LEPS EXECUTIVE REPORT

Changes at LEPS
In late 2015, I was elected as the NSWPPA (Primary Principals Association) Secretary. This professional body consists of 1800 Primary Principals and is the peak advisory body to the NSW Government Ministers and the Department of Education. My elevation into the NSW State Executive will ensure that advocacy for the educational needs of LEPS and other public schools across NSW is prioritised.

The travel and meeting demands of the role will take me out of the school at various times most weeks. The NSWPPA, however, provides funding to allow LEPS executives additional administration time to offset my absence. Also, a restructure of the LEPS Executive in 2016 will see all Assistant Principals off class for an entire day each throughout the year. This will better support student learning, enhance teacher professional learning and ensure the continued smooth running of all our great programs at LEPS. **Andrew Stevenson, Principal**

Gongxi facai! Happy New Year!
Emperor Stevenson and his entourage graced the assembly lines this week to wish everyone “Gongxi facai! Happy New Year!” The Emperor explained that this is the Year of the Fire Monkey, and that people born with the Monkey as their sign are ambitious and adventurous. Have a look at the beautiful Fire Monkey artwork by 1HT which is on display in the office. Also, come and admire the beautiful ‘New Year’ display created by Mrs Cheng which is in the foyer.

Swimming Carnival update
The new date for the Swimming Carnival is Thursday 18th February at the Epping Aquatic and Leisure Centre, which is located within Pembroke Park at 26 Stanley Road, Epping. A note has been sent home today with this information.
Congratulations to the newly elected House Captains and Vice Captains for 2016

**Lawson:**
Captains: Kate S, James F
Vice: Samantha C, Daniel D

**Paterson:**
Captains: Maya M, James B
Vice: Sam B

**Mackellar:**
Captains: Megan C, James S
Vice: Lillian R, Lilah E

**Kendall:**
Captains: Sally N, James P
Vice: Ruby R, Nicholas K

*House Captains and Vice Captains 2016*

**Welcome Kindergarten 2016**
Kindergarten have had a great start to school and have settled well into their new routines. They have enjoyed making new friends, playing in the sandpit and most of all navigating the Interactive Smartboard in their new classroom. The Kindergarten teachers are so impressed with their transition to school and their ability to be independent learners. A big thank you to the Year 6 buddies for helping out in the classrooms each day for the first week. Not only did the students thoroughly enjoy it but the teachers were also very thankful for the help.

It is advisable to drop your child at the front gate and encourage them to walk to the K-2 COLA themselves. This will teach them to be independent and establish a positive start to the school day. If parents remain in the playground until the bell rings, the children can become anxious and it is difficult for the teachers to settle students. Also if parents remain in the playground, it is becoming increasingly crowded which is a concern for the teachers. Students are unable to find their friends and there is a limited amount of space for them to play. Thank you for your support and cooperation to establish positive routines for your child.

*A reminder that full day procedures commence for Kindergarten students on Monday 22 February*
Who do I speak to? (Chain of Communication)
This model of communication for parents has been highly successful in recent years and will again be adopted in 2016. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please don't hesitate to use this process and raise any issues as they arise.

1. The classroom teacher should, where appropriate, always be spoken to first. Contact the school office, leave your name and number and the teacher will return your call asap to discuss the issue over the phone or make a suitable time to meet.

2. Issues that aren’t appropriate for the classroom teacher should be directed via the school office to the Assistant Principal of the relevant Year or Stage. The Assistant Principals liaise with both the Principal and Deputy Principals on all school issues.

Making Maths Meaningful
The Department of Education (DoE) has established a partnership with ClassMovies, which allows NSW public schools to create short videos of their teaching practices and school programs. This exciting initiative gives schools the opportunity to showcase and share innovative practices happening in classrooms and schools across NSW. In 2015, the Numeracy Committee worked with the team from Class Movies to produce a video showcasing our Numeracy initiatives. Raw footage, captured by teachers and students was professionally edited to produce a video accessible on the NSW DoE website. Please view our video, Making Maths Meaningful at Lindfield East Public School at http://www.classmoviestv.com. (Type Lindfield East Public School into the search.)

No dogs, please
The Department of Education has very strict guidelines around dogs in schools. No matter how cute, small, cuddly, new or beloved, we ask that you support safety and anaphylaxis procedures, which are in place for the good of our entire school community. Please do not bring your dog into the school grounds.

Absentee Update
As previously advised, LEPS will no longer operate the phone hotline for absentees. Instead, please advise the school of your child’s absence via email or by using the Skoolbag app. In the app go to eforms → absentee form

Driving around the school – safety first
The safety of all students at LEPS is paramount. We ask that you obey all traffic rules and signs around the school when you are dropping off or collecting your children. Please help your children understand the importance of safety around cars. All students at LEPS have Road Safety lessons and we ask for your support and assistance in reinforcing important safety messages.
Children are more likely to enjoy their Crunch & Sip if their produce is fresh and delicious. Choose fruit and veg that are currently in season and that feel firm, smell nice and look appealing.

Did you know that good quality cranberries will bounce when dropped? While we don’t want children dropping good fruit on the ground, cranberries are full of Vitamin C, E and fibre so pop them in your child’s bag for Crunch & Sip.

Crunch & Sip does not have to be limited to school days. Encourage your children to crunch on fruit & vegetables and drink plenty of water over the weekend and during holidays. Don’t forget to join in! Be a positive role model by enjoying Crunch & Sip with your kids as you set them up for a lifetime of healthy eating habits.

Involve your child in choosing the fruit & veg that you buy at the supermarket. Remind them that they need to choose fruit & veg that can be eaten easily and eaten raw. Use this as an opportunity to discuss different types of fruit & vegetables and encourage them to try unfamiliar ones.

Choose fresh fruits & vegetables over dried and tinned varieties for Crunch & Sip. Dried & tinned fruits contain more sugar than fresh fruits so only have those occasionally. Muesli bars, roll ups and fruit leathers have far too much sugar and not enough actual fruit so they are not allowed for Crunch & Sip.

Did you know that prunes are dried plums? Choose plums over prunes as they have less sugar and pop them in your shopping basket over February & March when they are at their best. They are sure to be a hit for Crunch & Sip with their juicy, burst of flavour.

A few chopped up pieces of honeydew are a great idea for Crunch & Sip as they are full of Vitamin C, potassium and fibre. Give them to your kids when the flesh is ripe and green in colour as this is when they are at their sweetest.

Choose apricots with a sweet fragrance and a golden to deep orange colour as this is when they are at their sweetest. Let your child know that the carotenes in the apricot will help them see in the dark and they’ll be asking for apricots everyday for Crunch & Sip.

Strawberries are always a favourite with children due to their sweet taste. To keep them sweet and looking their best, remove them from their punnets, when you get home, and place them on a paper towel on a plate and cover it with cling wrap.

Cherry tomatoes are great for Crunch & Sip as they can be eaten without creating a mess. Don’t make the common mistake of placing them in the fridge, leave them at room temperature until they are very ripe, then place them in the fridge.

Crunch & Sip is a good opportunity for children to stay hydrated as they lose fluid running around and being active, especially over the summer months. Over the warmer months, a cold drink bottle is ideal for hydration but also keeps lunchbox food items cool.
Welcome Back Night 2016
Friday 26th February 2016
5.30pm—8.30pm

An evening for old and new families, action-packed with fun, laughter and lots of surprises!

A spectacular show including:
- School band
- String ensemble
- Chinese Lion Dance
- Bop til you drop
- Amazing fireworks
- And more...

Delicious fresh food for sale. Stalls include
- BBQ
- Greek Souvlaki
- Asian
- Sushi

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Making up lost time in literacy

Volunteers needed!
To help our students with literacy

The ‘MULTILIT’ Program is starting Term 1
Can you help?

The highly successful ‘Multilit’ Program (Making up for Lost Time in Literacy) will be implemented for selected students in Year 2 who are experiencing difficulties in acquiring the skills needed for reading. This P&C funded initiative has been an integral part of early intervention over the past ten years at Lindfield East Public School. The Multilit Program is an excellent reading programme which not only benefits these children but can also assist you support your own child/children’s reading.

We need lots of volunteers to assist in running this program. Your child does not need to be participating in this program nor be a student in Year 2 for you to be a volunteer.

Each student requires about 20-30 minutes tutoring at least three times a week. These sessions will start at 9.30am and will be incorporated into the classroom literacy sessions. Volunteers will be on a rostered timetable that is beneficial to students and suitable for volunteers.

If you think you would be interested or know of anyone (eg grandparents) who may be willing to volunteer their time to assist with this program, please contact Mrs Newell or the School Office.

Two Multilit training sessions will be held for volunteer tutors. Volunteers only need to attend one of these sessions. Training will be on Wednesday 17 February at 2.15pm and Friday 19 February at 9.30am in Room 21 (Uniform shop). The training session will take approximately 45 minutes. If you would like to help but are unavailable on these days please see me or leave a message at the office and I will be in contact.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you,
### UP COMING EVENTS

- **Monday 15 February**: Years 1 & 2 Parent Information Evening
- **Tuesday 16 February**: Scripture classes commence
- **Wednesday 17 February**: Years 5 & 6 Parent Information Evening
- **Thursday 18 February**: Years 3 & 4 Parent Information Evening
- **Thursday 18 February**: Swimming Carnival
- **Tuesday 23 February**: Kindy Parent Information Evening
- **Thursday 25 February**: School Photos
- **Friday 26 February**: Welcome Back Night
- **Friday 26 February**: PSSA Sport and School Sport commences
- **Tuesday 1 March**: P&C AGM
- **Thursday 3 March**: Zone Swimming Carnival

### CARE & RESPECT AWARDS

**Week 2 —Years 3—6**

- Man Ni Z 3CE
- Anna S 4CM
- Lauren M 4CM
- Bethany B 4SC
- Annie W 4SC
- Owynn E 3NR

### Parent Information Evenings

- **Monday 15 February**: Years 1 & 2 Parent Information Evening
- **Wednesday 17 February**: Years 5 & 6 Parent Information Evening
- **Thursday 18 February**: Years 3 & 4 Parent Information Evening
- **Tuesday 23 February**: Kindy Parent Information Evening

Please meet in the hall by 6:30pm.

Evening will conclude at approximately 8:00pm.
TEACHER PROFILE

Name: Sarah Lyell
Class: 6SL
First Year at LEPS: 2016

Favourite:
- Colour: Green and pink
- Animal: Cats
- Food: Blueberries
- Band/Music: Coldplay
- Song: Yellow by Coldplay
- TV Show: Smallville
- Movie: Nottinghill and Harry Potter
- Sports Team: Manly Sea Eagles
- Sport: Soccer - I have played as a defender for 15 years
- Book: Modern history autobiography

Do you have any pets?

A ragdoll cat named Marlee

What are your hobbies or interests?

Travelling the world and seeing different cities and cultures.
Scrapbooking.
Difficult jigsaw puzzles (1000+ pieces).

What other schools have you taught at?

Killarney Heights PS and Knox Grammar Preparatory

Have you ever lived outside of Australia?

No, it's on my to do list.

What were your favourite subjects at school?

History, Visual Arts and Drama.

What inspired you to become a teacher?

From an early age I always wanted to become a teacher. I get excited about learning new things each day and so I wanted to share my excitement and passion with young learners. My goal is to make a great impact on the lives of all my students, as did my own teachers when I was at school.
WANTED!!!!
We had a wonderful response from families last year eager to take care of our school guinea pugs and we are hoping we can continue this for 2016. This year we also have a rabbit that needs weekend care.

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 & Rabbit Carers

Name: .................................................  Child’s Name: ..............................................

Contact No: .........................................  Child’s Class: ........................................

Availability: ..........................................................................................................................
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Please list the weekend/s you are available

School Tour Dates 2016

Thursday 24 March
Thursday 19 May
Thursday 16 June
Thursday 28 July
Thursday 25 August
Thursday 20 October

Thursday 17 November Years 1 - 6 new students only

All tours commence at 9:30am outside the Library and take approximately 45 minutes
Welcome Back Night
K-2 Colouring Competition

Please colour in this picture and bring it to the school office along with a gold coin donation. Judging will be on 24-2-2016 and Winners (one from each year) will be announced, on the stage, at WBN! The winning entries will be displayed in the Lyrebird and the school foyer.

Name: __________________________ Class: ______

Phone: __________________________

Tickets are available until the night at www.trybooking.com.au/174553

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Welcome Back Night
3-6 Art Competition
What does Welcome Back Night mean to you?
Please draw and colour your artwork in the box below and bring it to the school office along with a gold coin donation. Judging will be on 24-2-2016 and Winners (one from each year) will be announced, on the stage, at WBN! The winning entries will be displayed in the Lyrebird and the school foyer. Good luck!

Name: ___________________  Class: _____
Phone: ___________________
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