

#### Welcome

Welcome to our final newsletter for this term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful school community for all the support you have shown during this rollercoaster of a term. Without your understanding during these tricky times, we would not have been able to provide our students with the quality of education we pride ourselves on.







### P and C News

It is wonderful to say that our Bunnings BBQ held on March 12th was a great success, we raised over \$1,150 in profit. Well done to everyone, amazing work Lucey for staying the entire day. Thank you to all volunteers on the day.



Easter Raffle and Family Day Lunch

The P and C is holding our Easter raffle on Thursday 7th April, straight after the Easter hat parade. We encourage all families, friends, and neighbours in our community to support our raffle by purchasing tickets \$1.00each for the chance to win one of our fantastic Easter baskets. (If you would like to purchase more tickets, please see the office for extra books).

Also, this year we will be holding a free sausage sizzle family lunch after our Easter raffle. (Due to our Family Day being cancelled last year - covid restrictions.)

So don't forget to ask all of your family members to come along for an awesome day. A note will go home today to all families to confirm quantities to make sure we cater correctly. Forms must be into the office no later than Wednesday morning 9am.

- NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACEPTED -

Sharen Darmanin P and C President

# **Assembly Award Winners**

Congratulations to this week's award winners.

	Class Award	PBL	Luddenham Award
K/1/2	Jackson Gilchrist Ariana Cassone	Aleah Kelly	
3/4	Billie-Lee Gribben Ahleiana Adnum- Waenga	Jeremy Osorio	
5/6	Orion Owen Levi Osorio	Luke Kelly	Timothy Polis





### **COVID Update**

On Monday evening the Minister signed the Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Order Amendment (No 1) Order 2022.

The Amending Order amends the Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Order to exempt a person who is a close or household contact from the requirement to self-isolate if the person has had COVID-19 in the previous 12 weeks (up from the previous 8 weeks).

This means that if a student or staff member who has recovered from COVID-19 comes into contact with someone with COVID-19 within 12 weeks after they are released, they will generally not need to self-isolate or get a test. They can continue to go to school or work unless they have new COVID-19 symptoms.



### **COVID Update Continued**

If a person in your household tests positive to COVID-19, they must self-isolate away from everyone else in the house for 7 days from the date of their positive test. They must follow the advice for people testing positive to COVID-19 which includes, how to self-isolate effectively. If the person is unable to safely self-isolate by themselves (e.g. due to their young age), a parent or carer should self-isolate with them.

The entire household must also self-isolate for 7 days from the date of the positive person's test. They should follow the advice for people exposed to COVID-19 and take a test as soon as possible, have another test on Day 6 and at any time COVID-19 symptoms appear.

If another person in your household tests positive to COVID-19, that person must restart their 7 day self-isolation period from the date of their positive test, even if they don't have any symptoms.

Other household members who test negative, do not need to re-start their 7 day self-isolation period. They also do not have to self-isolate again anytime in the following 14 days unless they test positive.

People who test positive to COVID-19 and complete their 7-day self-isolation period do not have to test or self-isolate as any type of contact for 12 weeks after their release.



#### **Kiss and Ride**

Don't forget the Kiss and Ride area that is on Jamison Street must be used correctly. If you have parked in that area, please do not exit your vehicle to chat with other parents. This is often a point of frustration for parents that are wanting to pick up their child and get away from the school swiftly however are unable to, due to the congestion in the area.





## Walking home from school

The school will be running programs throughout the year to educate our children on road safety. If your children walk home from school, please take the time to discuss with them the safest way to do so. Working collaboratively with our community is key to developing all our student's understanding of road safety. If you have any questions or concerns about this, don't hesitate to get in contact with the school.

## **Harmony Day**

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Harmony Day event. The turn out we had from our parents was such a pleasure to see, our students had such a fantastic time learning all about inclusiveness, respect and the idea that people of all different cultures can make a valuable contribution to society as well as performing for the wonderful parent audience.







#### **Koala Rescue Visit**

Our students had the best time getting their hands dirty with Marcus from Koala Rescue. Marcus is working collaboratively with our school to grow trees. When the trees have grown enough, the leaves will be used to feed koalas that have been rescued. Each students was able to plant a tree that they will be able to look after for the remainder of their time at Luddenham Public School.







#### **Easter Hat Parade**

On Thursday 7th April, we will be holding an Easter Hat Parade. Students and families can choose to make a hat related to Easter or they can choose to create and wear any other crazy hat of their choice. Students are to wear normal school uniform and make sure they have their school hat for recess and lunch.

The parade will be held under the COLA at 10 am and parents are more than welcome to come and watch, as long as social distancing is adhered to. The Parade will be followed by an exciting Easter egg hunt in the grounds of the school, where parents are invited to team up with their children (parents can even wear their own Easter hat if they wish!) After the hunt, parents are most welcome to stay and share recess with their child.

Our wonderful P and C will be having a free sausage sizzle for all attendees. Please ensure you have returned the sausage sizzle form to the school office by no later than 9am on Wednesday April 6.



# Captain's Report

Things have gone great in Term One.

In the playground, we have been doing lacrosse with Tim every Friday. It is going really smoothly, and we are all enjoying it and improving our skills every week. We have also noticed that there are rarely ever issues in the playground, which is also great. On the odd occasion when there has been a problem, we always manage to recover quickly from them. We are hoping that the rain holds off some more so that we get to enjoy more of our beautiful playground.

We also are very thankful that we had some parents come to our Harmony Day assembly last Monday and that so many parents came up to meet our teachers.

Finally, we are looking forward to the Easter Hat Parade. As we are in Year Six, it will be our last one ever. Even though we feel a little silly wearing them, many of us do secretly like it and we do love how cute the little kids look.

Until next time.....

Lucey, Orion, Tim and Levi

## **Principal's Report**

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of our wonderful school. We have loved having parents back on site this term and really appreciate the tremendous turnouts that we have had for events such as Harmony Day and our Meet the Teacher afternoon. Hopefully, we will be having more onsite events in Term 2 and will keep you updated on these events early next term.

Our students have done a fantastic job of settling back into being in the classroom this year. Students are focused on doing their best and have been making impressive gains. It has been a pleasure to walk into all our classrooms and see such a high level of engagement. We are looking forward to seeing continued progress for our students throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work our teaching staff has put into this term. Their dedication and professionalism should not go unnoticed and makes a big difference to our students lives. Don't hesitate to say thank you if you happen to run into your child's teacher at school, a compliment can change someone's day!

Take care over the Easter break, I hope everyone gets the chance to relax and enjoy time with your family. Students return to school on Wednesday April 27, see you then.

Sean Holmes Principal



Getting in contact with the school

If you do need to get in contact with the school, there are a few different ways to do so.

Phone: 024773411 between 8.30am – 3pm

Email: <u>Luddenham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/luddenhamps/">https://www.facebook.com/luddenhamps/</a>

Facebook will be used to update our community about what is happening week to week in our school and about upcoming events. Teachers may also choose to use their own class platforms to update their class community about what is happening.