LEPS EXECUTIVE REPORT

Welcome Back Night
The ninth Welcome Back Night was once again a well supported, highly enjoyable and very successful school community event. The night provided a perfect summer evening to welcome new families to the school. Over 1000 past and present students, parents and staff gathered and socialised in what has developed into a much anticipated annual tradition. The committee, led by Alex Holt, did a fantastic job organising the night. Thank you to Alex, Liz Williams, Kate Keleher, Jane Wyndham, Lisa Mariner, Anna Abdo, Melanie Lynam, Sarah O’Kelly, Sarah Foley, Yvonne Low, Ceinwen Lawrence and Sharon Yu. We would also like to thank the SRC’s, our chefs at the Asian, Souvlaki and BBQ food stalls, canteen volunteers, St John’s Ambulance, LEPS School and Stage Bands, LEPS String Ensemble, LEPS Dragon Dancers and Umbrella Dancers, the Roving Balloon Clowns, Creative Workshops, East Lindfield Netball Club, Australian Yau King Mun Martial Arts Association and Bop Till You Drop disco. A special thank you to McConnell Bourn for their sponsorship of the fireworks. Select the link to view a slideshow of photos http://photopeach.com/album/umnqrx

Colouring and art competition winners’ posters are on pages 7 and 8.
K-2 Assembly
Congratulations to 1WO who entertained K-2 students, teachers and parents with their musical rendition of the months of the year. The children sang confidently and wore costumes to represent each month. Thank you 1WO, Mrs Withers and Mrs O’Connor.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent-teacher interviews, from Kindergarten to Year 6, will take place during Weeks 8 and 9 of this term. Feedback from parents has indicated that they would benefit by meeting with their child’s teacher at the beginning of the year. Parent-teacher interviews provide opportunities for parents to:

- meet and get to know their child’s teacher
- earn more about their child’s emotional and social development
- share important information about their child
- make plans with the teacher about how to best support their child.

We are trialling the ‘School Interviews’ online booking system this year to assist parents booking a time that is suitable for them.

In addition to this optional interview, two comprehensive written reports will be issued to you throughout the year, the first in Semester One and the second in Semester Two.

Pink Stumps Day
LEPS was awash in a sea of pink last Friday in support of the work The McGrath Foundation does with breast cancer research. Once again, a huge number of LEPS students and staff showed themselves to be both creative and community-minded. Thank you to all.

Meet Coral the Axolotl
This is Coral the Axolotl, who lives in the Science room. Axolotls have very colourful and interesting gills, which are located either side of their face. These fascinating creatures can be found in Mexico, but are sensitive to pollution. For this reason, they can be kept safe as pets. Axolotls can live up to 15 years, so Coral still has some good years ahead of her if she continues to stay healthy.

By Kate W and Ruby R
NAPLAN 2016
NAPLAN assessments are scheduled to take place on May 10, 11 and 12 for all students in Years 3 and 5. If you would like to discuss the possibility of exemption or withdrawal from the NAPLAN assessments for your child, please see Ms Watkins.

Student Wellbeing Initiatives
Stacy, our wonderful yoga teacher, is back at LEPS again this year, leading all students in Years 2 – 6 through yoga routines to develop strength, balance, focus and flexibility. Students also learn relaxation techniques to promote calm and wellbeing. This term, students in Year 4 are enjoying weekly lessons. For more information about the program, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sArVG1s3MUU where you’ll see ex-LEPS students speaking about the benefits of the yoga program.

Meet Peter Traynor, LEPS’ Learning and Support Teacher
LEPS is fortunate to have Mr Peter Traynor 2 ½ days each week providing expert support for students’ academic and social development. Mr Traynor assists teachers in the classroom, attends Learning Support Team meetings and runs the Friendship Room each Wednesday lunchtime, where a large number of students gather to play. Mr Traynor also visits every classroom 3 – 6 several times throughout the year to implement a program of positive social skills. Class discussions and activities on topics such as ‘Being a good friend’, ‘How to join in’ and ‘Winning and Losing’ are pro-active initiatives in the school which support our Student Welfare Policy and reinforce the message of ‘Care and Respect’.

Quality Teaching Rounds
LEPS is committed to continually improving the quality of teachers by providing outstanding evidence-based professional learning. Research clearly indicates that the most effective professional development models incorporate shared classroom observations, collegial dialogue, professional reading and expert presentations. Currently, we have eight teachers participating in the Quality Teaching Rounds with teachers from other schools in the Killara Schools Partnership. Quality Teaching Rounds follow the model of medical rounds, with teachers observing each others’ practice in the classroom, and coding lessons against criteria which has been identified as ‘best practice’. At the same time, all other teachers at LEPS who have already been trained are undertaking Quality Teaching Rounds here at school.
LEPS Senior String Ensemble
On Monday 7 March we were inspired and entertained by the Killara Schools Partnership concert.

The performers comprised students from our KSP schools, including Killara High School students. These students had not performed together prior to this date. They rehearsed as a team in the morning for three hours and delivered an amazing performance at midday.

Audience participation and a meaningful rendition of ‘Lean on Me’ was particularly moving. Driven by passion, determination and leadership of staff, peers and parents, these students achieved a marvellous result in a short period of time.

Silver + Gold Awards
Congratulations to the recipients of the prestigious Silver and Gold Awards which were presented in last week’s 3-6 Assembly.
**Student Voice Day**

Our school leaders are an important and valued part of the management and decision-making process at LEPS. Each year, we conduct a ‘Student Voice Day’ so that school leaders are able to contribute ideas, discuss issues, represent the views of the student body and build leadership skills. The day is also used to generate positive ideas and activities to reinforce the school’s anti-bullying stance and to prepare for the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence which is an Australia-wide initiative taking place on Friday March 18th. School leaders met yesterday and contributed some excellent thoughts and ideas before co-ordinating the SRC members from grades 2-5 as they also participated in the day. We look forward to implementing some of these great initiatives from a very impressive group of young leaders!

**National Day of Action**

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is an Australia-wide initiative taking place on Friday March 18th. LEPS is proud to join thousands of other school students across Australia to acknowledge our ‘zero tolerance’ for any form of bullying or violence. To acknowledge the day, all students K-6 will receive a wristband, and class teachers have lessons and activities planned to reinforce the message. The SRC will announce a school-wide competition for students to design a logo which will be printed onto a stand and displayed in the hall during assemblies.

**3 – 6 Assembly**

Our school leaders conducted the first assembly of the year in fine style, with an excellent speech by School Captain Amy O about Respect, a plethora of class Merit Awards, Silver Awards and Gold Awards, the presentation of Swimming Carnival ribbons and SRC badges, and some fine piano playing by Maddie C and Christine L. The assemblies are a very busy showcase of many wonderful achievements by our students and are led by our diligent and confident student leaders.

**Student Representative Council Badges**

Congratulations and well done to all our Semester 1 SRC Representatives who have been nominated by their peers. We know the SRC wear their badges with pride, and look forward to their valuable contributions to the school. Soon the SRC will participate in video conferences with other SRC members from schools in the Killara Schools Partnership. Their first topic to discuss is; ‘What makes our school special?’
Cross Country—Monday 9 May
The Cross Country will be held on Monday 9 May, Term 2, Week 4. The Juniors will run 2km and the Seniors 3km. Get out there with your family and train together. On 27 March and 3 April I will be running a training group for any student at LEPS who can RUN the above distances at the St Ives Showground at 4:30pm. This is an opportunity to train for the School Cross Country Carnival as well as gaining familiarity with the course for the Zone Carnival. The above dates are the only Sundays that the venue is available. After these dates you can go with smaller groups to train if you so wish. There will be a substantial warm-up and then we will run the track. Please note that parents are responsible for their children during this session.
Phil Tilsley

Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to those students who represented LEPS at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Results will be available soon.
Welcome Back Night
3rd 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 an
nounced on the school’s website, at WBN! The winning entries will be dis-
played in the Lynden and the school foyer. Good luck!

Name: Sarah
Class: 4PR

Tickets are available until the night at:

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Name: Melissa
Class: 5PR

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PPSA VENUES & REPORTS

Following are the venues for PSSA this term

Division 1
Friday 11 March  LEPS vs Lindfield @ Loftberg Oval
Friday 8 April    St Ives North @ Wellington Oval

Division 2
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 26 February

Junior Modball played St Ives and lost 5-11. Player of the match was Bethany B.
Senior Modball played St Ives and won 8-0. Player of the match was Kate S.
Junior Cricket played Lindfield and won 128-111. Player of the match was Ryan L.
Senior Cricket played West Pymble and won 143-111. Player of the match was Lachlan M.
Senior Girls Touch Football played St Ives North and won 2-0. Player of the match was Pip C.
Senior Girls Touch Football played Killara and won 3-0. Player of the match was Ruby R.
Senior Boys Touch Football played Chatswood and won 5-0. Player of the match was Nick K.
Senior Boys Touch Football played Chatswood and won 6-1. Player of the match was Marcus Z.

Following are the results of games played on Friday 4 March

Junior Cricket played Chatswood and lost. Player of the match was Cameron.
Senior Cricket played Chatswood and lost 71-104. Player of the match was Yudhvir L.
Junior Modball played Beaumont Road and won 7-0. Player of the match was Annie W.
Senior Modball played Beaumont Road and tied 3-3. Player of the match was Kate W.
Junior Girls Touch Football played St Ives Park and won 3-0. Player of the match was Megan A.
Junior Girls Touch Football played Masada and won 4-1. Player of the match was Ash G.
Junior Boys Touch Football played St Ives park and won 1-0. Player of the match was Evan C.
Junior Boys Touch Football played Masada and lost 0-1. Player of the match was Griffin H.
Senior Girls Touch Football played Chatswood1 and won 7-0. Player of the match was Fearne P.
Senior Girls Touch Football played Chatswood2 and won 2-0. Player of the match was Amy O.
Senior Boys Touch Football played St Ives Park and won 8-0. Player of the match was Aidan L.

Lost Property from Welcome Back Night
Lost property from the evening includes a ladies silver Skagen watch, a black Revlon purse with coins inside and an Opal Card with the name ‘Kai Lai’. Also an A4 lecture book was left in the hall after the parent information evenings. Please see the ladies in the administration office.
GUINEA PIGS CARERS

Thank you to all the families that have cared for the guinea pigs over the weekends this term. We really appreciate it!!!

If you are interested in looking after the guinea pigs please put a note in the designated box in the office with your child's name, class & an e-mail address.

Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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CARE & RESPECT AWARDS

Term 1 Week 6 Kindy - Year 2

Jemimah J KLM
Noah T KMC
Mia F 1CS
Jayson W 1RC
Cy C 1/2SE
Toby M 2DS

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.
Name: Nathan Lee
Class: Science
First Year at LEPS: 2015 as a Casual
2016 as a Class Teacher
Favourite:

- Colour: Fluoro Green
- Animal: Bears
- Food: McDonalds
- Band/Music: Imagine Dragons
- Song: Radioactive
- TV Show: Simpsons
- Movie: Space Jam
- Sports Team: Newcastle Knights & Illawarra Hawks
- Sport: Have played just about everything.
  Lots of basketball, netball & league
- Book: Holes by Louis Sachar

Do you have any pets?
Mr Axolotl, Coral, as well as one dog, one cat and a fish.

What are your hobbies or interests?
Hanging out with friends, lots of sport and a bit of gym.

What other schools have you taught at?
West Pennant Hills Public School.

Have you ever lived outside of Australia?
Not yet. I have travelled Europe for over 2 months and would love to live in London in the future.

What were your favourite subjects at school?
PDHPE, Legal Studies and Maths.

Where did you go to school?
West Pennant Hills Public School.

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

What inspired you to become a teacher?
My year 5 teacher was a really great person who influenced me in many ways. Teachers have been some of the most influential people in my life. I think it is pretty special to have a job that can have such a great impact on people’s lives.
Welcome to LEPS

New Enrolments Years 1-6

Starting at a new school in Years 1 to 6 can be overwhelming, even if you had children enrolled for a while, in a big school like ours you may still feel lost. One of the first phrases you’ll hear in our neighbourhood is “I’ll meet you at the Deli”, which is the café in the row of shops in Wellington Rd, East Lindfield.

We invite all of 2016’s newly arrived families and friendly souls in the LEPS community to join us for a coffee from 9:15am on:

18 March 2016   18 May 2016
30 March 2016   3 June 2016
8 April 2016    15 June 2016
20 April 2016   1 July 2016
6 May 2016      20 July 2016

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 welcome all feedback!

Kind regards

On behalf of LEPS Parent's Auxiliary