NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 8, TERM 3 August 2026

LUCINDALE AREA SCHOOL

School and Community Working Together

Important Dates 2026

Wednesday 2-Monday 7 September
Adelaide Show-Led Steers & Rams
Thursday 3 September
SAPSASA Athletics State Carnival
Tuesday 8 - Friday 11 September
Adelaide Show - Goats & Wethers
Tuesday 8 September
Governing Council Meeting 6.30pm
SAPSASA AFL Girls 2nd Trial
Wednesday 9 September
SAPSASA Basketball Carnival
Thursday 10 September
RU OK? Day
Monday 14 September
Boys & Girls Tennis Carnival
Wednesday 16 September
Primary Assembly 1.25pm
Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off 2.15pm
SRC Walk & Talk Pastoral Care R-12
Thursday 17 - 18 September
Year 12 Practice Exams
Monday 21 September
SAPSASA Boys & Girls Tennis 2nd Trial
Wednesday 23 September
Year 4/5 Walking the Seasons
Friday 25 September
Term 3 Finishes
Early Dismissal 2.10pm
Monday 12 October
Term 4 Starts
Tuesday 13 October
Boys Cricket Trial
Tuesday 13 - 16 October
RST Crop Agronomy Workshop

KEY VALUES

RESPECT YOURSELF

RESPECT OTHERS

RESPECT LEARNING & ENVIRONMENT

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we reach the halfway point of Term 3, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the learning, growth and opportunities taking place across Lucindale Area School. Every day, our staff work hard to provide students with a high-quality education in classrooms where there are clear routines, strong relationships and high expectations for every learner. We want every child to feel known, supported and challenged to achieve their very best. This commitment to both educational achievement and a strong sense of belonging remain at the heart of our work as a school.

Everyday Counts

As we move into the second half of the term, I would also like to remind families about the importance of regular attendance and arriving at school on time. Every day at school matters. Learning is carefully sequenced, with new knowledge and skills building upon what students have previously learnt. When students miss school regularly, even for short periods, these gaps can accumulate and make it more difficult to keep pace with their learning. Being on time is equally important. Learning begins from the moment our school day starts, and our teachers make every minute count. Arriving late can mean missing important instruction, classroom routines and the opportunity to settle positively into the day. Thank you to our families for supporting students to attend every day they are well and to arrive on time, ready to learn.

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Our **Book Week Parade** was once again a colourful and joyful highlight with the theme of Symphony of Stories, with wonderful creativity and enthusiasm shown across the school. Thank you to parents and families for your support in helping students prepare their imaginative costumes—it truly showcased the love of reading in our school. Reading is one of the most important skills our children will ever develop. It provides access to learning across the curriculum and opens doors to knowledge, imagination and the world beyond our immediate experiences.

Young Judges Day & Ag Sponsors Day

Tuesday, 25 August was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate **Young Judges Day and our Ag Sponsors Day** at Lucindale Area School.

Firstly, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the **professional presenters, judges and industry representatives** who have generously given their time, knowledge and expertise to support our students today. The opportunity for young people to learn directly from experienced professionals is incredibly valuable. Your guidance helps our students develop their practical skills, confidence, decision-making and understanding of the agricultural industry.

We also warmly welcome and thank the **schools from across our region** who have travelled to Lucindale to participate in Young Judges Day. It is fantastic to see students from different schools coming together, sharing their knowledge, challenging themselves and developing their skills. Events such as this strengthen the connections between our schools and our wider agricultural community.

A very special thank you must also go to our **agricultural sponsors**. Your ongoing and generous contribution to Lucindale Area School is greatly appreciated. Whether through financial support, products, livestock, equipment, expertise, time or other resources, your contribution makes a significant difference to what we are able to provide for our students.

Our Agriculture program is an important part of our school, and the opportunities available to our students would not be possible without the strong partnerships we have with local businesses, farming families, industry organisations and members of our community. Your support enables our **Ag team and students** to participate in practical learning, competitions, shows and industry experiences that extend well beyond the classroom.

Most importantly, your involvement helps our young people build a connection with agriculture and understand the many opportunities available to them within the industry. By investing in our students, you are also investing in the next generation of young people who may become the farmers, agricultural professionals and community leaders of the future.

To our presenters, participating schools, sponsors, staff, volunteers and everyone who has contributed to making today possible, **thank you.** We greatly value your partnership with Lucindale Area School and appreciate your continued commitment to our students and our Agriculture program.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable and successful **Young Judges Day and Ag Sponsors Day.**

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Thank you to the **Lucindale Lions Club** for their generous donation towards the **Adelaide Show Teams' vests**. Your continued support of our students and school is greatly appreciated.

The new vests will ensure our students represent Lucindale Area School with pride and present as a united team at the Royal Adelaide Show. We sincerely value the strong partnership we have with the Lucindale Lions Club and appreciate your ongoing commitment to supporting opportunities for our young people.

Thank you, Lucindale Lions Club, for your generosity and support.

Adelaide Show Teams

Best wishes go to our Adelaide Show Teams, including our steers, sheep and goats' teams, as they prepare to represent Lucindale Area School at the Royal Adelaide Show.

We know that an enormous amount of time, effort and dedication has gone into preparing the animals for the Show. Thank you to our students, staff, families, volunteers and supporters who have contributed countless hours to ensure our teams are ready for this exciting opportunity.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their commitment, teamwork and enthusiasm. Competing at the Adelaide Show provides them with a wonderful opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills, learn from others and represent our school and community with pride.

We wish everyone involved **safe travels and every success at the Show**. Enjoy the experience, support one another and make the most of this fantastic opportunity.

We look forward to hearing about your achievements — and hopefully seeing **plenty of ribbons making their way back to Lucindale!**

Good luck, Team Lucindale!

Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Monday, 24 August was our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day, and it was wonderful to welcome so many grandparents and special friends to Lucindale Area School.

The morning commenced with a special assembly, where our visitors were warmly welcomed and had the opportunity to hear from students about their learning and the things they enjoy most about being part of our school. It was wonderful to see the pride on the faces of our students as they shared their experiences with their grandparents and special friends.

Following the assembly, our guests enjoyed morning tea and the opportunity to catch up with other families, staff and members of our school community. They then visited classrooms, where students were excited to share their learning, classroom activities and school environment.

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Days such as this remind us of the important role grandparents, family members and special friends play in the lives of our young people. Their encouragement, wisdom, care and support contribute enormously to the growth and wellbeing of our students.

Thank you to everyone who travelled near and far to spend the morning with us. Your presence made the day particularly special for our students.

A sincere thank you also goes to our **staff and students** for helping prepare for the day and for making our visitors feel so welcome.

At Lucindale Area School, we greatly value the strong connection between **school, family and community,** and Grandparents and Special Friends Day is a wonderful celebration of that partnership.

We hope all our grandparents and special friends enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed having you with us, and we look forward to welcoming you back again next year.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome two new staff members to the Lucindale Area School community.

Cassandra Obst has been appointed as our **Library Manager**, and **Skye Sander** has joined us as our **Aboriginal Education Worker.**

We warmly welcome Cassandra and Skye to our team and look forward to the valuable contributions they will make to our students, staff and wider school community. We wish them both every success in their new roles and hope they enjoy being part of the Lucindale Area School community.

Our 2027 Reception enrolments

A reminder that Reception enrolments for 2027 are now open, and we encourage families intending to join Lucindale Area School next year to complete their enrolment as soon as possible. Early enrolments are incredibly helpful in allowing us to plan effectively for classes, staffing and a successful transition into school.

Breakfast Club is held every Wednesday morning in the Home Economics classroom.

A big **thank you to Ms Seabrook** for organising and coordinating our Breakfast Club and ensuring that our students have the opportunity to start their day with a nutritious breakfast in a welcoming and supportive environment.

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to our fantastic volunteers who generously give their time each week to support the Club. Your ongoing commitment, kindness and contribution to our school and students are greatly appreciated.

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Breakfast Club is about much more than providing breakfast. It is also an opportunity for students to connect with others, build positive relationships and start their school day feeling welcomed and ready to learn.

Thank you to everyone involved for continuing to support this valuable initiative at Lucindale Area School.

University Applications

For students planning to apply to university, applications through the **South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)** open on **26 August.**

Students and families can visit **www.satac.edu.au** for information about courses, applications, important dates and the university admissions process.

As we begin the second half of the term, I encourage all our students to continue aiming high.

Being a proud Lucindaler means coming to school ready to learn, challenging yourself, showing kindness and respect, taking responsibility for your actions and contributing positively to our school and wider community.

High expectations and a strong sense of belonging go hand in hand. When young people know they belong, know that the adults around them believe in them and understand that their learning matters, they are more likely to engage, persevere and achieve their best.

Thank you to our families, students, staff, volunteers and wider community for your continued support of Lucindale Area School. The many events and opportunities highlighted in this newsletter are only possible because of the strong partnerships that exist between our school and community.

REMINDER:

We would like to remind families that student supervision in the school yard begins at **8:30am** each morning. The safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority. To help ensure the safety of all students, please make arrangements for your child to arrive at school no earlier than **8:30 am.**
We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all students.

Thank you for continuing to support a school community where our values of Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Learning and Environment are reflected in everything we do.
Together, we will continue to ensure that every student feels valued, supported and challenged, and has every opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.

School and Community Working Together.

Louis de Jager, Principal

CANBERRA CAMP CERTIFICATES YEAR 6/7

We were pleased to welcome Tony Pasin MP to Lucindale Area School to present certificates to the students who participated in the Canberra Camp last term. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise their involvement in this valuable educational experience and celebrate the knowledge, friendships and lasting memories they gained during their time in Canberra.

The camp gave students the opportunity to visit many significant national institutions and landmarks, including Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport. Through these experiences, students developed a deeper understanding of Australia's history, democracy and government.

We sincerely thank Tony Pasin MP for visiting our school, presenting the certificates and taking the time to acknowledge this important learning experience for our students.

Louis de Jager

LIBRARY

Hello from the Library!

Book Week

The 2026 Book Week theme was "Symphony of Stories" and what a wonderful celebration it has been here at the Lucindale Area School Community Library. From colouring, crafting, creative book week costume displays, favourite book artwork and winding up with a book week parade everyone should be extremely proud of!

Thank you to all students, parents and caregivers, families and teachers for attending the parade – your commitment and hard work is very much appreciated and it's safe to say we had some very imaginative costumes. This year we were lucky to have Mayor Ross attend the festivities and appear as a guest judge.

Thank you to Kerena for her hard work in the preparation and organisation leading up to the event, and to Ms Smith and Andi for their help in making the day run smoothly.

Book Week display borrowing will be available from Friday 4th September.

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Reminder:

Book Club orders are due back on 11/9/2026

Premiers Reading Challenge Reminder

Students have until Friday 4th September to complete their Premiers Reading Challenge. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out here at the library. Students will be presented with awards later in the school year. This date will be communicated once confirmed.

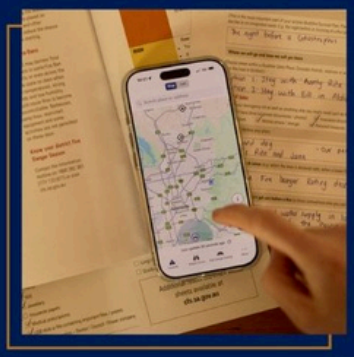
Adult Learners Week 1-8 September

Adult Learners Week is celebrated annually with hundreds of events and activities designed to promote the benefits of learning and to highlight the many options available at home, work or in the community.

This year the Lucindale Community Library will be hosting a **free** work shop in collaboration with the CFS and Red Cross. Community is encouraged to attend!

Cassandra Obst

WORKSHOP
STAY INFORMED
(EMERGENCY APPS)



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CFS Stay Informed
+
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Date: **Tuesday 8th September**
Time: **9.30am - 11.00am**
Venue: **Lucindale Community Library**
116 Gum Ave, Lucindale

email: saemergencyredi@redcross.org.au
or cfs.region5commengage@eso.sa.gov.au
or call Amanda 0427 213 781
or Megan 0429 411 374

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Max W** who won the National Championships for Kyokushin in Sydney over the weekend. Max had one fight with two rounds. Max defended his title of National Champion for 16-17 year old males. His next fight is next year but in the meantime to maintain his fitness he will be doing strength training.

Well done Max.

Congratulations Kai. Last week Kai entered the Mount Gambier Music Eisteddfod. He participated in the Guitar Category under Popular and Folk Music. He won both categories.

Kai also performed a duet with a younger student who played bass while Kai played the lead guitar.

Kai has been playing guitar for about 4 years with Jamie from Stringybark Music.

Denise Parkins

Congratulations to **Max B** and **Eddie.** Last week, Max B and Eddie M participated in the State Work Skills Competition hosted by Naracoorte High School.

Competitions included fencing, tractor driving and animal handling. Each module also included a theory component. Students were scored on each task and as a result, Max placed second.

Max will now represent South Australia in the National Titles held next year in Adelaide.

Denise Parkins

RAPUNZEL COMES TO LIFE AT LUCINDALE AREA SCHOOL

There were plenty of smiles, laughs and curious faces around Lucindale Area School when the Alpha Show Company came to visit with their performance of Rapunzel.

The students were quickly drawn into the story as the performers brought Rapunzel and the other characters to life. There was lots of energy, music and humour, and the children were thoroughly entertained. At times, the audience was laughing and joining in, while at other moments everyone was sitting quietly, watching to see what would happen next.

Although Rapunzel is a familiar fairy tale, the performance had a message that went beyond the story itself. It encouraged the students to think about who they are, making their own choices, having confidence in themselves and not letting others decide what they can or cannot do.

One of the highlights was the question-and-answer session at the end. The students had plenty of questions for the performers, and some of them were quite unexpected! Their questions showed that they had not only enjoyed the show but had also been thinking about the characters, their decisions and the messages behind the story.

The performance also gave both students and adults a chance to stop and reflect. Sometimes we can be too quick to judge ourselves or let other people influence how we see ourselves. Rapunzel reminded us that being yourself, having a go and making your own choices are pretty important things.

It was a lovely morning of live theatre, laughter and a little bit of thinking along the way. A big thank you to the Alpha Show Company for visiting our school and giving our students such an enjoyable and memorable experience.

SCIENCE WEEK 2026 - CURIOUS MINDS IN ACTION!

Science Week was full of hands-on experiments, challenges and discovery for our Year 1/2 and Year 2/3 students. Students worked through their own Science Week Passport, completing four exciting activities. They became scientists and engineers as they observed, predicted, tested, recorded and reflected on their learning.

Science Scavenger Hunt – Students explored the school grounds searching for items and examples of science in their everyday environment.

Chemical Changes – Students investigated how materials can change, including liquid-to-solid changes, through a fun cake-in-a-cup experiment.

Paper Plane Challenge – Students designed and built a plane, made a prediction, tested it and recorded their results. They then considered how they could change their design to make it fly further.

Natural Engineering – Working in teams, students used natural materials from the school yard to build a tall tower, tiny bridge, animal enclosure or sculpture. Creativity, teamwork and problem-solving were essential!

Seed Dispersal Investigation – Our Year 2/3 students also investigated how plants spread their seeds. They explored the amazing adaptations that allow seeds to travel by wind, water, animals, exploding seed pods and by being eaten and carried by animals. Students also planted broccoli, carrot, lettuce and beetroot seeds in their garden beds.

To finish the week, students reflected on what they enjoyed, what they discovered and what they had learned. It was wonderful to see our young scientists getting curious, having a go, learning from their mistakes and discovering that science is everywhere!

Pauline Rivett
1/2 and 2/3 Science Teacher

RURAL YOUTH AMBASSADOR 2026

On Tuesday, 11 August, as a Rural Youth Ambassador, I had the opportunity to support three students from Lucindale Area School, Ruby, Lacey and Nate at the Regional Forum, where they joined students from a range of rural schools across the region.

The forum provided a valuable opportunity for students to share their experiences, explore both the opportunities and challenges of rural education and rural living, and consider what their ideal learning environment and future might look like.

Throughout the day, we participated in a range of activities that encouraged students to reflect, collaborate and confidently share their ideas and perspectives. It was wonderful to see young people from rural communities having a voice and contributing to important conversations about the future of education in regional South Australia.

I hope this experience inspires our students to continue developing their confidence and leadership skills, and perhaps become the next generation of young people who represent and advocate for rural students across South Australia.

Lacey, Rural Youth Ambassador

2026 ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP CONVENTION ADELAIDE

We had such an amazing time at the active citizenship convention, meeting new people and coming up with new ideas to share with everyone. We learnt all about how we can become active citizens in our school and towns and heard all about how other students are in their towns and schools. – Lacey

Kylee Seabrook

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WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER - SOUTH GAMBIER FC

WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER - KYBYBOLITE FC

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER - MILLICENT FC

Please scan the QR code and submit your details for more information

IMMUNISATION - CHICKENPOX (VARICELLA)

Given the recent occurrence of chickenpox in our community, Country Health Connect have sent some information regarding the immunisation recommendations for Chickenpox (Varicella). SA Health recommend a second vaccination. This is not part of the funded National Immunisation Program and therefore is at a cost to the consumer. Country Health Connect offer a second vaccination at a cost of $65.

The following information contains details regarding Chickenpox immunisation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

All children <14 years of age are recommended to receive 2 doses of varicella-containing vaccine, with the first dose given at 18 months of age. Children should receive this dose as MMRV vaccine. Children can receive varicella-containing vaccine from as young as 12 months of age. This can provide earlier protection against varicella, which may be appropriate in the context of travel or a varicella outbreak or childcare, or other circumstances of increased risk of transmission. A dose of varicella-containing vaccine given between 12 and 18 months of age does not need to be repeated at 18 months of age, but there is no safety concern if the child still receives the dose scheduled at 18 months of age.

One dose of varicella containing vaccine (MMRV) is funded through the NIP for children at 18 months of age. For details see the National Immunisation Program Schedule.

A 2nd dose of varicella-containing vaccine is recommended

Children 12 months to <14 years of age are recommended to receive a second dose of varicella vaccine ≥4 weeks after the first dose. 2 doses of varicella-containing vaccine provide more protection and minimise the chance of breakthrough varicella in children <14 years of age (see Monovalent varicella vaccine).1 However, a 2nd dose of varicella-containing vaccine for children is not included on the National Immunisation Program schedule- external site.
If parents or carers wish to minimise the risk of breakthrough varicella in children <14 years of age, a 2nd dose of varicella-containing vaccine is recommended (see Vaccines, dosage and administration).

https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccine-preventable-diseases/varicella-chickenpox#recommendations

Cassie Parsons, Immunisation Coordinator
Country Health Connect, (08) 8762 8160
countryhealthconnect.sa.gov.au

Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Materials and services charge

Information sheet for R–12 school families

The State Government has committed to removing universal materials and services charges from 2027 as part of its cost-of-living measures for South Australian families. Schools will not lose under this policy. This initiative will be funded by the State Government and your school will be provided with the funding that it would have received through the universal materials and services charge. Your school will also continue to receive funding to meet the needs of students and to staff classrooms.

Legislative changes are still required before the new arrangements can take effect. This information is provided to support families to plan for 2027.

Families will not be required to pay the universal materials and services charge, however your school will be able to continue to set fees to recover costs for those individual subjects that form part of your school's curriculum that are optional for students/families to choose from. For these schools, subject choice continues to be an important aspect of the curriculum offering and these fees will not include core costs, which will continue to be funded by government, for example teacher salaries.

School card information for secondary school students
Secondary school families should continue to apply for the school card program, where eligibility provides assistance with other school related costs, like free devices for year 7 and 10 school card eligible students and where optional or specialist subjects are chosen.

School card information for primary school students
The initiative will avoid the need for primary school families to apply for school card and this will reduce administrative burden for families and the school.

Families will continue to pay for items such as uniforms, digital devices and optional excursions, as has always been the case.

Please note that the discontinuation of the universal materials and services charge applies with effect from the 2027 school year. Any outstanding charges should continue to be paid, and your school can work with you if there are any issues.

This initiative does not apply to international or non-resident students and separate advice will be provided in due course.

The focus of this policy is for schools. The current fee arrangements for preschools will continue.

Should you have any queries regarding the information provided, please contact the department on 1800 088 158 (free call).