LEPS EXECUTIVE REPORT

Quality Teaching Rounds at LEPS
LEPS are into their third year of participation in the Killara Schools Partnership (KSP), Quality Teaching Rounds project. Conceptualised by KSP academic partner and presenter Julie Bowe in 2007, the QTR model builds teaching capacity through school based professional development.

LEPS teachers are trained to engage in debate and discussion, and develop a high level of capacity for coding, diagnosing and refining their classroom practice in a collaborative environment.

LEPS Strategic Plan 2015-17 includes having all teachers professionally trained in QTR and the model embedded into our quality teaching practice.

What is the Killara Schools Partnership (KSP)?
The KSP continues to operate as a highly acclaimed learning alliance across the North Shore. Consisting of LEPS, Gordon East PS, Lindfield PS, Killara High School, Beaumont Road PS, Killara PS and Roseville PS, KSP schools closely collaborate, to provide innovative and quality leadership, teaching and learning opportunities for their school communities.

2016 will include: QTR professional learning, video conferencing for student leaders, enrichment programs at KHS, combined fundraising, leadership development through ‘Growth Coaching’, KSP combined school concert and a joint Term 3 Staff Development Day.

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KSP Principals

Looking for more news and photos about what’s happening at LEPS?
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Stevenson on Twitter: @Stevenson_LEPS
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Critical and Creative Thinking in Maths
This week, students in Ms Watkins’ Year 5 maths group explored the following question:
The number 747 can be formed by adding a 3-digit number with its reversal: $621 + 126 = 747$, for example. Can you find the other two ways of making 747 in this way? Which other numbers between 700 and 800 can be formed from a number plus its reversal? There are more than five. Can you explain how you know you have found all the possible numbers? Students applied themselves to logical thought and persevered well as they explored this problem.

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Billie A-B, Talia W, Isabella T and Lewis A
display their critical and creative thinking ‘work in progress’

LEPS Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017
NSW schools are now in the second year of their three-year planning cycle. After an extensive consultation process with many stakeholders in the school community, our plan was published on the school’s website last year. LEPS’ overarching vision statement, which guided the formation of our plans and goals, is “Every child must succeed in an education worth having.” LEPS identified the three domains of Excellence in Teaching and Leading, Quality Learning Experiences and Effective Partnerships as the strategic directions for this three-year period, and we are well on the way to implementing identified strategies and practices. For example, in the domain of Excellence in Teaching and Leading, one goal is to have all staff engaged in Quality Teaching Rounds by the end of 2017. To date, 61% of LEPS teachers and executive staff have undertaken training and implementation of Quality Teaching Rounds. To view the LEPS Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017, please visit our website.

Road Safety – we’re all responsible
The school has received reports from neighbours who are very concerned about some of the driving and drop-off practices exhibited around the school. Fortunately, most of our parents are very safety-minded, obeying road rules and reinforcing road safety messages the children learn here at school. However, some parents are putting themselves, their children and other members of our community at risk by flouting road rules and safe strategies. We would ask that safety remains foremost in your minds as you drive around the school. Council rangers and police have been contacted and asked to conduct more regular patrols. Please visit the following link.

Swimming carnival – thanks to all for a great day!

Our day at Epping Aquatic and Leisure Centre was outstanding! The House Captains created a great atmosphere, swimmers did their very best, novelty event participants enjoyed a cool dip in the small pool, and teachers and parents co-operated brilliantly to get through all the events smoothly. Thank you to all the parents who assisted in many capacities – carnivals such as these simply can’t happen without parent support, and we sincerely appreciate the expertise offered by LEPS parents. Thanks also to our inimitable PE teacher, Mr Tilsley, who coordinated all the personnel and elements to create a highly successful event.

Sports on Friday

The sports calendar for 2016 got underway last week with PSSA teams in Cricket, Modball and Touch Football starting their competitions. Students who are not involved in PSSA enjoyed lawn bowls, golf, tennis, orienteering or cricket and modball skills. These popular programs introduce students to the skills and strategies for people to be able to participate in various games now and in the future. PSSA and School Sport programs also embed and model positive qualities such as teamwork, resilience, sharing, perseverance, and ‘giving it a go’ as well as developing motor skills and fitness.

Scripture and Ethics Classes

The Scripture Program at LEPS started well last week, with an amazing group of Scripture teachers on deck to guide students through 2016. The Ethics program for Years 4, 5 and 6 will commence next week. Notes about Ethics classes went home this week with children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who are currently enrolled in non-scripture classes. The Scripture and Ethics programs are highly valued at LEPS and we are very appreciative of the volunteers who contribute to the education of our students.

Thank you to our wonderful scripture and ethics teachers!

HOUSE POINTS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016

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Year 6 Mathematics
Year 6 students developed their number strategies through open-ended problem solving activities in Mathematics last week. Problem solving activities engage and inspire students to calculate as many possible solutions and verify how many solutions are possible. Working Mathematically is the core of the Mathematics K-6 Syllabus, to encourage students to develop understanding and fluency through choosing and applying problem-solving skills.

How many solutions can you find to these problems?

How do you know you have found them all?
K-2 Assembly
It was a fun and energetic start to the term with 1HT performing a dance at the K-2 Assembly. The class has been talking about different ways to stay positive and focus on the good things to help them bounce back when they’re worried, scared or sad. 1HT have discovered that dancing is a GREAT way to make them feel better. Through dance, they have learnt about directions, beat, rhythm and counting and working together. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their performance!

Year 2 Student Representative Council (SRC Reps)
Congratulations to the Year 2 students who were voted by their peers to represent their class as the SRC rep. Thanks to Ms Schrieber for announcing the reps and coordinating the SRC. The SRC will release streamers and balloons from the balcony to start Welcome Back Night this Friday.

LEPS Junior String Ensemble
LEPS Junior String Ensemble have commenced rehearsing this year under the guidance of Dorothy Sercombe. There are currently 12 students in the ensemble; 11 children who play violin and one cello player. The children are playing and responding well to the music and are learning a lot and having fun playing together.

The first school tour date is Thursday 24 March at 9:30am outside the Library
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

$35 per family—cash or eftpos on the night.

Volunteers needed!

Contact: Sarah O’Kelly 0408 422 250
UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Monday 7 March
Strings Workshop Killara High

Thursday 10 March
Selective High Schools Placement Test Day

Monday 14 March
Tour of Killara High for LEPS families K-4

Monday 21 Wednesday 23 March
Year 5 Bush Camp

Friday 25 March
Good Friday

Monday 28 March
Easter Monday

Tuesday 29 March - Friday 8 April
Year 2 Swimming Scheme

Tuesday 5 April
7's Rugby Gala Day - Boronia Park Years 3-6

Friday 8 April
Last Day Term 1

PPSA VENUES & REPORTS

Following are the venues for PSSA this term

Division 1
Friday 26 February
LEPS vs West Pymble @ Comenarra Sports Field
Friday 4 March
LEPS vs Gordon West @ Wellington Oval
Friday 11 March
LEPS vs Lindfield @ Loftberg Oval
Friday 8 April
St Ives North @ Wellington Oval

Division 2
Friday 26 February
LEPS vs Roseville @ Wellington Oval
Friday 4 March
LEPS vs Chatswood @ Allan Small Oval
Friday 11 March
LEPS vs Pymble @ Bannockburn Oval
Friday 8 April
St Ives North @ Warrimoo Oval

Modball
All modball games will be played at St Ives Village Green

Touch Football
Junior games will be played at Hassall Park and senior games will be played at St Ives Showground

All games will commence at approximately 9:45am

Following are the results of games played on Friday 19 February

LEPS Senior Modball played Gordon West and won 9-3. Player of the match was Callam F.

LEPS Junior Modball played Gordon West and won 7-3. Player of the match was Sean E.

Congratulations Isaac Chen year 4 for coming in first place at the Ku Ring Gai Zone Tennis Trials last week. Isaac is doing some amazing things with his racquet. Best of luck with the Sydney North Trials in a couple of weeks. LEPS is behind you all the way.
Name: Erin Hall
Class: 4ME
First Year at LEPS: 2014 as a Prac Student
2016 as a Class Teacher

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Do you have any pets?
Not yet but I am hoping to get a Border Collie puppy soon.

What are you hobbies or interests?
Travel - next on my list is Europe. Going to the beach - I love paddle boarding and body surfing.

What other schools have you taught at?
Doonside, West Pymble, Mowbray and Gordon East.

Have you ever lived outside of Australia?
No, but I’d love to live in England for a year or two.

What were your favourite subjects at school?
History, Visual Arts and Drama.

Where did you go to school?
Scone Public School.

What were your favourite subjects at school?
PE and History.

What inspired you to become a teacher?
My teachers. They are the reason I have such a love for learning. I was inspired by their passion, integrity and dedication. As a teacher I hope to do the same. Not only do I aim to instil this same love for learning in all my students, I also hope to help them develop a deep love and respect for themselves, others and their environment.
Invitation

Families of Lindfield East Public School are invited
to visit Killara High School
(Students from Year 4 may accompany their parents)

Date: Monday 14 March 2016
Time: 9.00am - 10.15am
Location: A Block Reception

- Meet the Principal, Jane Dennett, and Senior Executive
- Tour the school
- Talk to students

For further enquiries, please contact
Ann Dixon, Transition Coordinator on 9498 3722
Voicemail Ext 296; Email - killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 9 March 2016

4.45 – 7.30 pm

School Hall

Principal: Ms Elizabeth Diprose
Phone: 9958 4141
Fax: 9967 2174

Extension Class

Placement Test

for Year 7, 2017

Year 6 students will have an opportunity to sit a placement test for our Year 7 extension class for selected students.

Saturday 12th March 2016

9.15 – 11.30 am

School Hall

Please ring the school for further information and to book a test place.

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