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## Presentation Day assemblies

We 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 2020. 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 featured a photo movie that profiled the opportunities that LEPS students have experienced this year- albeit quite different to previous years! Thanks go to Scarlet A who produced the photo movies which will be emailed to your email address you registered with the school. We thank all parents/carers for your understanding of our decision to have no parents on site for the K-4 assemblies this year due to many reasons including health and safety, time and disruption to learning. It was wonderful to be able to hold our Year 5 and 6 assemblies outdoors and have a limited number of visitors on site.



## Student Leaders 2021

Congratulations to our newly appointed LEPS Leadership Team for 2021:

School Captains: Spencer C and Jisoo Y

Vice Captains: Diana L and Declan O

Prefects: Michael H, Alexander P, Sophie S and Zana W

SRC Representatives: Cooper C, Fletcher C, Aidan H, Chloe L, Zarah L and Evelyn L

We know you will be excellent leaders and role models for the LEPS community.



## 2021 Leadership Team

The 14 members of the 2021 leadership team met with Ms Read and Mr Roberts last week. A jam board was used to collaborate and share responses to three questions:

Why do you want to be a leader?

What makes a good leader?

What ideas do you have for the school?

The students provided thoughtful answers and it is evident we have future leaders in our midst!







- What is the most difficult thing about your job?
- How many clocks are there in the Australian Parliament House?
- What is the ratio of females/males in parliament?
- What's the weirdest question anyone has ever asked during question time?
- What happens if a politician is late to a vote?

All of Stage 3 had a great time learning about civics and citizenship and were honoured to meet such high esteemed representatives of our area and country.

We would like to say a big thank you to Paul Fletcher and Tony Smith for taking time out of their busy schedules.

By Charley, Viaan, Angelina and Kayla

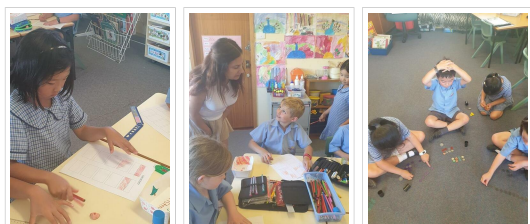


## PMSI Maths Project Lessons

Miss Morgan has continued working with year 1 students on the concept of fractions. Students were displaying their understanding of using concrete materials to model half of a collection as well as representing halves and quarters.

At the end of the class activities, students were given the challenge of creating a flag for Miss Morgan's new country 'Morgan Land'. The briefing for the flag was it had to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  white and  $\frac{1}{2}$  another colour of their choice. The most creative design is now hanging in Miss Morgan's office (her new country)!

Miss Cannell and Miss Morgan are very much looking forward to working with more classes across the school in 2021.



## Thank You Parents

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions we could not hold our all important annual 'Thank You Morning Tea'. The students and staff at LEPS could not possibly achieve as much as they do without the support of the parents, carers and helpers who often volunteer their time to help provide a broad range of activities to our students. On behalf of the LEPS staff we appreciate everything you do and we are so fortunate to have such dedicated helpers who assist us with so many aspects of school life – from the canteen, uniform shop, bands, string and library; to helping out in classes; attending and helping on excursions, sporting events and performances; planning

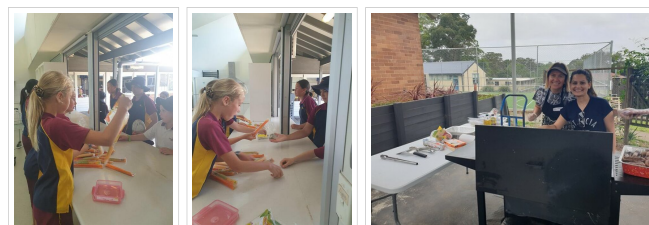
events and initiatives; serving on the P&C; fundraising; teaching scripture or ethics groups; and providing time, expertise and support in a myriad of other ways. To everyone who has volunteered in some way in 2020, even if it was to support your children during 'learning from home', we say THANK YOU! Your contributions are very much valued and appreciated.

## P&C Sausage Sizzles and Ice block Days

Due to LEPS not having a school canteen this term the P&C kindly purchased ice blocks to sell each Friday lunchtime. It was definitely well received on those hot days!

Students, and staff also enjoyed the two Wednesday lunchtime sausage sizzles. The tasty meal was cooked by P&C parents and staff.

Thank you to the P&C Committee and parent helpers for organising, cooking and preparing the sausage sandwiches and also to the Year 6 leaders for selling the sandwiches and ice blocks each week.



## Year 6 Mini Fete

On Monday, 30 November, Year 6 streamed through the school gates, proudly carrying handmade products and wearing matching costumes with excited smiles plastered on their faces. We were all chattering in our Mini Fete groups and planning how we'd all set up our stalls. Almost everyone had experienced the LEPS Mini Fetes before, but running one would take it to that extra level of fun as well as excitement.

There were decorations being hung up, products placed neatly on tables and time flew by so fast that everyone was shocked when the bell rang for the kindergartens to come and take part in what we'd had to offer. The prices ranged from 20 cents to \$3.50, and it was busy for most stalls. From slime, succulents and scrunchies to sponge throwing, water pong and hairspray, there was something for everyone. Kids walked around with multicoloured hair, thoroughly enjoying the ice blocks they were given, clutching their products and looking around to see some very wet teachers!

Despite the lack of food, I'm sure the school was glad to have something like this to end the year, as it was fun for the Year 6s as well as the younger years. We raised lots of money to support the school and to fund for something beneficial to LEPS, which further students will enjoy. Thank you to all those people who made it happen, despite the rules and regulations we had to keep in mind. Everyone walked home with smiles on their faces and the school had a fantastic time!

Nina T

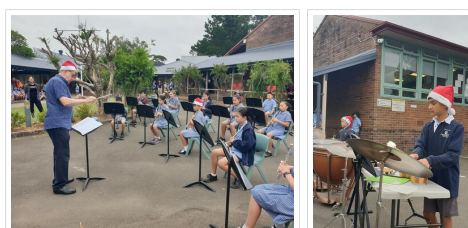


It was so lovely to have our bands perform for our parents and students last week at the front of the school during drop off time. The bands entertained us with a variety of songs including some Christmas Carols that the LEPS students eagerly clapped along to.

Thank you ever so much to our parent helpers who provided a Covid safe environment for our band members throughout the year. Your cleaning and sanitising skills were magnificent. A sincere thank you to Jane and Elise for your hard work, determination and flexibility in such a difficult and unprecedented year. The band program would not have gone ahead so smoothly without you. Also a special mention to our conductors Adam and Colin. Their dedication and enthusiasm towards the LEPS band program during morning and lunchtime rehearsals is to be commended.

A huge congratulations to all band members who continued to practise at home during online learning and attended weekly band rehearsals when they recommenced at school. Learning a musical instrument is no easy task but it has many proven benefits including brain development, language and maths skills, increased coordination and improved memory, attention and concentration.

We hope we have some eager new members joining the LEPS band program in 2021 and also hope to see many familiar faces return.



## K-2 Care and Respect Awards

Congratulations to the K-2 students who received Care and Respect awards at their weekly assembly. Recipients were:

Kindergarten- Cormac N, Anneliese L, Ariz A and Jacob Y

Year 1- Ori C, Austin W, Rowan L and Molly C

Year 2- Caleb K, Sophie B, Andes C and Sienna A

## Premier's Reading Challenge

It was absolutely amazing to see so many students receiving their awards this week for participating in the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge. It is so great to see so many avid readers at LEPS. Congratulations to everyone who received an award, but a special congratulations to the students who received a platinum award for 7 years of participation! What an achievement.



These are the PRC certificate recipients who have been awarded either a gold (4 years) or a platinum (7 years) certificate. Congratulations!

## LEPS Junior and Performance String Ensemble

Our talented Junior and Performance String Ensembles performed to students at the front of the school as they were arriving on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday 14 December, the string ensemble will be performing at the local preschool. It is a lovely opportunity for our ensemble to be performing to our future LEPS students! A huge thank you to our parent helpers Olivia K and Grace P. Their tireless organisation and flexibility throughout 2020 has been fantastic and very much appreciated by students, staff and parents.



## LEPS Band Performances

Hello Lindfield East Public School Staff, Students and Families



Congratulations to Miss Natalie Walker who has been successful in gaining the position of Relieving Assistant Principal -Early Stage 1 at LEPS in 2021. This position is vacant while Mrs Nicole Chau is on maternity leave. Miss Walker is currently teaching Kindergarten at West Ryde Public School. We are very lucky to have her join our dynamic team as a permanent staff member.

Hi!

My name is Natalie Walker and next year I will be joining the wonderful students and staff at Lindfield East Public School as Relieving Assistant Principal- Early Stage 1.

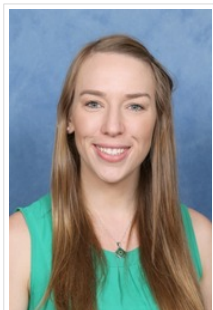
I started my career at North Rocks Public School in 2014 where I taught both Stage 1 and Stage 2. In 2018 I joined the staff at West Ryde Public School to teach Stage 2 and Early Stage 1. Throughout my career I have met wonderful students, parents and staff at each school. I have always worked hard to achieve school targets and contribute to a variety of extra-curricular activities around the school.

It is with mixed emotions that I bid West Ryde Public School farewell. I feel sad that I won't be able to watch my current Kindergarten cohort thrive in Year One throughout 2021. However, I am so very excited to join the community at Lindfield East Public School.

As a passionate and dedicated educator, I try my very best to align my practice with evidenced based research around education. Over the last few years I have been influenced by best teaching practice and research behind developing the foundational literacy and numeracy skills for all students especially Kindergarten. I look forward to bringing my expertise and experience to the students and staff at Lindfield East Public School in 2021.

Regards,

Miss Natalie Walker



It's certainly very different from the 37 degree days that you are currently having back home! At the moment it isn't colder than -13 degrees, but sometimes we have something we call 'Blue Dot' days. That's when the weather is really, really cold and reaches -20 degrees so we stay inside in the heating. Kids here have special outdoor shoes and snow pants, jackets, gloves and beanies that they take off to learn inside.

We have to wear a mask at school at the moment and make sure that we sanitise and social distance because there are still COVID cases in Canada. Even with this, there are still plenty of fun things that I can do near my home. The lakes and ponds are beginning to freeze over and I can take my ice-skates and play hockey with friends. I can also do some outdoor hiking and visit the snowfields to go skiing.

I am really grateful that I have had this opportunity and can't wait to share what I have learnt here in Canada with you when I return in 2021! I am so excited to see you soon!

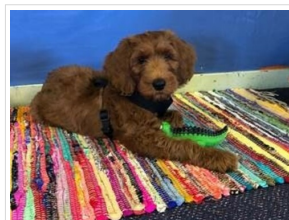


## Winnie Update

Hi everyone! I have had a wonderful (but very tiring) first fortnight at school. I've now met A LOT of new friendly people including teachers and students. Many of the teachers steal me away from Miss Vernon throughout the day which doesn't bother me much, as long as I get to sleep! They have all been taking really good care of me.

Thank you to everyone who is picking up food and rubbish from the ground so I don't 'accidentally' eat it. I'm getting good at sniffing treats from miles away! Also, thanks for always asking first if you can pat me. Miss Vernon says everyone has been so considerate about this. I'm really enjoying being a school dog and spending my time with everyone at LEPS. Woof woof!

Here are some photos of my exciting times at LEPS, including a photo of me getting comfy in a tote tray...



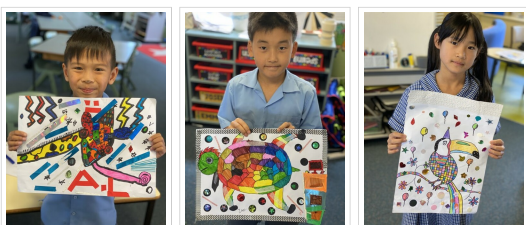
## My Year Abroad- Miss Schrieber

I am in the final 2 weeks of my exchange to Canada and wanted to share a little more about the school that I have been working at and my experience abroad. I have been lucky enough to work in a new-build school called Hugh A. Bennett in Calgary. This school was built in 2016 and was designed to promote 21st century learning. There are a range of learning spaces including make-a-space for design thinking challenges, and most classrooms have flexible walls to allow plenty of opportunities to co-teach. Behind the playground there is even a pond, and some opportunities for outdoor learning.

One of the coolest things about living here in Calgary is the snow. Last night we had 15cm of fresh snow and after driving on the icy roads to get to work, the entire playground and oval was blanketed in snow! During recess and lunch the children used this opportunity to build snowmen and play in the snow.

## 3SC Artwork

3SC have been learning about Donna Sharam, an Australian artist and have recently completed their own inspired artworks.



## Tell Them From Me - Parent Survey Results

During Term 3 169 parents completed the Tell Them From Me survey. The results were pleasing and informative and will guide the school planning for 2021 and beyond. Areas of strength for LEPS included:

- Written information from the school is in clear, plain language.
- The school's administrative staff are helpful when I have a question or problem.
- Reports on my child's progress are written in terms I understand.
- My child is encouraged to do his or her best work.
- My child is clear about the rules for school behaviour.
- My child feels safe at school.

## Lilah Wright

It was lovely to meet Lilah Wright last week, the new addition to the Wright family. We now have two new babies at LEPS!



## What Works Best

Information on the latest research into effective teaching practices, how teachers use these practices to teach their students and how parents and carers can help to support these practices at home is available in 15 languages. Select the link to access: [What works best: 2020 update for parents and carers](#)

## Afternoon Pick-up

We appreciate parents and carers who arrive on time to pick up their child/ren at 3.15pm. Children become very stressed if a parent/carer is not on time and they are required to wait. For the safety of your child/ren and for their wellbeing, please make alternative arrangements if you are unable to collect them at 3.15pm. The executive staff and teachers attend meetings after school and therefore are unable to provide supervision. Spaces are available at BaSC, please access the website for further information.

<https://lindfield-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/before-after-school-care.html>

## PSSA Results

Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Division 1 Cricket teams for winning the Summer PSSA competition. These teams have remained undefeated all season. In addition, these two teams are now back to back champions after winning both competitions in 2019 and 2020.

Congratulations to the Junior & Senior Girls Cricket teams for winning the Summer PSSA competition.



## PSSA Results 4 December 2020

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Senior Girls Touch	Played Lindfield and Won 7-5 Played Killara and Won 11-6	Player of the Match: Mia N
Junior Girls Touch	Played Lindfield and Won 12-9	Player of the Match: Lucy P & Maya S
Senior Boys Touch	Played Lindfield and Won 5-3	Player of the Match: Caleb H

Junior Boys Touch	Played Lindfield and Won 12-8	Players of the Match: Hugo S & Joshua N
Senior Girls Cricket	Played Lindfield 2 and Won 108-92	Player of the Match: Ellie B
Junior Girls Cricket	Played Lindfield 2 and Won 152-60	Player of the Match: Olivia S
Senior A Cricket	Played Lindfield and Won 179-76	Player of the Match: George H
Junior A Cricket	Played Lindfield and Won 134-100	Player of the Match: Marley S

## League Tag Gala Day

Last week, 6 teams attended a League Tag Gala Day in Frenches Forest. The day was all about getting in involved and having fun playing sport. All teams won some of their games and showed great sportsmanship.



## Taiwanese Community Language School

The Taiwanese Community Language School have been using the school premises every Sunday morning for language and culture lessons. We are appreciative of the donation they have given the school as a token of thanks, it will be used to buy resources for the students.

