LEPS EXECUTIVE REPORT

Education Week Open Day
LEPS opened its doors on Open Day 2015 to showcase some of the many experiences and activities on offer at this great school. There were performances by dance troupes, bands and the choir, tours of the Eco Garden and library and demonstrations of technology, science and PE. Classroom doors were wide open to parents, grandparents and friends who enjoyed the opportunity to share the children’s learning, before joining them for a leisurely morning tea in the sun. Teachers and students loved having visitors at the school – our thanks go to all who joined us for this special day. Thank you also to the many parents who helped in variety of ways; with the dance, bands and morning tea, and those who helped in the canteen. The LEPS family is a wonderful community, and it was great to see so many people here yesterday.

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Intercultural Understanding Project
Professor Kevin Dunn and Dr Virginia Mapedzahama from the University of Western Sydney’s, School of Social Sciences and Psychology were keynote speakers at last weekend’s City Country Alliance (CCA) meeting in Menindee and Broken Hill. LEPS and 21 other NSW primary, secondary and Central schools will utilise UWS’s expertise to survey, support and evaluate the effectiveness of a collaborative intercultural understanding, student and teacher exchange project over the next 6 years. The project being introduced is informed by the principles of intercultural education espoused in the Australian curriculum and is aimed at improving students’ appreciation of diversity as well as increase their awareness, understanding and empathy towards diverse cultural groups. This evaluation study will therefore assess the intercultural exchange programme’s success in improving students’ capacity to “value their own cultures, languages and beliefs (i.e. improve cultural confidence), and those of others (i.e. improve sense of diversity” through “engaging with diverse cultures in ways that recognise commonalities and difference” - Australian Curriculum.

The City Country Alliance also includes local schools such as Killara HS, Beaumont Rd PS and Masada College as participating partners. The attendance and input of local Members of Parliament, Jonathan O’Dea and Paul Fletcher at the Menindee meeting needs to be acknowledged.

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Mathletics

Congratulations to the top Mathletics students at LEPS, Ian S 2CM, Yinkai C 1VW and Sophie A 1RN who all achieved a score greater than 97% of all activities attempted.

A Message From NSW Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli

Education Week is a time to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students, teachers and support staff across all NSW public schools. Public education is undergoing significant transformation with a clear agenda of reform to provide the best possible education for our children. Over the past four years the NSW Government has been delivering bold reform across the public school sector. Our evidence-based reforms are aimed at improving student results by providing more resources for schools through a fairer needs-based funding model and a focus on quality teaching. These reforms are underpinned by a record 2015-16 State Budget allocation of $11.2 billion for public school education and capital works. Our Great Teaching, Inspired Learning policy is raising the standard of teaching at every career stage. We have introduced higher university entry standards for future teachers, provided more support for beginning teachers and additional funding for teacher professional development. This year the Government announced a further $224 million investment in quality teaching, providing additional release time for our best and most experienced primary school teachers to mentor and coach other teachers. We are also committed to addressing the concerns of teachers, parents and the community about student welfare. Our Supported Students initiative invests $167 million to improve the wellbeing of students. Public schools will benefit from additional counsellors and funding to meet the needs of our students. Education Week 2015 is an opportunity to celebrate our successes and show how our schools are improving to benefit every student in NSW.

Lindfield Cricket

Lindfield District Cricket Club has been a great long term partner of LEPS. Based at Tryon Oval our local cricket club in 2008 provided $25k of financial assistance to help build our school practice nets. The club has since utilised the batting enclosure after school during the cricket season and also helps maintain it. Yesterday, to coincide with Education Week, LDCC coordinated a clinic for all interested Year 1 and 2 students at LEPS. Club Stalwart Peter Rezak, along with former Australian cricketer Belinda Robertson, P&C's Peter Fahy and other LDCC volunteers promoted our national sport through a series of fun, skills activities in the lunch break.

Munch Munch & the Big Bite
LEPS EXECUTIVE REPORT

Canteen Volunteer is a Winner
Congratulations to Mustika Caradus who was the lucky winner of the canteen volunteer appreciation award. She won a $50 voucher for Deli in the Park. “I love working alongside all the other volunteers. It’s fun and a great way of giving something back to the school”. Are you aware that anyone who volunteers in the canteen is in with a chance to win a prize each term? So if you haven’t already, sign up now for a shift or two. Just drop into the canteen to see Wendy, Kerrie or Angela or send an email to canteen@lepssandc.asn.au

Canberra Excursion 2015
Year 6 students returned safely from their three-day excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains on Friday evening. They were tired, but happy and better informed about our nation’s capital and the history of democracy in Australia, having visited the National Capital Exhibition, the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, the Museum of Democracy and the Embassy Circle. The children who chose to ski had a brilliant day on the slopes at Smiggins Holes, and others had fun whizzing down the run in an inner tube and throwing snowballs at each other (and their teachers!) Thank you to all the Year 6 teachers who attended – Ms Rixon, Mrs Neilsen, Mr Lowe and Mrs Wares – without whom such valuable and enjoyable learning experiences would not be possible.
K–2 MUSIC UPDATE

What fabulous songs Years 1 & 2 created during Term 2! As a class or in a group they were asked to choose a known short song or rhyme, choose an Australian theme, change some or all the words (making sure the words went with the rhythm), think of actions for their new song then perform the song. What wonderful, clever songs we heard and great performances by the classes and groups. Well done everyone. I have included a couple of class songs for you to sing.

Harbour Bridge by 1RN (Tune: ‘London Bridge’)
Harbour Bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down,
Harbour Bridge is falling down, on the Opera House.
Build it up with dingoes and koalas, dingoes and koalas, dingoes and koalas,
Build it up with dingoes and koalas, all Summer long.
Tie it up with a red bellied snake, red bellied snake, red bellied snake,
Tie it up with a red bellied snake, all Winter long.

The Animals In The Outback by 1CS (Tune: ‘The Wheels On The Bus’) 
The kangaroos in the outback skip and hop, skip and hop, skip and hop.
The kangaroos in the outback skip and hop, all day long.
Koalas - climb and eat
Kookaburras – fly and laugh
Wombats – burrow under ground
Possums – hang from trees
The animals in the outback go Ozzie, Ozzie, Ozzie; Oi, oi, oi; Ozzie, Ozzie, Ozzie.
The animals in the outback go Ozzie, Ozzie, Ozzie, all day long.

2TN AUSTRALIAN SONG
We’re happy little Aussie kids as happy as can be
We all enjoy our lamingtons for breakfast, lunch and tea
Our daddies say we’re smiling larger every single day
Because we love our lamingtons,
We all adore our lamingtons,
They make us happy as a treat!
We’re happy little lyrebirds as lovely as can be
We all enjoy our healthy food for lunch and morning tea
Our mummies say we’re growing smarter every single week
We learn and live at Lindfield East,
We all are friends at Lindfield East,
You’ll watch us climb up every peak!

During semester 1 the following students received a special Music Award ‘for wonderful participation and enthusiasm in Music’. Congratulations to these students and to all K-2 students for their continued efforts in music lessons.

Kindergarten: Sophie (KJP), Joshua (KKM), Valerie (KAK), Cooper (KMC), Diana (KRC).

Year 1: Heath, Samantha (1RN), Charlotte, Cameron (1HT), Coco, Toby (1CS), Tommy, Laura (1SE), Anthony, Sinchana (1DS).

Year 2: Celine (2CM), Kevin (2WS), Dempsey (2FR), Ethan (2TN), Ellie (2SE).

In Term 3 Kindergarten will once again focus on musical elements such as beat, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics and style as well as learning many well known Australian songs. Year 2 will continue with the musical elements and this term focus on musical instruments (how they are made, played and the sound they produce). We were very fortunate last term to hear both our own school band and The Police Band. The children enjoyed the concert very much. We have also at various times heard individual students from the band play their instrument. It is wonderful to see and hear these children perform.

Looking forward to another semester of musical learning, performances and events.

Julie Slee
Lindfield East Public School’s Kindergarten program encourages children to develop as independent and creative learners, highly motivated and actively involved in the learning process. We have dedicated teachers with specific teaching strategies directed at developing and broadening students’ academic achievement and social development. Targeted programs and specialist teachers in PE, Science and Computers utilise ‘hands-on’ activities that engage the energy and curiosity of students.

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Highly Qualified and Inspirational Teachers
Your Local Community School
Diversity of Opportunities
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Innovative Thinking—Global Connections

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Lindfield East Public School:
- Fosters a nurturing environment
- Provides strong foundations in literacy and numeracy
- Develops skills and appreciation in Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Drama
- Promotes physical education and supports healthy lifestyle choices from an early age
- Utilises experience and knowledge in the early identification of students with special abilities and needs. e.g. English as a Second Language (ESL), Gifted and Talented Education, Support Learning Assistance
- Ensures student interaction with varied technologies e.g. Smartboard, word processing, movie making
- Involves students in sustainability programs e.g. kitchen and gardening duties, raising of chickens
- Fosters open communication between parents and teachers
- Encourages community and parent involvement

Reminder for families with children already attending LEPS please submit an enrolment form to the front office
UPCOMING EVENTS

School Tour Dates 2015

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

ICAS Tests for Students Years 3-6 2015

Mathematics  Monday 10 August

Term Dates for 2015

Term 3

Friday 18 September  Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Monday 5 October  Public Holiday
Tuesday 6 October  Staff & Students Return
Wednesday 16 December  Last Day Term 4
Thursday 17 & Friday 18 December  Staff Development Days

ICAS English Test
ICAS Maths Test
P&C Meeting
Zone Athletics
NAIDOC Day

Stem Fair

It is exactly 3 weeks till the Stem Fair. Children should be well under way, and I’m looking forward to seeing all the models, programs, circuits and displays.

If you have any questions see Mr Robens and your class teacher.

Items can be displayed in classrooms from Monday week 6 (17 August).
Following are the venues for PSSA Sport in Term 3

### Division 1 Soccer
- **Friday 24 July**: LEPS vs St Ives @ Tryon Oval
- **Friday 31 July**: LEPS vs Chatswood @ Tryon Oval
- **Friday 7 August**: LEPS vs Gordon West @ Tryon Oval
- **Friday 14 August**: LEPS vs Roseville @ Roseville Chase
- **Friday 21 August**: LEPS vs Pymble @ Bannockburn Road
- **Friday 28 August**: LEPS vs Gordon East @ Comenarra Reserve

### Division 2 Soccer
- **Friday 24 July**: LEPS vs St Ives @ Wellington Oval
- **Friday 31 July**: LEPS vs Gordon West @ Norman Griffiths
- **Friday 7 August**: LEPS has a bye
- **Friday 14 August**: LEPS vs St Ives North @ Wellington Oval
- **Friday 21 August**: LEPS vs Masada @ Masada College
- **Friday 28 August**: LEPS vs St Ives Park @ Wellington 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**

### Zone Athletics
- **Wednesday 12 August**: Narrabeen Sports Academy 8:30am

### KINDERGARTEN 2016 ORIENTATION

2016 Kindergarten students will have their orientation mornings on **Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 October**.

This is an opportunity for your child to meet some of the teachers, experience the school environment and interact with other children who will be starting Kindergarten next year.

A letter informing you of the details for both mornings will be sent out in September.
We hope you all had a great break over the school holidays. The canteen reopens Tuesday 14th July.

Over the last few months staff and volunteers have reviewed our menu offering in line with the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ Nutrition in Schools Policy and with assistance from the Healthy Kids Association (formerly the Canteen Association).

We have made some changes which we hope you will find exciting including the addition of some healthy new options such as more fruit options for lunch orders and over the counter. Healthy snacks like trail mix packs are now available every day and warm oat cups available weekly. White bread is now an option on sandwiches. Bottled water is also available. Banana smoothies, which were a smash hit when trialled last term, will be offered once per week.

We’ve improved some of our old favourites, now using fresh leg ham from “Tim the Butcher” in all our sandwiches, salads and wraps and on our muffin melts. We’ve deleted some items which didn’t fit with the nutrition guidelines such as hash browns and sugary drinks, and have improved our selection of packet chips. Our “daily specials” are all made fresh in the canteen or delivered fresh daily.

We have had to review our pricing to address continued food and wage cost inflation. We have raised prices on some items like pies, sausage rolls and pizza. And made small 10¢ increases in sushi and chicken tenders.

We have however, been able to reduce prices on a number of items such as sandwiches, wraps, salads and hot cheese rolls as well as introducing value snacks like fruit, trail mix packs and fruit smoothies. Watch out for our “meal deals” which we will be introducing shortly offering further opportunities for savings.

To keep our canteen viable, staff and volunteers have put a lot of effort behind the scenes into looking at ways to streamline operations and reduce cost whilst improving the food offering for our children. Measures such as reviewing our product sourcing and volunteers taking over some of the administrative functions from the paid staff have all helped to reduce cost.

Thank you to all our great parent volunteers, without whom, we would not be able to offer such a great canteen service. We are one of the few north shore schools who continue to offer a full 5 day a week canteen service.

We’d love to hear your comments on how we can continue to improve our service. So any comments, good or bad, please send them through to canteenconvenor@lepsandc.asn.au

Thanks & regards

The Canteen Team
Accounts will be emailed by Tuesday next week and payable before 18th August.

We have a Everest size mountain of your lost property. If you have lost it we have found it! We have belongings of children that have never been to BASC.

So please drop by and take your things home.

What is BASC to you?

We are currently updating our Philosophy and ask to email or write your thoughts near the sign out area?

We have recently surveyed the children about their idea for activities, breakfast, a/noon tea ideas, anything they would like to change or tell us... With such their great feedback it is clear they are really enjoying their time at BASC.

You will also be receiving our Survey Monkey soon and would appreciate if you could take the time to complete.

It is soccer mad here, so this week we have Josh B and Noah D’s Barcelona vs Liverpool club on each Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Maeve R and Marissa T have started the ‘Cool Kids club’ where everyone is welcome to join on Wednesday.

The children have some great new suggestions for afternoon tea this week Shepherds Pie (Lauren M) and try something new Thursday - Bruschetta (Caesar B).

Keep reading our notice board for our new incursion activities.

Rebecca

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**ANNUAL OPEN DAY**

**and Visual Arts Exhibition**

*(Opening Night 7 August at 6.30pm - includes HSC Artworks)*

**Monday 10 August 2015**

12.00pm – 5.00pm

♦ Students at work

♦ Classes to visit in all curriculum areas

♦ Individual and group student performances

♦ From 7.00pm – Year 12 Music Night in the Theatre

Children and families from our local primary schools especially welcome