LEPS EXECUTIVE REPORT

Menindee Sister School Visit
Our sister school relationship with Menindee Central School in the far west of NSW continues to strengthen as it moves into its sixth year of operation. This week, Ms Read and Miss Schrieber are leading the second of three student delegations making the 1000km trip in 2015.

Intercultural understanding remains the underpinning rationale for the partnership. LEPS students have the opportunity in Menindee and Broken Hill to learn about the history and customs of the Paarkinji people who have lived along the Darling River for tens of thousands of years. Tribal elders have been teaching LEPS students how to cook, fish and dance during their stay.

Leadership Learning for Senior Students
Each year, the school executive meets with our student leaders for a ‘Student Voice Day’ where our leaders reflect on their school experience and make suggestions for improvements in a range of areas. Last year, one suggestion was for more leadership opportunities for Year 6 students. We listened to their suggestion and this year have provided a wide range of opportunities for senior students to attend camps, workshops and video conferences to work with others and learn about leadership. Currently, as noted above, sixteen students are in Menindee visiting our City / Country Alliance school, Menindee Central School. This past weekend, eight students attended a ‘Future Leaders’ camp where they developed a School Action Plan, and the week before, six others attended another leadership camp where they reflected on the qualities of a leader, how different styles of leadership benefit a group, and how they can build and develop their own skills of leadership. Thank you to the teachers who give up family and personal time to accompany students on these camps. Teachers attend camps voluntarily and without their generosity our students would not have these amazing opportunities to extend themselves.

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Debating Season
The Ryde District and Premier’s Debating Competitions are well underway, with debaters from LEPS competing against other schools each week. Last week, Sasha O, Lucy W, Ryan L and Nathan C put up a spirited defence against West Pymble Public School with the proposition, ‘Children should only watch TV at the weekend.’ Adjudicator extraordinaire Mrs Judy Fullthorpe commented that it was a very close debate, with excellent arguments put forward by both teams. Today, our Premier’s Debating team competed against Chatswood on the topic ‘Primary School kids should be banned from using the internet’. Well done, debaters! Thank you to Miss Michelle Schrieber and Miss Lauren Mason who are mentoring the debaters this year. Extra-curricular activities such as debating can only go ahead if teachers are willing to devote significant amounts of non-teaching time to them, and we are very fortunate that their generosity enables our students to have such a wide range of rich opportunities.

Have your say about Special Religious Education (Scripture) & Special Education in Ethics (Ethics)
The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools. The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. It will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers. If you would like to complete the survey, you can have a say until 31 July 2015 via an online contributions portal, located at http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers

Lyrebirds Rugby Success
Blue skies and cold temperatures were perfect rugby conditions at Boronia Park on Monday for the NSW Rugby - Lower North Shore 7’s a side competition. With the 2016 Olympics in Rio featuring this short, fast form of the sport, 7’s rugby has potentially a strong future. Our Lyrebirds played with determination and speed to take out the Junior A competition with the Senior A’s, Runners Up.

LEPS have gone back to back as the Kuringgai Zone PSSA Cross Country Champions. A dominant display saw the team finish well ahead of our rival schools and qualify 11 runners for the June 11 Area Carnival in Gosford.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition
This week, four talented speakers from LEPS competed against speakers from other schools in the prestigious Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Matthew W (4MH), Matthew F (4SC), Adam C (6LN) and Jessica L (5EW) presented prepared speeches followed by impromptu speeches. They were fortunate to have Mr Tony Davey, co-ordinator of the competition in the Department of Education Arts Unit, as adjudicator. He commented that the standard of speaking was the highest he had ever seen at this level, so the competition was fierce! Our speakers did extremely well and represented the school admirably, with Matthew W being ‘Highly Commended’. Well done to our fabulous public speakers for all their hard work!
LEPS String Ensemble Perform at the Eisteddfod

Early in the morning, I woke up and I was feeling both nervous and excited because today is the String Ensemble’s competition at Sydney Eisteddfod. My family and I went to Chatswood Concourse for this event. It was awesome to be part of this. Everyone in the String Ensemble has worked hard and today is our time to play confidently on stage. After the performance my parents said they are so proud of me and my younger sister, Lenice! We got highly commended.

Thank you Mr William Tu for conducting, Mr Yan for volunteering his time to tutor our Violin students and last but not least, David H 6JR to be our piano accompanist. It was a really fun and fantastic day!

By Lebelle C 6JR

Sport Choices for Term 3 for non-PSSA Children in Grades 3 – 6

Children in Grades 3 – 6 who competed in a PSSA team in Term 2 will continue in that team throughout Term 3. For children who are NOT in a PSSA team, selection for school sport in Term 3 will be available again through Google Docs. The sport choices will be open from Wednesday 10th June at 5pm to Saturday 13th June at 5pm. As last term, places in each sport will be allocated on a “first in, first allocated” basis. All sports options are mixed grade, ability and gender. All children in Grades 3 – 6 who are not in a PSSA team must make a selection about sport for Term 3. The sports we are offering this term are:

- Netball
- Circus Skills
- Tennis
- Indoor Soccer
- AFL
- Tenpin Bowling

To select a sport, please go to http://tinyurl.com/lepssport2015

Information about prices and locations of these sports will be on the site next week, but selection will only be able to be made when the site opens on Wednesday 10th June at 5pm. Payment for the sport your child does throughout the term will appear on your Term 3 Schedule of Payments. For further information, please contact Mrs Dukino in the office or Miss Schrieber (school sport co-ordinator).

Ryde Schools’ Spectacular Preparations

Miss Marquet is working hard with the LEPS choir to learn all the songs for the Ryde Schools’ Spectacular which will be performed at the Sydney Opera House on Monday November 2. Last week, the choir attended a combined rehearsal with over 600 students from many local schools. Thank you to Miss Marquet for all the hard work she is doing with the choir.

Australian Girls’ Choir

Congratulations to Carla R-M (6LN) who will be singing a solo as part of the Australian Girls’ Choir soon. The choir will be singing in front of an audience of several thousand at the Hillsong Convention centre. Well done, Carla - what an honour!
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at http://education.gov.au/notice.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Peter Traynor, Learning and Support Teacher.
Term Dates for 2015

School Tour Dates 2015

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 & take approximately 45 minutes

Term Dates for 2015

Term 2

Monday 20 April
Tuesday 21 April
Monday 8 June
Friday 26 June

Staff Development day
Students Return
Public Holiday Queen’s Birthday
Last Day Term 2

Term 3

Monday 13 July
Tuesday 14 July
Friday 18 September

Staff Development Day
Students Return
Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Monday 5 October
Tuesday 6 October
Wednesday 16 December
Thursday 17 & Friday 18 December

Public Holiday
Staff & Students Return
Last Day Term 4
Staff Development Days

Bendigo Bank will be collecting students banking every Wednesday morning.

Any new students wishing to commence school banking please go to the Bendigo Bank in Lindfield with identification (eg Birth Certificate/Passport) and open an account.
CARE & RESPECT AWARDS

Years K - 2, Term 2 - Week 5
Cooper  KMS
Mia      KRC
Syrena   1VW
Emily    1RN
Charlotte 2FR
Jonathan 2TN

Years 3 - 6, Term 2 - Week 5
Ryan      5/6EW
Sameen   4MH
Lachlan   3CE
Riley     4ME
Jared     5ST
Ella      4MH

Years K - 2, Term 2 - Week 6
Sarah    KKM
Henry    KMC
Josh     1HT
Jesse    1RN
Chris    2FR
Stacy    2CM

Years 3 - 6, Term 2 - Week 6
Katie    6LN
Mary     5LM
Sam      5LM
Caitlin  3RF
Samuel   4SC
Jack     4ME

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 1 - Friday 5 June  Menindee Excursion
Monday 8 June                Public Holiday
Thursday 11 June             Grandparent’s Day
Thursday 11 June             Athletics Carnival
Thursday 11 June             Area Cross Country
Tuesday 16 June              P&C Meeting
Wednesday 17 June            Year 6 Photo
Thursday 18 June             Musica Viva K - 6

ICAS Tests for Students Years 3-6 2015

English                      Thursday 30 July
Mathematics                   Monday 10 August
**PSSA SPORT**

**Following are the venues for PSSA Sport in Term 2**

**Division 1 Soccer**

**Friday 5 June**
Lindfield East vs Lindfield @ Edenborough Oval

**Friday 12 June**
Lindfield East vs Gordon east @ Tryon Oval

**Friday 19 June**
Lindfield East vs Killara @ Allan Small Oval

**Friday 26 June**
Lindfield East vs St Ives North @ Tryon Oval

**Division 2 Soccer**

**Friday 5 June**
Lindfield East vs Beaumont road @ Wellington Oval

**Friday 12 June**
Lindfield East vs Chatswood @ Roseville Park

**Friday 19 June**
Lindfield East vs Roseville @ Roseville Chase Oval

**Friday 26 June**
Lindfield East vs Pymble @ Mimosa Oval

All netball games will be played at Canoon Road, Turramurra.

All AFL games will be played at St Ives Showground.

All Girls soccer games will be played at St Ives Village Green.

**Games will commence at approximately 9:45am**

**PSSA SPORT REPORT**

**Netball**
Junior Gold played Roseville and lost 13-1. Player of the match was Ruby.
Senior Gold played St Ives North and won 39-2. Player of the match was Meg.
Senior B played Lindfield and lost 22-1. Player of the match was Sophie.
Senior Red played Roseville and won 22-9. Player of the match was Jason.
Senior Blue played Roseville and lost 11-6. Player of the match was Lilah.

**Girls Soccer**

**Week 3**
Junior 1 played Pymble and won 7-0. Junior 2 played Pymble and won 2-0.
Senior 1 played Pymble and won 1-0. Senior 2 played Pymble and lost 0-4.

**Week 4**
Junior 1 played West Pymble and won 2-0. Junior 2 played Lindfield and won 5-0.
Senior 1 played West Pymble and won 1-0. Senior 2 played Lindfield and won 2-1.

**Week 5 - Rained out**

**Week 6**
Junior 1 played St Ives north and won 2-1. Junior 2 played Pymble and lost 0-2.
Senior 1 had a bye. Senior 2 played Pymble and lost 0-2.
Last Thursday May 28, 48 students represented LEPS at St Ives Showground in the 2015 Ku-ring-gai Zone Cross Country Carnival. It was one of my proudest days. The juniors lead the way with amazing results, with the senior runners replicating the juniors, placing wonderfully!!! Determination, courage, teamwork, hard work and spirit was on display from the LEPS team. It really was beautiful to watch and be a part of.

A special thanks from myself and the students goes out to those parents who assisted in training and volunteered as team managers and course officials on the day.

Overall a fantastic result LEPS. Good luck to those students that placed in the top 6, who will be representing the Ku-ring-gai Zone at the Sydney North Area Carnival on June 11 at

**Under 8, 9 Girls**
1st - Amber H
12th – Sigrid B
17th – Olivia L
22nd Mia H
26th – Emily T

**Under 8, 9 Boys**
8th – Max L
12th – Henry F
16th – Christian K
35th – Callum O

**Under 10 Girls**
4th - Annabel H
13th – Caitlin T

**Under 10 Boys**
4th - Nicholas N
6th - Max H
7th – Benji W
9th – Max L
21st – Josh F
36th – Matthew W

**Under 11 Girls**
1st - Isobel B
14th – Lillian R
35th – Pippa C
36th – Eliza N

**Under 11 Boys**
1st - James F
4th - James P
10th Daniel D

**Under 12 Girls**
3rd - Samantha G
4th - Sophie T
10th Sasha O
15th – Emma R
22nd - Maise B
25th – Amy B

**Under 12 Boys**
1st - Harry F
2nd - Kealey A
13th – Hugh C
15th – Elliott H
18th – Adam C

**Well Done.**

*Phil Tilsley*

**Overall Results**

*Lindfield East 1st on 815*, Roseville 2nd on 662, Pymble 3rd on 625, St Ives North 4th on 593, Lindfield 5th on 542, Gordon East 6th on 382, Gordon West 7th on 369, Beaumont Road 8th on 339, West Pymble 9th on 292, Chatswood 10th on 256, St Ives 11th on 212, Killara 12th on 142, St Ives Park 13th on 59.
Last week, all Year 3 students visited the Kimbriki Eco Garden and Resource Recovery Centre at Ingle-side. This excursion forms part of LEPS’ Environmental Education Program and provides a foundation for students to become part of the ‘Green Team’ when they move to Year 4. This team does a marvellous job with recycling in the school and helping to look after our eco garden. More information about Kimbriki can be found at http://www.kimbriki.com.au/

Here are some written and visual reflections from the students:

Last Wednesday 3MM and 3MS went to Kimbriki eco house and garden. To get there we went on the bus. My bus partner was Jack and sitting in front of us were Ryan and Angus. To pass the time Jack and I played celebrity heads.

After we got to Kimbriki we met our mentor, Peter Rutherford. He told us how we could make the world a better place. He also played a drum. Then he played something else, which was a bit like a drum. It was one some German scientists had made. Next, we went to the eco garden, where we went to ther worm farm. He told us a lot of interesting facts, so many in fact, I can’t recall all of them. But, did you know, a worm has 5 hearts? When we had finished morning tea we were ready to go on the bus.

On the bus we met our second mentor, Jen. She showed us the shredder, the garbage truck for crushing rubbish. Finally we went back to school. I loved our excursion. Cooper 3MM

On Wednesday 3MM & 3MS went on a bus to Kimbriki for an excursion.

3MM went first. When we got inside we met Pete. After that we talked about how to make the world a better place, what an ecologist is and the 3 R’s which were Reduce Reuse Recycle

Furthermore, he played the drums. After that we went into the eco garden. In the eco garden first we ate tooth ache plant, it doesn’t make you have a tooth ache. Then we learnt about worms. We got to hold them. I was grossed out. Finally we had recess, I was starving. Lastly we went on a bus tour then we got back to school.

I loved the excursion and I want those instruments. Ashleigh 3MM

Did you know that eating a ‘toothache plant’ makes your tongue numb? Keira
Did you know that a worm is a boy and a girl and has 5 hearts? Nicholas
Did you know that soil is really worm poo? Erynn
Did you know that everything in the Eco Garden is made of recycled objects? Brandon
Did you know that every bit of food we eat comes from soil? Caitlin
Did you know that worms breathe through their skin? Amber
Did you know that the Eco House is made almost fully out of recycled materials? Liam
Did you know that Kimbriki recycles almost everything? Brandon
Did you know that all their toilet walls are filled with straw? Lee
Did you know that Kimbriki has Eco Friendly toilets? Olivia
Did you know that pedalling a bike can generate energy? Sahara
Did you know that there are 4 ‘R’ words? Emily They are…..

By 3RF

RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Artwork by Keira in 3RF
Eight children from 2CM competed in a Checkers Tournament which was held during Terms 1 and 2. They were Alex B, Alexander H, Celine H, Charlie P, Jonathan L, Moon J, Oliver M and Sam R. Sam got the idea to organise the tournament when Mrs McNamara said 2Cm could have free play one Friday afternoon. Any child in 2CM was eligible to enter. The games of checkers were played during 2Cm’s free play times and at lunch times. The grand finalists were Sam and Moon with Sam winning a very close game. “It was very fun and exciting,” said Moon. “It was a tough game and Moon nearly beat me” said Sam. He added, “Thank you to everyone who watched the grand final outside the hall at lunch time.”

The finalists are shown here with their trophies made by Sam’s pop. The other participants received certificates.

Sam & Moon 2CM
On 2 June 015 the junior and senior Lyrebirds rugby teams competed in the lower north shore rugby gala day. For all 3 LEPS teams it was a very successful and enjoyable day with junior A’s (captain James B) ending on top winning the junior competition along with a trophy and all individual medals. The junior B’s didn’t win a trophy, but still had a fun time ending up 6th. The senior A’s also made it to the semis but did not retain 1st place but 4th. Still a good spot against many schools. All round it was a fun day, and a special thanks to Mr Stevenson, Mr Lowe and guest former captain Luke Reimer. For coming along as coach. Also thank you Mr Pho for organising the enjoyable event.

By Nick N and Max H.

On Tuesday morning at 8:20am we arrived at Mr Lowe’s classroom. We caught the bus to Boronia Park for the 7’s rugby gala day.

When we arrived it was around 9:20am. We did a half an hour of warm ups for a kick off at 10am. At 10am we played our first game. The whole team was very excited. It was time for the kick off, all the boys put in 100% for the whole game. Unfortunately, they scored early which led them to a successful win of 6-1.

The boys also had 3 more losses but came in 6th place. All the boys played in spirit and they did not give up.  

By Max L and Matt W
TERM 2 GUINEA PIG WEEKEND CARERS

WANTED!!!!
We had a wonderful response from families last term eager to take care of our school guinea pigs and we are hoping we can continue this for Term 2.

If you are interested in becoming involved please complete the form and return to the locked box in the front office. Supplies provided.

Weekend Guinea Pig Carers

Name: .............................................................  Child’s Name: ..............................................
Contact No: ......................................................
Availability: ...................................................................................................................
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Please list the weekend/s you are available

ECO GARDEN

The LEPS community enjoy the benefits of having a beautiful eco garden. To maintain this for all students we are CALLING ALL AVAILABLE GARDENERS.

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents interested in being involved in the maintenance and care of the Eco garden. Parent helpers could assist in weeding, watering and turning the compost bins when required.

We are hoping to once again establish the weekly market stall and require help to do so.

If you have any spare time, please complete the form and place in the locked box at the front office.

Eco Garden Volunteers

Name: .............................................................  Child’s Name: ..............................................
Contact No: ......................................................
Availability:  Monday ☐  Tuesday ☐
  Wednesday ☐  Thursday ☐
  Friday ☐
GRANDPARENTS’ DAY 2015
Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2 Parents

Grandparents’ Day will be held on Thursday 11 June 2015. Our visitors look forward to spending the time with their grandchildren. Some of them come a long way and appreciate a nice cup of tea or coffee and something delicious for morning tea. It has become a tradition for the parents of children in Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 to provide morning tea on Grandparents’ Day. Your donation of slices, cakes, sandwiches, etc. would be most appreciated. These can be delivered to the canteen before 9:00am on the day.

The Grandparents will be enjoying morning tea with the children after their visit to the classrooms and the K-2 concert.

We would appreciate help with setting up, serving morning tea and cleaning up on the day. If you are able to help please fill out the form below and return to the locked box at the Front Office, as soon as possible.

Julie Pitt
Assistant Principal

Grandparents’ Day Morning Tea
Thursday 11 June 2015

Name:  ............................................................................................................................

Child’s Name & Class: ...................................................................................................

Email: .............................................................................................................................

Yes, I am able to assist in the setting up at 8:30am  □

Yes, I am able to assist with serving at 11:00am and cleaning up from 12:15am □

I am able to bring a plate of ..........................................................................................

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