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Lyrebird 13 December

Presentation Day Assemblies

Parents and caregivers proudly celebrated the outstanding achievements of all our students at the annual presentation day assemblies this week. All students received certificates to acknowledge their academic and social achievement throughout 2019. Some students were also recognised with 'Special Awards' for excellence in a wide range of subject areas, including English, Mathematics, EAL/D, Mandarin, Science, Sport, Public Speaking, Creative Arts, Library and Technology. Attributes such as Creative Thinking, Citizenship, Conscientious Endeavour and Improvement were also acknowledged as important aspects to school life. Each assembly showcased the strong performing arts talents of the students and featured a photo movie that profiled the diversity of opportunity that LEPS students have experienced this year. Thanks go to Scarlet Aghajani who produced the photo movies which can be viewed in this newsletter and via the school website. Once again, we thank the involvement of Killara High School staff and students. Having former LEPS students return as guest speakers in prefect positions has been a feature of the assemblies over the years.

Kindergarten 2019 Presentation

Kindy 2019 Presentation Video 1

Kindy 2019 Presentaion 'Shine Together'

Year 1 2019 Presentation

Year 1 2019 Presentation 刷牙歌 'Brush teeth song'

Year 1 2019 Presetation 'We Are'

Year 2 2019 Presentation

Year 2 2019 Presentation 小兔子乖乖 Year 2 Rabbit Song

Year 2 2019 Presetntion 'We've Got the Music'

Year 3 2019 Presentation

Year 3 2019 Presentation 'We Know The Way'

Year 3 2019 Presentation 'A Million Dreams'

Year 4 2019 Presentation

Year 4 2019 Presentation Zootopia - 'Try Everything'

Year 5 2019 Presentation

Year 5 2019 Presentation Sheppard - 'Coming Home Karaoke'

Year 6 2019 Presentation

Year 6 2019 Presentation Flight Facilities - 'Better Than Ever'

Welcome Back Night 2020



canteen, uniform shop, bands, string and library; to helping out in classes; attending and helping on excursions, sporting events and performances; planning events and initiatives; serving on the P&C; fundraising; teaching scripture or ethics groups; and providing time, expertise and support in a myriad of other ways. To everyone who has volunteered in some way in 2019, we say 'Thank you'. Your contributions are very much valued and appreciated.

Storm Damage - Mulch

We have a significant amount of mulch left after the debris from the trees was cleared. If you would like some for your gardens, you are welcome to collect on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 December. Alternatively if you can only collect on the weekend, please let us know so we are able to arrange a suitable day and time. Please email the school on lindfielde-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.



Congratulations to the leadership team of 2020.

Year 6 SRC Representatives:

- Neilson C Vicky Y
- Jem K Hannah D
- Jeremy R Mia N



- Prefects:**
- Jesse G Nina T
 - Nicholas M Ellie B

- Vice Captains:**
- Viaan S Kayla B

- Captains:**
- Charley H Angelina Ly

Thank you Morning Tea

On Tuesday 3 December, LEPS staff showed their appreciation to our amazing volunteers with a sumptuous outdoor morning tea. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated helpers who assist us with so many aspects of school life – from the

Host families Needed

Are you interested in hosting an exchange student/s from 2 March to 16 March 2020 as part of our LEPS Program and the DoE International Student Centre?

Please see the attached document for more information and an expression of interest form.

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3423/eoi_to_parents_about_homestays_2020.pdf

Stationery List and Book Packs for 2020

Our teachers have put together a list of requirements to support and ensure a productive year in 2020 filled with many challenging and exciting programs.

The Stationery List is attached and we would appreciate you supplying these items for your child at the beginning of the new

school year. Items should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

The Text Book pack is to be order online directly with LJ Harper, a book and stationery supplier, who will deliver the packs directly to the school early next year. The packs will be delivered and distributed on Monday 3 February. An email will be sent out shortly with information and instructions on how to order.

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3430/stationary_list_2020.pdf

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3431/ljharper_book_pack_2020.pdf

Volunteering with the P&C- The best way to get involved!

As the year draws to a close, I reflect on the wonderful year that was. The incredible LEPS community that is inclusive, respectful, caring and supportive to one another. We should not take this for granted, as it's these people, our village, that we rely on in hard times and in good.

There are many wonderful families that make up our community, people from all walks of life and backgrounds. As I sat on the stage at Presentation Days this year, I looked out at the 'melting pot' that makes our LEPS community so unique in many ways. Our children are privileged to be surrounded by so many influences and given the opportunity to embrace their identity, their culture and their religion.

As I think of the terrible tragedy unfolding in New Zealand and how close it is to all of us, I think of how important it is to be there for one another, whether it is at a time of sadness or a time of happiness and celebration.

Being part of a community is essential to all our lives. It grounds us, it gives us purpose and it supports us when we need it. Whether it be your North Shore community or your Lindfield East Public School community, I encourage you to be part of it. I have made

friends for life through this school and will treasure this time for ever.

The LEPS P&C is the framework that supports this school community. We are not only a fundraising body, nor just a support to the teachers, we are there for all the families to be a part of, to support and care for and to be involved in.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday period and a fabulous Christmas, Chanukah or whatever you may celebrate at this time. Take time to reflect on the amazing school that we are part of. Think about how you can get involved next year. If you didn't do too much this year, try and get a little more involved next. It will be worth it. You will make new friends, be part of a fabulous group of parents, help the school with events that need support and feel good about being part of the community.

The P&C need new members, new ideas, and new thoughts. All positions are open and the AGM will be held on the 25 February. I hope you will all attend.

Best Wishes

Tracey Rath

P&C President

Grand Final Winners!

Congratulations to Ethan C, Marco L, Emily H and Alexander H for winning the final of the Gifted and Talented Mathematics Competition at Bonnyrigg last Thursday.



In Mrs Neilsen and Ms Piercely's Year Six Maths Group, we have been working on a very interesting project called the Million Dollar Challenge. This is where you are given one million dollars and are asked to buy many items on a list. You have to include a house, an Eco friendly mode of transport, create a university savings account and research two universities you want to go to, estimating costs including books and other equipment, and two legitimate charitable donations towards good causes. We were given a lot of freedom in this project and were allowed to do whatever we wanted with the money within those guidelines.

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Kindergarten Excursion Field of Mars

On Monday last week, the Kindergarten students and teachers went on an excursion to the Field of Mars.

When we arrived we had recess as a whole group and then the classes did different activities throughout the day. We went on many bushwalks. Using maps, we searched for places that Garigan the blue-tongue lizard would like to hide. We also built teepees with long sticks to make shelters. After lunch, we played games in the park and then we walked to Flat Rock, where we used magnifying glasses to see sticks, bark and rocks up close.

We were lucky it didn't rain and everyone really enjoyed the day.



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Kindergarten 2020 Picnic Day at LEPS

Last Friday, preschool students beginning Kindergarten at LEPS in 2020 and their parents were invited to bring a picnic lunch between 12pm and 1pm. The aim of the picnic was to allow pre-schoolers and parents to meet and develop new

friendships. It also gave parents the opportunity, if they wished, to organise playdates in the school holidays prior to the commencement of the school year. Due to the recent storms, we were unable to use the school oval but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of parents and children as they set up their picnic rugs and food under the K-2 COLA.

Also invited to the picnic were our Year 5 students who will be the 'Buddies' for Kindergarten next year. The Year 5 students impressed the parents with their organisation of games, stories and activities to entertain the pre-schoolers. Parents also commented favourably about Year 5's gentle and caring behaviour which was demonstrated towards the younger children. Very quickly the pre-schoolers left their parents to chat while they enjoyed the numerous activities with Year 5.

Both pre-schoolers and Year 5 are looking forward to meeting again at the start of the school year in 2020 and developing their friendships further.

Feedback from parents was extremely positive to this new initiative at LEPS and we will look at continuing such an event in the future.



Class Formations 2020 - Thank you for your support

We wish to extend a huge thank you to our parents who have supported our request to refrain from requesting a particular teacher or friendship group for their children in 2020. An enormous amount of time and effort goes into class placements each year, with teachers working in collegial groups to create a balance of academic ability, gender, language background, friendships and work habits in each and every class. We appreciate parents' confidence in our professional capacity to form well balanced learning environments, and value your support and understanding as we move through this process in preparation for 2020.

School Opening Dates

The last day for students and teachers for 2018 is Wednesday 18 December. The school will be closed after this date until Tuesday 28 January 2020, when teachers will return to work for a Staff Development Day. Students in Years 1 – 6 will return to school on Wednesday 29 January. Kindergarten students have been sent a letter advising of their 'Best Start' appointment time, which has been scheduled between Wednesday 29 January and Friday 31 January 2020.

Welcome Mark Matthiessen

My name is Mark Matthiessen and I am very excited to be joining your community in 2020. I am coming from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. It's very cold and snowy here, so am excited to enjoy summer in Australia with you. I am even more excited to both teach and learn at Lindfield East Public School.

Some of my favorite hobbies are camping, hiking, snowboarding and watching science fiction movies. I also love reading books to kids.



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2019

Here are some of the students who finished the Premier's Reading Challenge:



These are the Kindergarten students.



These are the Year 1 students.



These are the Year 2 students.

The gold and platinum certificates will be handed out at the Service Award Assembly on December the 12th.

String Trial Term 1 2020

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3426/stringtrial_application_k_3_2020_term_1.pdf

LEPS Junior String Ensemble

Our talented Junior String Ensemble were very busy last week. They performed to students in K-2 at lines on Wednesday then walked to East Lindfield preschool for their second performance. On Thursday evening their third performance was to family and friends at the annual LEPS end of year concert held at Killara High School. The students have progressed tremendously throughout the year and thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their talents. Thank you to Dhristi, Kiera and Odin for solo performances on the Cello and Spencer and Charlotte on the violin. Special thanks to our wonderful conductor, Tatiana, and to Olivia Korompis for organising. Please select the link to view the children performing and singing Jingle Bells.

Senior String Ensemble

Our Senior String Ensemble have been busy this week. They performed for residents at the Twilight Age Care on Tuesday and on Wednesday performed for students in K-2 in the morning then immediately followed up with a visit to East Lindfield Preschool. They have made such remarkable progress this year and should be proud of their achievements. Thank you to Olivia Korompis for organising and all the parents for their support.



End of Year Concert

The annual 'End of Year' concert held on Wednesday evening 4 December at Killara High School showcased the exceptional talent of our amazing bands at Lindfield East Public School. All the students have worked tirelessly throughout the year and are to be commended on their outstanding achievements. The Junior, Senior and Performance String Ensembles performed together with the Training, Concert, Performance and Stage bands. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by our supportive parent community. Many thanks to the band committee, conductors, and parents who ensure the students are given these wonderful opportunities.

Our Band and String programs will continue to flourish next year. Currently we have 46 students starting in the Training Band, 40 students in the Concert Band and 30 students progressing to the Performance Band. Due to the dedication and enthusiasm of our string conductors, we will have two string ensembles next year: Senior and a Performance Group. If you would like to join the band or the string ensemble next year, please contact Elise Lee and Charmian Yap for Strings.

elise_lee@optusnet.com.au

charmianyap@yahoo.com.au



Gate Concert

The Performance Band entertained the school community as they arrived at school on Monday morning. The annual 'Gate' concert, led by conductor Colin Smith, highlights the talents of the senior band members. They performed an entertaining repertoire of Christmas songs outside the administration area. Thanks to our dedicated band committee and parents who set up and put away all the equipment.



Ethan R., Alex M., Michael H., Michael Z., Ryan D. and Hari C. (All in Yr 4)



2019 LEPS Tennis Champs

- School Champion – Kian C – (7-4, 7-1)
- Year 6 runner up – Zac T
- Year 6 girl champion – Keeva O
- Year 6 girl runner up – Nikki L
- Year 5 Boy champion – Ryan L
- Year 5 Boy runner up – Caleb H
- Year 5 girl champ – Ellie B
- Year 5 girl runner up – Nina T
- Year 4 and Girl champion – Emilie C (15-8)
- Year 4 Boy champ – Hunter Y
- Year 4 Boy runner up – Hari C
- Year 4 Boy champ – Josh N (15-14)

Budding Gardeners!

In Term 2 we started randomly planting some seeds around the school. We were planting strawberries, sugar snap peas and spring onions. Unfortunately a lot got eaten so during the holidays we did a lot of thinking and we went to Bunnings to buy plants and equipment.

In Term 3 we relocated our plants to the Ecogarden and added some other plants. We started to also grow, peppermint, beetroot, corn, potatoes, capsicum, basil, parsley, celery and cabbage.

We gradually got more garden beds and plants. Whenever the Ecogarden was open we went and watered, weeded and took care of all the plants. Each week that went along we saw progress in the plants. It was very exciting.

Now we are nearly ready to start harvesting and selling our produce.

We will have a stall with our produce outside the office on Monday afternoon from 2:45.

The money will go towards the Ecogarden for plants and equipment.

In conclusion we really enjoyed this experience and hope to continue next year and encourage others to join in.

Work Experience and Service Learning

During Weeks 7 and 8 this term we hosted students from Killara High School as part of their service learning program. Service learning will provide these students with a general introduction to the 'world of work'. They have been assisting teachers in the classroom and have been a wonderful help during PE lessons with Mr Tilsley. They have worked with our General Assistant Mr Gregory Jack to maintain the school grounds and in the office and library with administration tasks. Thank you to all the Year 10 students, it has been a pleasure having them at LEPS.



Term Dates

Term 4 2019

Monday 16 Dec	Year 6 Dinner Dance
Monday 16 Dec	K-2 Picnic Day
Tuesday 17 Dec	3-6 Picnic Day
Wednesday 18 Dec	Last Day of Term 4

Term 1 2020

Tuesday 28 Jan	First Day School Open
Thursday 9 April	Last Day Term 1