LEPS EXECUTIVE REPORT

Grandparents’ Day
Grandparents’ Day on Thursday 11 June was another resounding success, thanks to our hard working teachers in K-2 and the generosity of our parents who assisted with providing and serving morning tea. Grandparents and special friends visited classrooms before a concert in the assembly hall. Students in K-2 showcased their musical talents, under the guidance of Mrs Julie Slee, our music teacher. Between performances compere Mrs Julie Pitt engaged the audience with an entertaining quiz! Our eldest Grandparent was 88 and our youngest 50. We had some Grandparents from South Australia and a Grandpa that flew in from Hong Kong! Our grandparents shared interesting memories, one was a crocodile hunter! Some had met famous people, John Howard and Rudolph Nureyev. Thank you to the grandparents who attended five Grandparents days at LEPS! Thank you to all the grandparents who visited the school and to those who generously donated a book to the library. Select the link below to view a slideshow of photos. [http://photopeach.com/album/a5ox5g](http://photopeach.com/album/a5ox5g)

Athletics Carnival
Another LEPS carnival went ahead in fine style under some glowering clouds which dampened the track but not our spirits! Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Track and Field events. Our students showed commendable fitness and fine technique in running, long jump, discus and shot-put disciplines – not to mention the novelty events and tug-o-war!! Thank you to Mr Tilsley who once again organised and ran a top-class carnival, and Miss Medana whose novelty events are very much enjoyed. We also thank the group of Killara High School students and their teacher who cheerfully and energetically provided support. Thank you also to the parents who helped with a myriad of tasks including assisting at the events and providing hospitality. Your input is vital to the success of a carnival and very much appreciated by LEPS staff.

Munch Munch & the Big Bite
The canteen facade makeover is underway! LEPS Health & Well Being Coordinator, Sarah O’Kelly, along with the support of Killara HS Art Teacher, Fiona Hrcka will utilise the artistic talents of K-12 students to transform our tired canteen walls into something bright and inspirational over the holiday break. Congratulations to the winners of the SRC canteen name and motto competition:

- K-2 Munch Munch - Jonathan B 1DS
- 3-6 The Big Bite - So-Jean 3MS.
- Motto: Eat well, Play hard Patrick C 1CS
- Motto: Good food, Good life Mathew W 4MH

Looking for more news and photos about what’s happening at LEPS? Follow us on [http://www.facebook.com/LindfieldEastPublicSchool](http://www.facebook.com/LindfieldEastPublicSchool)
Menindee Winter Excursion
The annual visit to our sister school in Menindee proved to be another huge success with all 16 students thoroughly embracing the intercultural experience. The children actively participated with the school community; cooking their meals, teaching the K-2 students, learning and performing Polynesian and Aboriginal dance, playing touch football, fishing, a cross country run along the Darling River, making Johnny Cakes and even combining a variety of chemicals in the science lab. The highlight of the visit was the story of Isabel, performed by the Menindee community on Wednesday evening. Isabel shared her fascinating life story, as part of the Stolen Generation. It was a privilege to have been given the opportunity to view the performance and engage with the Menindee community. Please read the students’ reflections in this newsletter. Select the link to view the online photo album http://photopeach.com/album/16dywra

Blue Day
LEPS was awash in a sea of blue last week as students showed their support for Stewart House. Thank you to all who got into the spirit of the day, acknowledging the contribution LEPS and other Killara Schools Partnership schools make to this very worthwhile charity.

LEPS Public Speaking Competition
This week, children brought home a note about the LEPS Public Speaking Competition, which will take place next term. All students K-6 will have the opportunity to present a prepared speech to their class, with finals taking place in Week 8 of Term 3 in front of an external adjudicator. The ability to speak confidently in front of an audience is considered a highly desirable skill, and children at LEPS have the opportunity to develop this essential competency through a range of class activities as well as in a formal situation such as this competition. To help your child prepare for the competition, it’s a good idea to talk about the topics and oversee any research your child may want to do. A more natural style of delivery is preferable, so it’s better if children do not rehearse gestures or develop exaggerated styles of delivery. If you have not yet seen the note about the competition, please refer to the Skoolbag app or ask your child’s class teacher.

Hugh C speaking in Assembly
K-2 Assembly
Congratulation to 2FR and 1/2SE who entertained the K-2 assembly with two excellent and enjoyable performances. 2FR chose the delightful *A Duck Went to the Lemonade Stand* song, which was a lot of fun! 1/2SE showcased music, dancing, acting and mask-making with their lovely performance of *The Teddy Bear's Picnic*. Thank you to the teachers who put hours of work into these important and memorable moments – loved and remembered by children and parents alike!

School Sport
The ‘Circus Skills’ group are getting very good at a range of tricks!

We hope Mrs Elliott doesn’t run away to join the circus!

Welcome to Zeeko from Musica Viva
Today LEPS welcomed our Musica Viva partners for 2015 – the group Zeeko, who performed for all children. Students heard music from around the world that is inspired by the natural environment. Zeeko delivered a strong eco message and showed the connection between music and the natural world around us.

Another Amazing 3-6 Assembly!
LEPS student leaders are outdoing themselves at assemblies each fortnight. Last week, they confidently coordinated a busy assembly which showcased a variety of things happening in and around the school. The Strings Group performed two quality items and High C delivered a thoughtful speech on the value of *Doing Your Best*. Year 4 SRC Reps reported back on their trip to Stewart House, and we listened to a presentation about the situation facing our Nepalese sister schools. A swag of Merit Awards was handed out to worthy recipients, along with dozens of Silver Awards acknowledging students who have been awarded 12 Care and Respect Awards.
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

School Tour Dates 2015

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

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.
Friday 19 June
Kindergarten Excursion to Art Gallery

Tuesday 23 June
Police Band Visit

Wednesday 24 June
Sydney North Dance Festival Matinee

Friday 26 June
Last Day Term 2

Monday 13 July
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 14 July
Students Return

Monday 13 - Friday 17 July
State Music Camp

Friday 17 July
PSSA Commences

Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 July
Year 6 Camp

Monday 27 - Friday 31 July
Education Week

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**CARE & RESPECT AWARDS**

**Years K - 2, Term 2 - Week 8**

- Marcus  KJP
- Charlotte  KMC
- Angus  1RN
- Ethan  1DS
- Phoebe  2WS
- Eloise  2TN

**Years 3 - 6, Term 2 - Week 8**

- Harvey  3MM
- Felix  3MM
- Maddie  4JC
- Pie Yeong  4SC
- Noah  5ST
- Carla  6LN

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Years 3 - 6, Term 2 - Week 9**

- Signe  3MM
- Henry  4MH
- Abbie  5LM
- Caitlin  5ST
- Katie  6LN

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**ICAS Tests for Students Years 3-6 2015**

**English**  
**Mathematics**  
**Thursday 30 July**  
**Monday 10 August**
Following are the venues for PSSA Sport in Term 2

Division 1 Soccer

**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 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**

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**PSSA SPORT REPORT**

**Netball**

**Games played on Friday 5 June**
Junior Gold played Killara and lost 4-6. Player of the match was Fearne P.
Junior Red played Killara 2 and won 5-0. Player of the match was Emily E.
Junior Maroon played St Ives north and lost 2-4. Player of the match was Isabella T.

**Games played on Friday 12 June**
Junior Gold played Gordon West and lost 3-25. Player of the match was Izzy H.
Junior Maroon played Killara 2 and won 9-0. Player of the match was Chloe.
Junior Red played St Ives North and lost 0-4. Player of the match was Emma L.

**Games played on Friday 5 June**
Senior Gold played Roseville and won 22-6. Players of the match were Ashleigh and Sasha.
Senior Maroon played Roseville and won 15-8. Player of the match was Kate S.
Senior Red played Gordon East and lost 9-20. Player of the match was Vicky S.
Senior Blue played Chatswood and lost 1-6. Player of the match was ella D.

**Games played on Friday 12 June**
Senior Maroon played Killara and won 13-2. Player of the match was Sally N.
Senior Blue played Gordon West and lost 3-20. Player of the match was Vicky S.
Senior Gold played West Pymble and won 27-14. Player of the match was Katie S.
Senior Red played Gordon West and tied 13-13. Player of the match was everyone.
Menindee was really interesting. In the classroom I visited, there were three grades from year four to year six. Culturally it was quite different too - we saw the Outback, ate Johnny Cakes and did traditional dances. The out of school experiences like fishing in the lake, going to the wool sheds and touring the Royal Flying Doctor centre was fascinating. I feel really lucky to have had this experience with our sister school in the outback.  

By Saskia J

My experiences at Menindee have been unforgettable. I made pizza for everyone, danced a traditional dance for some Menindee students and even taught the K-1 class. But the best part has to be the Weeping Cloud performance, It was about a local aboriginal, who was part of the stolen generation.  

By Poppy M

When we arrived at Menindee Central Station, I was surprised that we were going to sleep in a train carriage, and I never knew the school didn’t have as many students as our school, even though it’s K-12. The school was pretty big because I got lost sometimes. Each classroom had 3 year groups in it because there wasn’t enough students for one whole class.  

By Jason Y

My reflection of Menindee was amazing. I learnt so many new things about how they lived so far away from their city, for example we live 15 minutes or so away from Chatswood, but they live 1 hour away from Broken Hill, which is their Chatswood. We also saw their school and how it was pretty much like ours even though they live in a remote area. I loved Menindee and if I had the opportunity to go back I definitely would.  

By Lauren R

Menindee was a fantastic experience and I loved meeting lots of kids, learning about the culture and how they lived. We did things from making Johnny Cakes to playing lots of games. It was really interesting seeing the town of Menindee and their Central School, which only had 3 classes in Primary. Overall, it was really fun and if I ever get the chance to go back there again, I will.  

By Ruby D
On Wednesday 3rd June 2015, 22 year 4 Gifted and Talented students from Killara Public School, Beaumont Road, Lindfield, Lindfield East and Roseville Public schools participated in an arts workshop at Killara High School.

The young artists started off with sketching a composition of how they wanted their artworks to look using inspiration from nature, including leaves and other plant life found locally. After they had finished planning their arrangement, the students proceeded to photocopy their plants for a guideline for their etching.

Once they had finished their etching, the students wiped ink over the surface of the scratched plate and placed it into the printing press where it became a beautiful artwork. They then chose pieces to hand colour and further enhance.

These masterpieces, from the aspiring artists will be on display in Killara High’s Annual art exhibition from Friday 7th August - Opening Night from 6pm (further details to come).

The day was a success with many smiling faces with artworks to bring home to their proud parents, thanks to the efforts of our amazing year 10 student assistants Alex Xie and Grace Kelly along with Ms. Sherras and Mrs. Dixon.
In KMC Grandparents are encouraged to bring in something to show their Grandchild that they have not seen before and share the story about that item. Here is a photo of William Lipson with his grandmother on Grandparents Day. Will's grandmother brought in a photo of Will's dad as he headed off to school when he was 5 years old. Will's Dad attended Lindfield East Public School too.

Jessica, Will's sister, is in 1HT. Her Mum went to Lindfield East public School too. Her grandparents brought her one of her mothers merit awards from Lindfield East.

Henry is the youngest of three children in the Jones family who attend our school. Lily in 2WS and Ella in 4MH. Henry's Grandparents brought along a wedding cake topper that belonged to his Great, Great, Great Grandmother. This topper has been used on top of all of the subsequent children's wedding cakes.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN SCIENCE?

Kindergarten’s weather investigations have turned to temperature. We thought about the hottest and coldest days that we could remember, and then compared today to those days. We used colours and pictures to create a chart that we can plot each day’s temperature on. We then looked at thermometers and observed the opposite effects of putting them in warm and cold water.

Stage one investigated slaters! They go by many names – rollie pollies, doodle bugs or pill bugs. We didn’t know much about them to begin with but after observation and research we discovered that they are more like crabs than insects and that they like to eat potato and apple. We set up a habitat in the science room and will let them back into the garden after our research.

Stage two looked at solids and liquids and we already had a good understanding that some solids can change into liquids when heated. We continued improving our techniques in conducting fair tests and predicted, tested and compared the length of time it takes for chocolate, ice and butter to melt in warm water.

Stage three, after mastering circuits with light globes, moved to an investigation of heat energy. We worked in a team to design and construct a device that changes electricity to heat energy. The device was required to slice foam whilst maintaining safety for the user of the device.

Slaters by Lisa and Gabriella

Slaters have 14 legs
Slaters eat bark, apple and potato
Slaters are not insects
Slaters blood is blue
Slaters can't swim
This is their habitat

Stage three
Tomorrow afternoon (Friday 19th) pick your children up later as we have Fizzics Education with their Science entertainment coming to the centre. 3.30-4.30 Kindergarten-yr2 are making sherbet, slime and giant bubbles. 4.30-5.30 Year 3-6 will be doing Chemistry experiments...And it is FREE!

Early term 2 we had a rock climbing 3 week incursion ... IT ROCKED!! Alex from 'Base Zero' came with the enormous wall attached to his trailer, kids were climbing up the walls to participate! The wall came with all equipment needed to climb safely and Alex's expertise were well acknowledged by all! Hopefully we will have him back soon!

Skateboards/scooter Tuesday has also been a favourite for many children during the term. So stay tuned to see what is in store for term 3. We are also proud to announce we have made improvements to our sustainability this term and have become greener. Our Sustainability Officer is Edie Perrygrove. We now recycle paper, cans compost our food scraps (and don't even think about pouring milk, paint...down our sink!), all our cleaning products are environmentally friendly, our paper products (paper, toilet, handtowels..) are 100% FSC certified and even our garbage bags are from recycled tyres.

As the term ends it is time to
- Make any changes to your term 3 booking and informing us of any Creative workshops your child is attending.
- Ensure your account is paid in full to secure your booking for term 3
- Please check lost property we have a mountain of your lost belongings

Have a safe and happy holiday

Rebecca

Please note that the Canteen will be closed on Thursday 25 & Friday 26 June for cleaning

MOTIONS (ON NOTICE)

The P & C provides up to $17,000 to fund the costs associated with the raffle to be drawn at the LEPS Fete on 17 October 2015.

The P & C provides up to $10,000 for the purpose of engaging civil engineers to consult, design and deliver final designs and associated plans in relation to the proposed LEPS playing field (excluding the open air stage).

The P & C provides up to $3,000 for the purpose of engaging an architect to consult, design and deliver pre-design and sketch design plans for the proposed open air stage.
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 fac-
es & 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 Mornings, from 9:15am on:

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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)

Help the East Lindfield Girl
Guides Feed the Animals at
Taronga Zoo!

East Lindfield Girl Guides are fundraising for the animals at Taronga Zoo. The Girl Guides will be dressed in "onesies" on Wednesday 24 June before school. We are hoping that the LEPS students will donate a gold coin to help feed the animals. Come and Support a worthwhile cause.

For more information on joining girl guides, please contact Fiona Wright, Leader Junior Guides fiona456@bigpond.net.au or Jenny Sully, Leader Girl Guides sully004@gmail.com. Girl Guides promotes leadership, equality, diversity and respect for self and others within a safe, fun and friendly environment.
Nepalese Disaster Relief

On April 25th a catastrophic 7.9 magnitude earthquake devastated Nepal along with several aftershocks of a high magnitude. On Tuesday 12th May there was another 7.3 earthquake that struck near the Nepal and Chinese Border causing catastrophic damage. With reports of over 10,000 lives lost, I am so thankful to be safe along with many of the Nepali families that I have very close relationships with. While I am grateful to be safe, I am deeply saddened by the lives lost, damage sustained from cities to villages, and the great suffering in Nepal. I am truly humbled by the countless emails, messages and calls of concern I have received from my friends and those who have travelled with me before who are concerned about the wellbeing of the people they met in their travels.

After travelling to and working in Nepal for over 20 years I have developed very strong relationships with a few remote village communities. Through these relationships we have helped build and support three schools in the region of the Earthquake Epicentre. However tragically as a result of the quake, three of these schools unfortunately have been either flattened or partially damaged along with 92 homes, along with many lives lost as well valuable livestock.

While the immediate relief effort is supported by organisations such as the UN, MSF and Red Cross, into the long-term there will be a need for much support in the rebuilding effort.

To support these efforts we are holding a **fundraising dinner/auction on the 29th July** to raise money that will go direct to the people in the remote villages that are otherwise not reached, this money will not be filtered through any other organisation. The money we raise will go towards the purchasing of goats, buffalo and chickens, as well as materials for building anyone’s home that cannot be salvaged.

We are kindly asking if anybody in the LEPS community would consider donating a prize or gift voucher, to be put on auction/raffled on the day. Every dollar raised makes a significant impact in supporting Nepalese communities; with our help they can have access to the resources they need to start rebuilding their lives.

I would be delighted if you would join me in helping the people of Nepal get back on their feet, by donating equipment to this cause. If you are interested then please contact Lyn Taylor through enquiries@tayloradventure.com.

I have every faith in the Nepali’s ability to rise from the wreckage even stronger with their hearts set on the future. Thank you for your support.

Lyn Taylor,
Taylor Adventure Travel