LEPS EXECUTIVE REPORT

Farewell Mr Denis
On Friday 28 August, LEPS’ longest serving employee will bring to a close a wonderful career. It will mark the end of an era, with Mr Denis Mitchell deciding to retire as our General Assistant. Starting in the role as the ‘jack of all trades’ school assistant in 1987, ‘Mr Denis’ (as he is affectionately referred to by the school community) will walk away in a fortnight with 28 years of distinguished service to his credit. Having worked closely with three Principals, hundreds of teachers and thousands of students over the past three decades, Mr Denis has remained an integral part of our great school. More memories of this LEPS stalwart will be shared over the coming weeks. Those in the school community wishing to contribute to Mr Denis’ farewell gift can do so via the front office collection.

STEM
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STEM education is about building students’ skills and competencies in 4 interrelated areas – science, technology, maths and engineering. There is a growing focus on STEM as students today are likely to use this learning as a basis as they become leaders into the 22nd Century. STEM skills are being flagged as the basic skills required by business over the next century.

Innovation is seen as the key driver of economic growth in the future and STEM is a key driver of innovation. Additionally, it is STEM skills and knowledge that explain our natural world and provides solutions to environmental issues that we face. STEM skills can enhance the social well-being of our nation. The development of STEM skills is a high priority for the NSW Department of Education.
State Music Camp Narrabeen - July 12 - 17
The NSW State Music Camp isn’t only about music. It includes many other things as well like sport. Even if it is called Music Camp, you can choose many sports, rock climbing, archery or initiatives. All us three, Ashleigh (6LN), Brandon (5ST) and me (5ST) learnt new things even if we played different instruments. First of all, there are 2 ensembles. Ensemble 1 is your first instrument and ensemble 2 is your second choice such as string, musical theatre, stage band, etc. This camp also taught you how to be responsible by washing the plates and bowls and serving people their breakfast, lunch and dinner. It worked like this, if you were in the orchestra you would serve dinner and wash the plates, etc. If sounds very boring but it actually was quite fun! Although, it sounds like wiping the dishes, it isn’t. It was just as fun as music camp. Over the 6 days I learnt a lot and met a lot of new friends. Next year I wish to come again. Megan C - 5ST

Festival of Instrumental Music - A Night at the Opera House
Have you ever been to the Opera House? I mean on the stage of Opera House! Well, I just had. This was my first year in the school String Ensemble and being able to participate in a musical event as big as this was amazing.

We performed 4 songs, the Swans of Lir, Gypsy Airs, Voyager One and Shanghai Hornpipe. We had to memorise all the musical pieces and perform together with three hundred students from all over New South Wales on stage. We had a wonderful performance and all my hard work paid off at the end. It was an awesome experience and I enjoyed it very much. By Daniel A

The experience the string ensemble had at the Opera House on Monday was incredible. At 11am we met at the school office with our bags. Some parents drove us there and in the car were all excited and nervous. When we got there we had our recess and lunch. After a meal we went in. Wall to wall were people and butterflies began to play in my tummy. I got to the practise place where all the children were. I was in second violin so I got to my position. There, us children practiced until 4pm with the conductors and a few breaks in between. Our parents picked us up for a nice dinner. While the performance started we watched some entertainment. Some people from an orchestra played their woodwind for us. Their music was great and sure kept us entertained. Stage positions we practised earlier. I look around. The hall was huge. All eyes stared at us, all lights shined on us as the conductor moved her baton. We started to play. Music filled the room, over the silence. I didn’t feel nervous anymore. Song after song we played. My legs were aching from standing, but it was worth all the practice for this performance. By Rosemary L

On Monday afternoon we met in front of the office and were driven to the Opera House. After a 20-30 minute drive we arrived. Our rehearsal started at 12:30pm. Our main conductors were Jenny and Luke. The pieces we were playing were Gypsy Ares, Voyager One, Swans of Lir and Shanghai Hornpipe. Although it was my third year it was still a privilege and honour to be on the Opera House stage. At 8pm our concert began. When I took my first step into the Opera House the atmosphere was amazing. As I played through the pieces I played them with enthusiasm. I am lucky and am privileged to have this once in a lifetime opportunity. By Damian.
NSW School Band Festival 2015
Congratulations to all our bands for their outstanding performances at the NSW Band Festival last Sunday under the expert guidance of Colin, Jon and Maddy.
Training band received a Gold Award in the Wilbur Sampson Event.
Concert Band received a Silver Award in the Joe Cook event.
Performance Band received a Silver Award in the William Lovelock event.

Jeremy McNamara visited 2CM
On Monday this week, 2CM had a special visitor whose name was Jeremy. Jeremy is Mrs McNamara's son. Jeremy brought in a trumpet and French Horn because in music lessons we have been learning about the instruments of the orchestra. He played a little bit of music on the French Horn, but this is his sister’s instrument, so he doesn’t really know how. Jeremy actually plays the trumpet. Jeremy played a few songs on the trumpet for us. He played music from the Jaws movie so it sounded like a shark was approaching. He also played the music from Sesame Street, Wallace and Gromit, Feel So Good and The Last Post.
Did you know that the French Horn is made of brass and would be about 6 metres long if it was straightened out? It has three valves and a big bell. The trumpet also has three valves. When Jeremy played the trumpet he played it so it sounded high and low, whereas the French Horn was generally low.
Jeremy let us play his trumpet. We each got a turn to play and some of us were naturals and some of us need some practice! It's a very hard instrument. You have to make a tight smile with your mouth... and make a funny raspberry sound! We had to use a swipe with some special soap to get rid of the germs on the mouthpiece.
It was fun seeing Jeremy and the instruments. Sadly we had to go to assembly.

K-2 Assembly
KAK had a blast performing their Smurf song and dance at the K-2 assembly. They practised so much they would even be singing the song as they went to sleep! It was a very catchy song. It would seem as though they love dancing just as much as Miss Kelly!

"My favourite part of the Smurf dance was when I got to hold hands with my partner and spin around." Jazlyn

"I liked the bit when we got to stand on the stage and sing a song." Dylan

"The part I liked the best was singing and dancing." Zarah

K-2 Glen Street Theatre Excursion
K-2 children were very excited to attend Glen Street Theatre last Thursday to see a performance of the musical ‘Stripey’. The musical is based on the book ‘Stripey – The Eggscellent Adventures of an Emu Chick’ by Wendy Binks who is also the illustrator and publisher. Her first book about the emu chick was the story, ‘Where’s Stripey?’. Wendy Binks attended the performance and happily agreed to be photographed with LEPS students. The show encouraged audience participation which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They were able to give loud applause, go ‘berserk’ by waving their hands and jumping up and down and even blow raspberries at specific times throughout the performance.
Afterwards the children were taken to the nearby oval beside the theatre for morning tea and a short play before returning to school in time for lunch.
The teachers were very impressed with the exemplary behaviour of all LEPS students during the show and whilst having their morning tea.
During the past week students have been writing reviews about the theatre production and drawing or painting pictures of Stripey.
Menindee Teacher Exchange
The annual teacher exchange program between the staff of LEPS & Menindee Central (MCS) School this year has taken place from Monday 3 to Friday 14 August. This exciting component of our school community partnership saw two intrepid teachers, Deanna Sonter and Georgia Shephard, Assistant Principal from MCS, take part in the teacher exchange. The exchange is a highly valued initiative that provides teachers and students of both school communities with a unique educational experience. Ms Sonter has taught a Year 4,5,6 class and a K/1 class. Mrs Shephard has fulfilled various roles at LEPS. The teachers and excited students have been communicating via video conference during the exchange sharing their city and country experiences. Although Ms Sonter has thoroughly enjoyed teaching at MCS she is looking forward to returning to 1DS next week!

Public Speaking Competition
All classes are now listening to students’ prepared speeches. Soon the semi-finals will be underway to select the class finalists who will compete in the K-6 final on Thursday 3 September. Good luck to all students. The art of public speaking is a life-long skill and considered a key competency in many professions. We are proud to offer such a thorough program at LEPS to teach children how to present both a prepared and an impromptu speech, as well as providing opportunities to display their talents.

Spelling Bee
Congratulations to our Sensational and Successful Spellers - Luke R (4MH), Albert L (4MH), Talia B (6LN) and Yuvraj L (6CL) who competed ferociously in our elimination rounds against some very clever competition. These students will represent LEPS at the Regional Finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee, which is to be held at LEPS on Tuesday September 15.

LEPS Spectacular
The teachers on the committee of the LEPS Spectacular have enjoyed the audition process where we have been entertained by some very talented children. Decisions about the program will be made soon…..save the date! Tuesday 8th September.

SRC Reps Semester 2

Congratulations to our Year 2 – 5 SRC Representatives for Semester 2
ICAS Success

Congratulations to students who attained Distinctions or High Distinctions in the UNSW ICAS Digital Technologies and Science Competitions.

Cyberbullying - Zero tolerance
Today we welcomed Class Act Theatre to LEPS as part of our students well-being program. The actors performed a theatre show for all children in Years 3 – 6 about how to remain safe in cyber-space. Messages included; protect your passwords, tell someone you trust if something strange happens while you’re on-line, only share information (such as email addresses) with friends you know in ‘real life’, and cyberbullying is like ‘face to face’ bullying and is absolutely NOT OK.
The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has recently been established to work with schools, students and families to address issues of cyberbullying, should they arise. Resources are available at http://www.esafety.gov.au We encourage parents to visit this website.

Zone Athletics
Congratulations to all our runners, jumpers, discus throwers and shotputters who put in an amazing effort at yesterday’s Zone Athletics Carnival. We are still waiting on official results to see who will proceed to the Area Carnival, but we’re sure all the competitors can feel very proud of their effort and achievements. The parents and teachers who were there were very impressed by your ability, behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done!

Save the date – LEPS Fete!
The amazing P & C and the fete sub-committee is on the job planning for another huge fete, which is a highlight of the LEPS calendar biennially. The date is Saturday 17 October ….watch this space for more information.
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Tilsley’s Tasty Tips
I just wanted to comment on how well the LEPS community is progressing in terms of health! I have noticed our students are very healthy in comparison to other schools! That is a result of ongoing education strategies and initiatives at school, together with parents providing healthy lunches. Please keep providing vegetables and fruit, along with the wholesome sandwiches for lunch. As a side note, if your child is participating in an activity before or after school, I would suggest an extra snack in the lunch box.

Secondly, there are many sporting events at present, when are there not? If you are a parent coaching a team, ensure that the children are taking time to warm-up and stretch afterwards. Remind and ensure your children are doing sufficient warm-ups before they go on the field for weekday training and weekend sports. Never go straight into high intensity movements without giving your body the chance to warm up. Mr T.

Inspirational assembly speaker
At last week’s 3 – 6 assembly, LEPS welcomed Australian test cricketer Jason Krejza who reinforced the school’s Bounce Back message, speaking of the importance of honesty, perseverance and diligence in order to achieve goals. Last year’s student leaders suggested that we invite speakers to our assembly and we have taken up their suggestion. Jason Krejza was invited by School Captain Adam C, who planned and conducted an informative and engaging interview.

From the Office
Term 3 Accounts will be posted out this week
Timely payments would be appreciated.

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.

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.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

To celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week, a Mufti Maths Fun Day has been organised for Monday 24 August. Organised by the school Numeracy Committee, the day will provide students with opportunities to engage in creative and engaging mathematical activities.

Activities will operate from at 11:20am-12:50pm, with classes rotating between activities every 15-20 minutes. Students may also wear mufti clothing.

If you would like to assist on the day by supporting a group, please email Mr Lowe by Tuesday 18 August, indicating:

Your name
Your child’s name
Your child’s class

A confirmation email will be sent back indicating the class/teacher you will be assisting on the day.

Clint Lowe
Assistant Principal
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Andrew Stevenson
Principal
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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

Wednesday August 19
NAIDOC Day

Monday 17 - Friday 21 August
National Science Week

Monday 24 August
Mufti Maths Fun Day

Thursday 27 August
The Great Book Swap

Monday 24 - Friday 28 August
National Literacy & Numeracy Week

CARE & RESPECT AWARDS

Week 4 - Kindy - Year 2
Anthony A  KMC
Ethan C    KRC
Calan S    1DS
Cecilia H  1CS
Keeva OK   2WS
Charlie P  2CM

Week 5 - Kindy - Year 2
Jisoo Y    KAK
Curtis     KKM
Emilia J   1RN
Olivia P   1DS
Megan C    1/2SE
Kian       2FR

Congratulations!

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

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
Following are the venues for PSSA Sport in Term 3

**Division 1 Soccer**
- **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 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

Following are the results of the games played on Friday 31 July

**Netball**
- Junior Gold played Killara and won 10-5. Player of the match was Ruby.
- Junior Red played Gordon West and lost 3-0. Player of the match was Grace.
- Junior Maroons played Pymble in a friendly and tied 4-4. Player of the match was Megan.
- Senior Gold played Roseville and won 20-12. Player of the match was Sammy.
- Senior Maroons played Roseville and won 10-5. Player of the match was Amy.
- Senior Blue played Masada and won 14-0. Player of the match was Samantha.

**Soccer**
- Junior 1 girls played Lindfield and won 1-0.
- Junior 2 girls played Lindfield and won 2-1.
- Senior 1 girls played Lindfield and won 1-0.
- Senior 2 girls played Lindfield and tied 0-0.

Following are the results of the games played on Friday 7 August

**Netball**
- Junior Gold played St Ives North and lost 0-12. Player of the match was Lilly.
- Junior Red played Killara and lost 2-3. Player of the match was Lauren.
- Senior Gold played Roseville and won 20-12. Player of the match was Sammy.
- Senior Maroon played Roseville and won 10-5. Player of the match was Amy.
- Senior Red played Chatswood and lost 12-14. Player of the match was Jade.
- Senior Blue played Beaumont Road and won 8-3. Player of the match was Charlotte.

**Soccer**
- Junior 1 girls played West Pymble and tied 1-1.
- Junior girls played Lindfield and won 1-0.
- Senior 1 played West Pymble and won 3-0.
- Senior 2 played Lindfield and lost 0-1.
**Kindergarten** can now provide us with a weather report to help us plan our day! Our weather reports include cloud cover, temperature, rainfall and wind. Studying the weather has helped us to understand why we need a winter uniform and how we know to pack a raincoat in our bag.

**Stage One** is researching mealworms. We are conducting our own scientific research to find out if mealworms prefer hot or cold habitats, dark or light habitats, and moist or dry habitats. By changing only one variable and keeping everything else the same in a container, we let 10 mealworms decide which conditions they prefer.

**Stage Two** is putting into practice their findings on the properties of materials. They were set the challenge of using a range of materials to protect a raw egg when dropped from a height. Some eggs survived a drop of 2 metres because they were protected by materials that were light, strong, that tore or stretched.

Stage Two also checked for a final time their rotting materials. While some materials did not appear to change over the 2 months, others had completely decomposed leaving a gap in the soil where they once were. This has helped us understand that using some materials can mean that they stay buried for a long time. Also, composting our fruit and vegetables can reduce garbage and help our gardens.

**Stage Three** has worked in teams to design a device that transforms electricity into heat energy. All teams succeeded in the task and we produced around 40 very different designs.

We have also been investigating materials that conduct electricity or insulate. We constructed a circuit with a small section missing in which we could insert a range of materials to test whether they allowed the flow of electricity. An interesting finding was that the graphite inside our pencils can conduct electricity!
YEAR 6 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA & THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS

Year 6 Excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains
22-24 July
Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion

In Week 2, all of Year 6 took part in a 3 day overnight excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. During their visit to Canberra, the students participated in educational tours of the national capital. While on this tour, they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy that students have been studying at school as part of the HSIE Program.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government will contribute $20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. Parents, please note that this contribution was already factored into the costs and deducted from your overall payment of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

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The canteen manager is responsible for planning, organising and controlling the day to day operations of the canteen in compliance with the policy of the P&C, as set out in the LEPS Canteen Policy document dated May 2015.

Key duties include:
- Prepare and cook food for service
- Prepare the roster of volunteers
- Provide leadership and training to volunteers and foster a welcoming and positive working environment
- Ensure correct food handling and hygiene practices are maintained
- Order stock

Requirements:
- Be an effective team member able to comfortably work with other paid staff and volunteers
- Experience in food service
- Flexibility in working hours is an advantage
- Comfortable using online lunch ordering software and the internet as a means of communication
- Knowledge of the “Fresh Tastes @ school – NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy” is an advantage
- Must complete an online Food Safety and Handling Course and provide a Working with Children Certificate prior to commencement

For further information, including a copy of the LEPS Canteen Policy and Fresh Taste @ School Directive, please contact the P&C Canteen Convenor, Peter Fahy on 0418 287 310 or email your resume to canteenconvenor@lepspandc.asn.au