillips
Year 2 & 3 Teacher

Wanted

If you have any spare cardboard boxes please pass them on to the school. We require them for for a Design and Technology project.

LUCINDALE AREA SCHOOL

CANTEEN PRICELIST

DOWNLOAD THE QKR! APP AND ORDER ONLINE

HOT FOOD

2 MINUTE NOODLES	Chicken or Beef	$2.50
PIZZA	Ham, Cheese & Pineapple	$4.00
HOT DOG	Add Cheese +.50c	$5.00
PARTY PIE		$1.00
MEAT PIE		$5.00
SAUSAGE ROLLS		$4.50
CHICKEN NUGGETS X3	(max. of 6 per order)	$2.00
SMALL WEDGES	Large +$2.00	$5.00
HASH BROWN		$1.00
HAM & CHEESE CROISSANT		$6.00
DIM SIMS		$1.00

Sauces available: Tomato, BBQ, Mustard, Mayonnaise

HEALTHY OPTIONS

SALAD BOWL $8.50
Lettuce , cherry tomato, cucumber,
beetroot, feta or grated cheese
with chicken or chicken tenders (plain or sweet chilli)

SANDWICH	$4.00
ROLL	$4.50
HAM	+ $2.00
CHICKEN	+ $2.00

Salad included in sandwiches & rolls: cheese, lettuce, tomato, cucumber and carrot
(no salad upon request)

TOASTED SANDWICHES	$4.00
HAM & CHEESE	
HAM, CHEESE, TOMATO	

FROZEN TREATS

FROZEN YOGHURT	$2.50
BULLA CHOC BAR	$2.50
SPLITS	$2.50
QUELCH / LEMONADE ZOOPER DOOPER	$0.50
CYCLONE	$2.50

BURGERS & TOASTED WRAPS

CHICKEN BURGER $6.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayonnaise

HAM, CHEESE & PINEAPPLE TOASTED WRAP $6.00

SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN TOASTED WRAP $7.00
Sweet chilli chicken tender,
spinach & cheese with Mayonnaise
or sweet chilli sauce

SNACKS

COOKIE	$0.50
POPCORN	$1.00
KILLER PYTHON	$0.50
FRESH WATERMELON	$1.50
RED ROCK CHIPS Honey soy & Sweet chilli and sour cream	$2.00
SMITHS CHIPS Plain, Chicken or Salt & Vinegar	$3.00
OVALTEENIES	$1.00
MIXED LOLLIES	$2.00
VANILLA YOGHURT CUP Add Granola	$1.50
SNACK PACK Jatz, carrot sticks, cheese & Fench onion dips	$3.50
SOUR STRAPS 5 for $1.00	$0.20

DRINKS

200ML FLAVOURED MILK $2.50
Chocolate or Strawberry

150ML FRUIT BOX $2.00
Golden Pash, Orange, Apple,
Apple & Blackcurrant

WATER $2.00

375ML NIPPY'S MILK $5.00
Chocolate, Strawberry,
Honeycomb, Mocha

If you require Qkr! instructions please contact the office.

YOUTH WEEK 2026

SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

ENTRIES OPEN UNTIL 5PM 3RD APRIL

ENTER IN THE YOUTH WEEK 2026 FILM FESTIVAL
TO SEE YOUR FILM ON THE BIG SCREEN!
MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON ENTRY
FORMS AT THE NARACOORTE LIBRARY
FOR 12 – 25 YEAR OLDS

SCREENING 10TH APRIL | NARACOORTE TOWN HALL

FOR ENQUIRIES, ASK FOR BRI AT
08 8760 1170

Naracoorte
Library + Town Hall

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Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Better by Nature

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THE FILM

Mount Gambier Community Screening

A free, meaningful night out for parents and carers that will leave you with real tools for your family

Wednesday, February 25

Dress Circle, The Riddoch | 6pm-8pm

Arrivals from 5:30pm. Meet ac.care's Family Relationship Service team to learn more about local support.

SEEN is a ground-breaking documentary exploring the transformative power of personal healing for parents and its impact on child brain development.

Free event | 1hr13min run time | Light refreshments provided
The Riddoch is located at 1 Bay Road, Mount Gambier

SCAN QR CODE

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Active Storytime LUCINDALE

WHEN is it?

The following **Tuesday** mornings

10am - 11am

10th February

24th February

10th March

WHERE is it?

The Lucindale Town Hall

WHAT is it?

A fun 1 hour interactive session full of songs and play! Finished with a story. Fantastic for all pre-school aged children and their care givers.

Naracoorte Library + Town Hall

During the school term

DIY LEGO CLUB MONDAY 3.45-5PM

The Naracoorte Library invites you to let your imagination run wild with Free Lego Creating!

Under 10 years needs a Caregiver present

During school term

Naracoorte Library + Town Hall

NEW DAY!

Kingston SE Branch of the National Trust of South Australia

National Trust

KINGSTON SE

MODEL RAILWAY & HOBBY EXPO

7-9th MARCH 2026

9:30am - 5:00pm Sat-Sun | 9:30am - 4:00pm Mon

TRAINS. AIRCRAFT. AUTOMOBILES. LEGO. MODELS. ART.

A jam packed exhibition for hobby lovers of all ages!

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- 25+ Displays
- Model Trains
- Model Aircraft
- Classic Cars
- Hobby Collectibles
- LEGO® Displays
- Catering

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Adults $15 | Concession $12 | Children $5 | Family $25
Adult 3-Day-Pass $25 | Family 3-Day-Pass $30

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