Beijing Experimental
Having slowly built a reputation for embracing the pursuit of intercultural understanding, the Beijing Experimental School was extremely thrilled to secure a 3 day hosting at LEPS last week. Miss Medana and Miss Zeng again produced an excellent program that provided 18 primary aged Chinese students an authentic Australian classroom experience. DEC funding for accepting these International Study Tours allows LEPS to subsidise our teachers’ ongoing visits to Korea and China.

Welcome Back Night
Friday 27th February 2015
5.30pm - 8.30pm
$28 per family for early bird bookings (closes 20 February)
$35 per family (cash only) on the night

Have Your Say in our Survey
As part of the new school planning and reporting cycle, we are inviting you to participate in our consultative decision making process. We would appreciate your feedback in identifying new opportunities, directions, strengths and any areas for improvement.

Thank you for completing this survey. All responses are confidential.

Skoolbag
Have you downloaded the Skoolbag app yet? Time is running out as we will soon be sending all communications via this app. Over 615 people have downloaded the app already. For instructions on how to get this app onto your smartphone visit www.skoolbag.com.au

It's easy!
Community Awareness of Policing Program (CAPP)

LEPS father and North Shore Local Area Command, Acting Inspector Scott Horwood kindly invited me to join with other community leaders and the media this week to take a look behind the scenes of Chatswood Police Station. Inspector Horwood has initiated the Community Awareness of Policing Program (CAPP). Its aim is to strengthen relationships with services within the broader community including Education, the media, local council, Rotary, The Salvation Army and Health. This unique experience provided a ‘day in the life’ insight into the complexities and challenges found within the workplace of the NSW Police Force. Presentations by Superintendent Doreen Cruickshank, the Dog Squad, Crime Scene Investigators, Custody team, Highway Patrol and the Weapons Training all showcased a level of professionalism that we should feel comforted by and proud of.

School Tour Dates 2015

Thursday 19 March
Thursday 21 May
Thursday 18 June
Thursday 30 July
Thursday 27 August
Thursday 22 October
Thursday 19 November Years 1-6 new students only

All tours commence at 9:30am outside the Library and take approximately 45 minutes
Welcome Back Night
The 2015 Welcome Back Night will be held on Friday 27 February. The WBN committee will run the event with the help of Year 1 parents. The WBN committee are calling for volunteers now to help man the many stalls required for an enjoyable and successful night. If you are able to help please call Tania Moran on 0419 484 779 or email tania@crystalecho.com. Alternatively, you can add yourself to the Welcome Back Night roster through the Google Docs link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ejIdb7FOO7hCa8QotztCoWjq3RyzLMeQ2Tiyjw9mf8/edit?usp=sharing

Hand, Foot and Mouth disease
A student who attends Lindfield East Public School has been diagnosed with Hand, Foot and Mouth disease. Hand, Foot and Mouth disease is generally a mild illness caused by the coxsackievirus. It is not a serious illness and mainly occurs in children under 10 years of age but can occur in older children and adults. When symptoms do occur, they include blisters that start as small red dots which later become ulcers. Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums, and on the sides of tongue as well as on the hands and feet. Children can sometimes have a low fever, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may be off their food for a day or two. Hand, foot and mouth disease is usually spread by person-to-person contact. Good hygiene is the best protection: washing hands with soap and water after toileting and before eating.
We suggest that should any person develop some or all of the above symptoms they consult their local doctor and mention that there has been a case of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease in the school.

App of the Week
Popplet Lite
Popplet is a tool to capture and organise ideas. Ideas can be quickly jotted down and sorted visually.

A great tool for the classroom, students use Popplet to think and learn visually. By capturing facts, thoughts and images, students learn to create relationships between them and generate new ideas.

Key features of Lite:
+ One Popplet board
+ Capture notes in text
+ Capture notes with images
+ Capture notes with a drawing tool
+ Change the colour of your notes and Popplet board
+ Link notes to each other visually
+ Export as PDF as JPEG
+ Pinch to zoom and expand
+ Multi Language Support

To view a list of all the apps,
Parent Workshop

As part of the school’s commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle, we are offering parents of students in Kindergarten a free one hour workshop hosted by Claire Southwood-Jones, Health Promotion Officer from Northern Sydney Local Health District. The workshop will focus on healthy eating and avoiding food wastage. Topics include:
- healthy lunchboxes
- Australian dietary guidelines
- serve sizes
- getting to know food labels
- tips for avoiding food wastage.

The workshop will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 3 March, from 10:00 to 11:00am.

If you would like to attend, please complete a confirmation slip available at the office and return by Friday 20 February, 2015.

iPad Parent Information Evening

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If you would like to attend the session, please confirm your attendance by returning the slip to the ‘iPad Parent Session’ box at the front office by Friday 20 February.

(Please refer to the note in this edition of The Lyrebird)
12 February 2015

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Dr Kristy Goodwin is the Director of Every Chance to Learn and an Honorary Associate at Macquarie University. She delivers Teacher Professional Learning (TPL) workshops and parent seminars related to digital technologies and early learning and brain development. She has worked as a primary school and early childhood teacher for thirteen years in a range of educational settings. In 2004, she was awarded a NSW Quality Teaching Award and in 2007 was awarded an Australian Postgraduate Scholarship for her doctoral studies at Macquarie University, exploring the impact of digital technologies on young children’s learning.

During the information evening, Dr Goodwin will inform parents how iPads are being used at LEPS and provide an overview of the specific TPL that she has facilitated at school and how this pedagogical approach leads to best teaching practice. This workshop will also help parents find healthy and helpful ways to use touch technologies with their children at home, with an emphasis on screen-time, digital health & practical ways to prevent “appcidents”. Time-permitting, there may also be an opportunity for parents to explore some of the specific apps being used during a ‘hands-on’ session of the workshop. For more information about Dr Goodwin or her parent workshops, visit: www.everychancetolearn.com.au.

In addition to Dr Goodwin, Mr Lowe will also provide an overview of the Year 6 ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) program commencing this term, which allows one-to-one access to iPads/iPad Minis for all Year 6 students at school.

If you would like to attend the session, please confirm your attendance and return the slip below to the ‘iPad Parent Session’ box at the front office by Friday 20 February.

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Name: ______________________________ Child’s class: _____________
Signature: ___________________________ Date:__________________
Swimming Carnival
The sun shone brilliantly, House chants echoed through the bush and records were pursued and smashed… sounds like another successful LEPS Swimming Carnival! Thank you to the amazing parents who helped in so many ways as officials, lifesavers, caterers, and enthusiastic supporters of future Olympians! Thank you also to our PE teacher extraordinaire, Mr T, who runs a very organised, efficient and enjoyable day. Such events are very important in children’s lives – they help create the happy memories of primary school life that they carry into the future.

Reminder: Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Parent Information Night is Wednesday 18th February

Dance2BFit Returns
We are very pleased to welcome back the teachers from Dance2BFit who are running the dance program for all students K-6 this term. Dance2BFit it is an energetic, innovative and fun way for children to get fit learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time.

Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus. Students will learn a range of routines suitable for their age and ability level as well as develop their confidence and skill in this area of the Arts.
We’re bending over backwards to provide excellent health and wellbeing programs with yoga!
As part of our commitment to Student Welfare and Wellbeing at LEPS, we are continuing our yoga lessons this year with our favourite yoga teacher, Miss Stacy from Yoga to Go. Last year, this initiative proved very popular, with clear benefits identified by students, teachers and parents. The program has been developed through the Australian Sports Commission and follows the guidelines of the Premier’s Council for Active Living NSW. The 40 minute lessons introduce children to skills such as balance, endurance, strength, concentration, relaxation and maintaining a positive outlook in a fun way. Year 4 will be attending classes in Term 1, and other grades will follow throughout the year.

House Captains 2015
Congratulations to our House Captains for 2015!
Lawson
Captains: Harry F and Carla R-M
Vice Captains: Lilli S, Taine G

Mackellar
Captains: Jamie K, Sandra H
Vice Captains: Claudia P, Ashleigh O

Paterson
Captains: Jason Y, Isabelle S
Vice Captains: Ben B, Lauren R

Kendall
Captains: Lillian J, Maisie B
Vice Captains: Carina S, Gracie S

These leaders have been voted in by members of each sporting House because they exhibit qualities of sportsmanship, fairness, co-operation, honesty and integrity. At our carnivals, we’re sure they will be worth their weight in gold as they motivate their house members, lead chants, relay information, encourage participation and make decisions. Well done, House Captains and Vice-Captains!

Reminder to order your copy of Sarah Brennan’s new book The Tale of Rodney Ram
Tomorrow is the last day to order your copy of this new book by popular children’s author, Sarah Brennan. Sarah will be visiting our school soon to introduce The Tale of Rodney Ram to students in Years 3 - 6 as part of our celebration of Chinese New Year. If you would like Sarah to autograph the book, please place your order with $15 in the pigeon hole at the front office. Spare order forms are at the front office also – but be quick! They are being collected at 3pm sharp!
Name: Andy
Class: 4SC

Dear Bilbo Baggins,

For one such as myself, I have absolutely no experience in defeating dragons. Now here am I, reading a book called The Hobbit, learning about your adventures. I felt very close to an adventure when I skied down the Mountains at a fast speed. I was at Japan. Soon I dashed through the trees. There was a slope and I stabilized and slammed through the snow in a pace. Soon I made it down and visited my relatives again, for the second time. But time was short. The Airbus (Airlane) took off and in all of a sudden I was here. Right now I am writing a letter as you expected to do in the library. Right now.

From an anonymous reader.
Latest P&C News

The 2014 Annual General Meeting and the first General Meeting of 2015 were held on 10 February 2015 at the school staff room. I am very happy to report that all of the executive roles were filled, and that most of the convenor roles were filled. A list of the successful members is below. Minutes are available on the website at lepspandc.asn.au.

Unfortunately, volunteers have not come forward to take on the roles of convenor of Creative Workshops or Parents' Auxiliary. The next meeting of the P&C - the first with the new team - will be on 17 March, and I urge anyone interested in taking a role to attend that meeting and volunteer for either of these vacancies. As I wrote in the Lyrebird last year and again early this year, it is important that our community understands that without volunteers there is no guarantee that the P&C can continue to provide services.

On a personal note, thank you to all of those who have attended meetings during my two year tenure, and to all those who did not attend but nevertheless volunteered when things had to get done. I have named many in previous messages and won't do so again here, other than to mention that I am also appreciative of the assistance provided by Andrew Stevenson and his team, especially Diane Read, Rachel Watkins, Louise Scope and Deb Dukino.

I wish the new team all the best, and am confident that LEPS will continue to be the wonderful place for our kids it has been for many years.

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Rob Mills

President 2014 (retd)
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FROM TERM 1, 2015 THE CANTEEN IS SWITCHING TO ONLINE ORDERING ONLY!!
Families wanting to place lunch orders will need to set up an account with School24, BEFORE the end of Week 5 of Term 1, 2015! Cash orders accepted until then ONLY.

School24 offers families an easy & convenient way to order lunches. Getting started is quick, easy and secure. All you need to do is: www.lepsandc.asn.au/canteen, to access a Summary on the school 24 system. Visit school24 at www.school24.com.au
Set up an online account, following the prompts. Our unique school code is: 25157963
Within your account set up each child and their class.
Top up your account with any amount using cash (delivered to the canteen WITH ACCOUNT NAME QUOTED, NOT YOUR CHILD’S NAME), your credit card or PayPal account (small charges apply for credit card and PayPal) You are now ready to place your orders.

Online Ordering Rules:
Orders can be taken online at any time and for any number of days into the future.
Online ordering closes at 9.00am sharp on the day that the order is for.

Information on your School24 account:
Your account will show how much credit you have left.
When you run out, simply top up your account online with any amount.
The funds remain in your account until used (even over Christmas holidays).
Refunds will be given for unused funds only in exceptional circumstances such as leaving the school or long term illness (as the refund process is a manual cheque based process).
You can top up with cash or by credit card or PayPal:
a 2.4% fee will be charged per top up for PayPal fees, plus a $2 admin fee.
cash top ups are free of charge.
Funds collected by Schools24 are transferred to the LEPS P&C Canteen account on a monthly basis (hence the admin fee).
We hope that all families will adopt the online system to order lunches. If you have any questions please contact the canteen on 9415-6236, between 9am and 1.30pm on school days.
Dr Shoe will be on school site on 17 March from 8:30 to 9:30am.
Contact is max@drshoe.com.au

BASC NEWS

Welcome to all our new and regular families!

At the moment we are running at capacity and due to Regulations are unable to exceed our numbers. We open at 7.15 and close at 6.15. Kindergarten After School Care start date has now been changed to 23rd February. Kindergarten must be picked up by 5pm until 20th Feb – they do tire very easily as will soon find out! So at the moment we only have limited casual places for Thursday, Friday afternoons and Thursday and Friday morning. Please call 9416.1357 (24 hours) If your child will not be attending their booking as we lose valuable time trying to contact parents of missing children. A $10 search fee will now apply so hopefully that will encourage you to remember to call.

We have a whiteboard at the entrance to keep you informed on important reminders information (and Edie’s joke of the day) so please get into the habit of reading it each day.

We do a fun filled program planned for the term, details next time.

Friday 13 March from 6:00 – 7:30pm is our welcome family BBQ. We hope you can all join us for this popular event. Please bring your family drinks and nibbles. Sausages supplied. Please book at the sign in/out area.

Friday 13th (tomorrow) is Tye Dye day so release your inner hippy and please bring 100% cotton white T-shirt or pillow case.

Rebecca
Welcome to all new and returning Band members and families. We have around 123 children in the LEPS Bands this year. Thank you for all the band parents’ co-operation on the Band Registration Evening. Thank you to all the wonderful people who have put themselves forward for the Band Committee this year.

**BAND CAMP MARCH 13 Friday– 15 Sunday (Concert & Performance Band ONLY)**

All Band Camp permission forms are now overdue! *It is very important that we know how many children will be attending Band Camp in order for us to finalise our booking at the Collaroy Centre.*

**Permission forms:** Thanks to all parents who have returned their permission forms. If you're yet to do this, please leave forms in the band box at school by this Friday February 13 at the very latest. If your child won't be attending camp, or has withdrawn from band please let us know as soon as possible. We will notify parents of the cost of the camp on Monday February 16 and payment will be due by Friday February 20.

**Action plans:** If your child has a medical issue, asthma or anaphylaxis you are required to submit an action plan to the camp coordinator as soon as possible please.

**Parent roster:** We still more parent volunteers to help at band camp to ensure the safety of our children and the smooth running of the camp. Please add your name to the volunteer roster by clicking on the following link - Band Camp Roster. If you volunteer yourselves to stay overnight, you will need to have a valid Working With Children Check. If you haven't got one, you will need to complete a Working With Children Check. Please forward your WWCC number or application number (starting with APP) to Julie-Ann Sheridan - jasheridan@optusnet.com.au (LEPS Band Camp Coordinator 2015).

**PARENT ROSTER**

The roster for each week will be published in fortnightly Lyrebird as a reminder.

**Please be on time for rehearsal duty.** If you are unable to attend, it’s important that you find a substitution or arrange a swap.

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Training Band - please bring along Band folders & instruments for rehearsals.
*Monday parents on duty, please come to the hall first and you will be direct to your allocated classroom

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**Important Dates for Term 1**
- Band Committee Meeting - Thursday Feb 19 (7pm staff room)
- PB Welcome Back Night Performance - Friday Feb 21
- Band Camp (CB & PB only) - Friday Mar 13 to Sun Mar 15
- Band Committee Meeting - Thursday Mar 26 (7pm staff room)
- State Election BBQ Fundraising - Sat Mar 28

Thank you.

*Elise Lee (0416 088 806 / elise_lee@optusnet.com.au)*

*Band Convenor on behalf of the Band Committee*

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**WELCOME TO LEPS**

**Welcome to LEPS - New Enrolments Years 1–6**
Starting at a new school can be overwhelming for children & parents alike. There are so many new faces & new routines to learn, and even if you have had children enrolled for a while, in our big school you may still feel a little lost.
We have a lovely tradition at our school of casual coffee shop catch-ups in our neighbourhood café. We aim to make you feel part of this wonderful community. Come along and join us one day

**Where:** The Deli in the Park (café in the row of shops off Wellington Rd, East Lindfield)

**When:** Thursday Morning, from 9:15am on:

| 5 February | 19 February | 5 March | 23 March | 30 April |

Please look out for the WTLEPS table at Welcome Back Night, and join us in celebrating the new school year!
To help us connect you with the other parents in your child's class or start answering your queries, please email your names and contact details to: welcome2leps@gmail.com
We would love to meet you, and we welcome all your feedback.

Kind regards

*Debbie Jenkins (0419 258 650) & Eleanor Macintyre (0422 799 429) On behalf of LEPS Parent’s Auxiliary*