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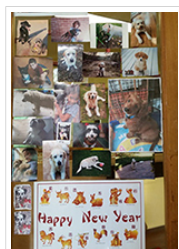
Welcome Back LEPS 2018



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Gongxi facai! Happy New Year!

As we welcome in the Year of the Dog, we are excited about all the activities we have planned at LEPS to celebrate our links to Asia. Have a look at the lovable dog poster and beautiful 'doggie' artwork on display in the library. All students K-6 will continue Chinese language classes with Miss Zeng and Miss Chan and we have a study tour to



Japan planned in September for students in Stage 3 – more information about this will be shared next week!



Drama Toolbox

This term Kindergarten and Stage 1 students will be participating in the Drama Toolbox series called 'Facing Our Feelings' as part of the 'Social Emotional Active Learning (SEAL)' program. The five lessons focus on self-awareness, conflict resolution strategies, considering feelings, belonging and including others in work and play situations. During the sessions children will use puppets and dramatic skills in an engaging and active learning environment.

<http://www.thedramatoolbox.com.au/>



Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the parent information evenings so far. The final evening will be held next Tuesday 20 February for students in Years 3 and 4. The evenings provide a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to listen to an outline of school programs and meet the teacher to discuss general classroom organisation and routines. Thank you to our specialist teachers who attended the evenings and

explained their role at the school. We are also strongly supported by the P&C who annually organise a representative to speak at each of the evenings.

Reminder: P&C AGM next Tuesday 20 February

This is a reminder that the P&C Annual General Meeting will be held in the school staffroom next Tuesday 20 February, commencing at 7:30pm. The first meeting of the year will be held immediately following the AGM. We'd love to see you there! The P&C is looking for nominations for the role of Secretary. This role is not very onerous; it mainly involves attending the meetings (usually once per term) taking the meeting minutes and distributing them. If this sounds like something you could do to support your very active and dedicated P&C, could you please email the P&C President, Debbie Jenkins, at debjenkins76@icloud.com for more information about the nomination process.

Speaking Out Against Racism

LEPS has a zero tolerance for any sort of bullying, including racism. Recently, students in Years 5 and 6 took part in a large survey being conducted across NSW by the University of Western Sydney to find out more about student experiences, attitudes, feelings and understandings of racism. The results of the survey will help schools develop programs and resources aimed at challenging racism.



LEPS IN THE PINK FOR CANCER RESEARCH

LEPS students once again showcased their love of dressing up for a good cause for today's Pink Stumps Day. Students 3-6 were pretty in pink in support of the McGrath Foundation's cancer research. Thank you to all who participated – you looked amazing!



Anti-Racism Contact Officers

All public schools in NSW are required to have an Anti-Racism policy, and procedures for issues relating to racism, if they arise. The Anti-Racism Contact Officers at LEPS are; Tessa Noble, Nicole Richards, Deanna Sonter and Michelle Marquet. These are the people to contact if matters relating to racism occur, and they will also be responsible for promoting anti-racism messages and procedures within the school.



Bushlink

LEPS is pleased to be partnering with Bushlink again in 2018. 5NC and 5SP were the first classes to work with the team this year. They enjoyed some time outside learning about the different native and introduced plant species we have growing at LEPS, and helping to remove some of the unwanted plants along the bush trail. All other classes will have the opportunity to work with and learn from the Bushlink team throughout the year.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews, from Kindergarten to Year 6, will take place during Weeks 7 and 8 of this term (March 12 -23). Parent-teacher interviews provide opportunities for parents to:

- meet and get to know their child's teacher
- learn 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.

Further information will be sent via Schoolzine and a note home next week.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual Swimming Carnival will take place on Wednesday 21 February 2018. All students 3-6 will attend the carnival but, as previously advised, your child does not have to swim.

Children who are not swimming in races will have the opportunity to participate in novelty activities in the shallow pool. These activities will be fully supervised by teachers.

All 3-6 students have been allocated a House and at the carnival will be sitting in their House areas. They are expected to remain in their allocated House areas but may join their parents for lunch.

Students are encouraged to wear a swimming cap in their House colour. These caps may be purchased from the school's Uniform Shop for \$5.00. Please use a permanent marker to write your child's first and last name on the outside of the cap.

Parents are welcome to attend the Carnival to support the students. Please note that there is \$3.10 admission charge for entry. Parents may transport their children home from the carnival but please report to either Miss Lyell or Mr Campbell when collecting your child in order for the rolls to be updated accurately. Children who wish to go home or stay at the pool with another adult must have written permission from their parents.

Buses will be leaving school promptly at **8.30 am**. **Students should arrive at school between 8.00 am and 8.15 am** with roll call taking place at 8.20am. The first event, the 100m freestyle, is scheduled to commence at 9.00am. Children swimming in this event should ensure that their teacher knows they should be placed on the first bus.

Students need to wear their swimming costume under their sports uniform and they are permitted to wear a plain coloured t-shirt to match their house colour.

We are looking forward to an exciting day of swimming.

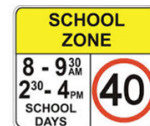
Who do I speak to? (Chain of Communication)

This model of communication for parents has been highly successful for many years and will again be adopted in 2018. 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.

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.



SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

 No Parking You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. PENALTY \$183 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	Pedestrian Crossings Do not stop on or near a marked crossing. PENALTY \$439 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
 No Stopping Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies. PENALTY \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	Driveways Do not stop on or across a driveway. PENALTY \$183 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
 Bus Zone You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. PENALTY \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS	Lane Filtering /Overtaking Motorcyclists must not overtake or lane-filter in an active school zone. PENALTIES AND DEMERIT POINTS APPLY
 Mobile Phone Use Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving. PENALTY \$439 + 4 DEMERIT POINTS	Double Parking Do not double park in a school zone. PENALTY \$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
Speeding Offences The fines and demerit points for speeding offences in school zones have been increased.  MAX. PENALTY \$3740 + 7 DEMERIT POINTS	Footpath and Nature Strip Do not stop on a footpath or nature strip. PENALTY \$183 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

*Fines current as of July 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.



Drop and Go for K-2

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.

Early Arrival

This is a reminder that the school is open for students from 8:45am. Unless your child is involved in a supervised activity (such as band, choir, Creative Workshops), we ask that you do not bring your child to school before 8:45am. Unfortunately, we are also not able to have children waiting while their siblings

are involved in a supervised activity. Teachers' duty of care commences at 8:45am, so for the safety and supervision of your children, we ask that you make alternative arrangements for them on mornings when you are not able to be with them before 8:45am. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

House Captains and Vice House Captains

On Tuesday afternoon, the students in Years 3-6 voted to elect their House Captains and Vice House Captains for 2018. Congratulations to the successful students. We are sure you will lead your houses well.

Kendall



Captains: Anna W, Lauren M
Vice Captains: Catherine B, Kobe C

Lawson



Captains: Amber H, Marissa T
Vice Captains: Ava B, Keira K

Mackellar



Captains: Grace M, Andrew L
Vice Captains: Nicholas H, Sahara G

Paterson



Captains: Lachlan K, Megan A
Vice Captains: Nicholas A, Mia H

Kindergarten students enjoy eating lunch on their new mats.



Classroom News

6HJ

Students were inspired by surrealism and the Pop art movement of the 1960's, combining the work and style of Andy Warhol, Mel Ramos and Peter Mars. Over the last 10 days 6HJ students collected images from different media types that had a special meaning to them. These were images that make them happy or things that inspire their future goals. The art work each student created is a little snap shot into their lives, thoughts and passions.



6LN

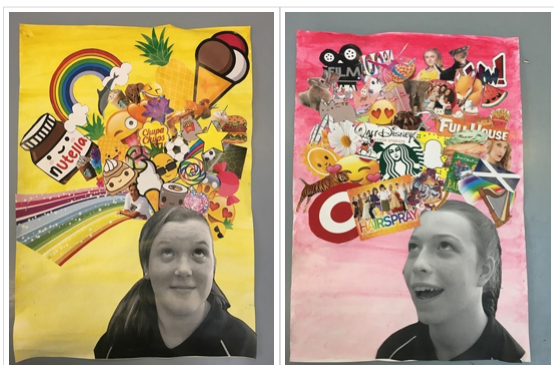
6LN students have started the year with a bang! We have been revising the use of onomatopoeia within our writing and have created artwork to reinforce this concept. Not only did we think of relevant words, but also based our artwork on the comic style of art developed by Pop Artist, Roy Lichtenstein. These

will be displayed in our classroom shortly. You are more than welcome to visit us to view them.



6SL

The students in 6SL are extremely excited for the big year ahead of them! After getting to know each other and settle in their new classroom they were keen to get creative and start decorating. Everyone had to brainstorm and search for items that represented themselves, and then create a collage with the idea of 'Dreaming'.



PSSA

Following are the venues for PSSA Term 1

Friday 16 February - PINK STUMPS DAY

Cricket Boys	
Division 1	
Friday 16 February	LEPS vs Roseville @ Wellington Oval
Division 2	
Friday 16 February	LEPS vs Gordon East @ Tryon Oval (lower)
Cricket Girls Seniors	
Friday 16 February	Bye @ Koola Oval
Cricket Girls Juniors	
Friday 16 February	Bye @ Koola Oval

Touch Footie	
Senior Boys	
Friday 16 February	St Ives Show Ground
Junior Boys	
Friday 16 February	LEPS vs Pymble - Game 1 LEPS vs Chatswood 1 – Game 2 @ Hassell Park
Junior Girls	
Friday 16 February	LEPS vs Pymble - Game 1 LEPS vs St Ives Park 2 – Game 2 @ Hassell Park

Following are the results of games played on Friday 9 February 2018

Division 2 Senior Cricket played Masada and lost 60-67. Player of the match was Josh M.

Division 2 Junior Cricket played Masada and lost 144-99. Player of the match was Alexander T.

Senior Girls Touch Footy played Lindfield and won 5-0. Player of the match was Fiona D.

Senior Girls Touch Footy played Beaumont Road and won 1-0. Player of the match was Annaliese C.

Junior Girls Touch Footy played Gordon West and it was a draw 0-0. Player of the match was Maya.

Junior Girls Touch Footy played Beaumont Road and won 3-0. Player of the match was Charlotte.

Senior Boys Touch Footy played St Ives and won 4-1. Player of the match was Griffin H

Senior Boys Touch Footy played Pymble and it was a tie 2-1. Player of the match was Zac.

Friday 23 February

Cricket	
Division 1	
Friday 23 February	LEPS vs Gordon West @ Wellington Oval
Division 2	
Friday 23 February	LEPS vs St Ives @ Wellington Oval
Cricket Girls Seniors	
Friday 23 February	LEPS vs St Ives North @ Koola Oval
Cricket Girls Juniors	
Friday 23 February	LEPS vs St Ives North @ Koola Oval

Touch Footie	
Senior	
Friday 23 February	St Ives Show Ground
Junior	
Friday 23 February	LEPS vs Gordon West - Game 1 LEPS vs Lindfield – Game 2 @ Hassell Park
Junior Girls	
Friday 16 February	LEPS vs Chatswood 2 - Game 1 LEPS vs– Roseville - Game 2 @ Hassell Park

Help Wanted!

Thank you to those wonderful families who have cared for our guinea pigs, Donna and Florence.

If you would like to care for them over a weekend please complete the form and return to the front office.



Guinea Pig Carers

Name:

Child's Name:

Class:

Email:

Phone:

School Tour Dates 2018

Thursday 22 March
Thursday 17 May
Thursday 14 June
Thursday 2 August
Thursday 13 September
Thursday 18 October

Thursday 15 November Years 1-6 new students only

All tours commence at 9.30am outside the library and take approximately 45 minutes.

Term Dates 2018

Term 1

Friday 13 April Last Day Term 1

Term 2

Monday 1 May Staff Development Day

Tuesday 2 May All Students Return

Friday 6 July Last Day Term 1

Term 3

Monday 23 July Staff Development Day

Tuesday 24 July All Students Return

Friday 28 September Last Day Term 1

Term 4

Monday 15 October All Students Return

Wednesday 19 December Last Day Term 1