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## Welcome Back - A Busy Term 4

To all our LEPS families we extend a warm welcome back to Term 4 and hope you enjoyed the break by enjoying the sunshine while staying healthy and safe.

The following is a brief snapshot of things to come this term for students, but please understand that restrictions can ease or tighten at any time. We will endeavour to keep you up to date as much as possible through newsletters, email and via the Schoolzine App. We look forward to a successful term.

- October 21: 2021 Kindergarten Orientation Zoom meeting (must have enrolled to receive link to meeting)
- October 22: K-6 Book Week Parade (no parents/carers on site)
- October 23: Year 3-6 PSSA and school sport commences
- October 29 - November 10: Life Education sessions K-6
- November 4- 5: Year 6 Supreme Incursion
- November 4: 2021 Leadership Team Interview
- November 11: Remembrance Day Ceremony
- November 12: Kindergarten Orientation Day 1 (must be enrolled to attend)
- November 13: Kindergarten Orientation Day 2 (must be enrolled to attend)
- November 16: 2021 Year 6 Leadership Voting
- November 17: LEPS High Ability Class Parent Information Session 6pm
- November 18: 2021 OC Placement Test (Test done at LEPS)
- November 18- 19: Year 5 Supreme Incursion
- December 1: Scripture Concludes
- December 7: Year 2 Field of Mars Excursion
- December 8-10: School Presentation Days

- December 9: Year 1 Field of Mars Excursion
- December 9: Kindergarten Field of Mars Excursion
- December 14: Year 3 Field of Mars Excursion
- December 14: Year 6 Dinner Dance
- December 15: Year 4 Field of Mars Excursion
- December 15: School Reports sent home
- December 16: Last Day of School for Students
- December 17: Last day of School for Staff

## Kindergarten 2021 Parent Information Session

We will be hosting an information session regarding Kindergarten Orientation for parents of students starting school next year on Wednesday 21 October from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. At this meeting Ms Read, Mr Roberts and Ms Vernon will be discussing key information about Kindergarten Orientation. Please contact the school to receive the link to attend this meeting. We have also made plans to hold Kindergarten Orientation Day this term on Thursday 12 November and Friday 13 November. COVID-19 Safety guidelines have stipulated that only students who have enrolled for next year are permitted to attend.

## Assistant Principal Successful Applicant

Congratulations to Mr Oliver Watt who has been successful via the merit selection process in securing the Assistant Principal position at Lindfield East Public School. This position was made available at the end of Term 3 due to Mrs Annette Newell retiring. Mr Watt is an outstanding teacher and has been working on 5/6OW since Mrs Chau went on maternity leave. We are very lucky to have Mr Watt join our dynamic team as a permanent staff member.

*Message from Mr Watt*

*I am very excited to officially join the Lindfield East Public School community on a permanent basis. Already I have been impressed with the professional staff, engaged and happy students and the welcoming parents that I have had the pleasure to meet so far. I look forward to introducing myself over the coming months and feel very privileged to be on the executive team of a school that is committed to working closely with the parent community to provide excellent educational experiences for all students.*

## Covid-19 Update - Advice for families

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

For further information access the document Advice for Families.

[Term\\_4\\_Advice\\_for\\_families.pdf](#)

## Book Week Parade is next week!

Next Thursday, 22 October, there will be a Book Week celebration for the whole school!

All the students will participate in a Book Character Parade based on the theme of:

Curious Creatures, Wild Minds



As each class has their library lesson, we have been discussing ideas for this parade. These include:

Monsters

Characters from the book "Where the Wild Things Are" by Sendak

Any animal

A detective or person that solves mysteries/puzzles

Any wild characters from Harry Potter type books

Most book characters are curious

Ghosts, werewolves etc

The students have been encouraged to adapt what they have at home so they keep it simple and fun.

Students will parade in class groups, outside, according to Covid restrictions.

## Cyber Safety

Dr Kristy Goodwin has written a blog about setting digital boundaries, mitigating the likelihood that your child or teen will see something inappropriate online. The five simple things is a worthwhile read.

[Dr Kristy Goodwin Blog](#)

1. Don't prematurely dunk them in the digital stream.
2. Set firm boundaries as to WHAT they can use/download/play/watch
3. Don't use technology as a punishment tool
4. Keep device in open areas (and out of bedrooms and bathroom)
5. Minimise their use of social media after 6:00pm

## Fire Safety Plan

This week we met with Tania Lewis, Work Health and Safety Advisor for the Department of Education to review our Bushfire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan. Rest assured parents, we have a plan to respond in case of bushfire activity nearby. We will be using the Schoolzine app and Schoolbytes to communicate with parents, so please ensure your contact details are up to date.

## Selective High School Placement Process in 2020

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 are now open. Applications will close on 16 November 2020. Parents can apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-andopportunity-classes/year-7>. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March 2021. The department has introduced a new application system that will give parents a more interactive experience. The new system enables parents to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents can also communicate directly with the High Performing Students Team through the system's new 'messages' feature. Anyone experiencing difficulty completing or submitting an application, can contact the High Performing Students Team on 1800 880 376 or email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au). Keep updated on the selective high school placement process at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

## Sport In Schools Gymnastics Program

Students in Years K-6 will be participating in the *Gymnastics Sport in Schools Australia* program. This program is being conducted by highly-trained sports teachers with Gymnastics Australia coaching qualifications, using a range of specialised equipment, and runs for 45-60 minutes each Monday or Wednesday. The program has enabled the compulsory Gymnastics strand of the PDHPE Syllabus to be taught in a way that maximises our students' safety and engagement.

In gymnastics students learn to confidently manage their bodies in a variety of situations. The movement abilities developed in a gymnastics program are fundamental to movement in general and help prepare students for many other physical activities. As you will see from the photos that follow, our students have enjoyed challenging themselves to improve their fundamental movement skills.



## Parent Focus Group

Early 2021 we will create a new four year strategic improvement plan. We would love to involve the parent community in evaluating our current school plan as well as giving us feedback and information on possible directions LEPS could strive towards over the next four year cycle 2021-2024. We are seeking expressions of interest from parents to be involved in a focus group where we can listen to your ideas, views and opinions in a more direct and open way.

Good communication is absolutely necessary to ensure a good and positive relationship between us all and we would appreciate your help to achieve this.

The intention for the Parent Focus Group is to provide an opportunity to enhance communication between the parents/carers of the school and to create a platform:

- for parents to pose questions and get answers about the running of the school
- for parents to give their views and influence the direction of the school
- for the school to share relevant information on school policy/developments
- for the school to get feedback and views from parents.

If you would like to be considered for this Parent Focus Group please click on the following link and enter your details (your name, child/ren's name/s, child/ren's class and your contact email address. If you would prefer to keep your details private please email the school attention: Miss Morgan [lindfielde-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lindfielde-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

We will be in touch with parents around Week 3, Term 4 to organise our first focus group session. Please note at this stage, the focus groups will be virtual through means such as zoom, surveys, questionnaires etc.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1BY6Rftlu4HWipEFPYiNus42-a2F5lthlFwsbalJwvsE/edit?usp=sharing>

## City Country Alliance Student Voice

Late last term our two School Captains, Charley H and Angelina L, spoke about life at Lindfield East PS with student leaders from Kent Road PS, Neutral Bay PS, Putney PS, Wentworth PS and West Ryde PS. Our students were articulate and confident as they shared their thoughts with other students about a number of key features of our school and special programs we run.



## Executive Director's Awards

Congratulations to Mrs vanLoon who was successful in receiving the Executive Director Award for The Forest Principal Network. Mrs vanLoon was acknowledged for her significant contribution to Lindfield East Public School reflective of the values of the NSW Department of Education's Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022. Mrs vanLoon has been a committed member of the school's Learning and Support Team and is passionate about equity for all students. Mrs vanLoon plans and prepares teaching and learning programs that have a significant positive effect on our students most in need of support. She is a dedicated teacher who strongly believes in the importance of all young children having a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy. She coordinates Multilit, Minilit and Spelling Mastery programs for students as well as teaching mathematics to those students who require remediation. Mrs vanLoon ensures that all students at our school have access to high quality public education with all learning experiences designed to engage and challenge students to continue to learn. She actively maintains the school eco-garden, spending each lunchtime working with students to help them learn, adapt and be responsible citizens by fostering a love of nature and sustainability, growing vegetables and tending to the school's chickens and birds. Mrs vanLoon exemplifies the Department's value of trust, building and maintaining relationships with students, parents and teachers that are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect. As a result, Mrs vanLoon is held in high regard by the whole school community who view her as an outstanding teacher, who knows, values and cares for all students.





## Nepal Fundraiser

On the last Friday of term the Student Representative Council organised a Mufti and Movie Day for our sister school in Nepal. Students enjoyed watching a movie and dressing in red, white and blue to symbolise the colours of the Nepalese flag. The \$1069 dollars collected, together with the \$832 from the sale of the handicrafts will go towards the upkeep of Saraswati School and Asha's school fees for the year. We thank the school community for their ongoing support.

## Happy Retirement to Mrs Newell

We celebrated Mrs Newell's 41 years of service to public education on Tuesday, her last day at LEPS before she moves down to Moss Vale.

Mrs Newell has worked at LEPS for the past 7 and 1/2 years leading the Stage 1 and Learning Support teams. Mrs Newell has worked tirelessly for the students at the school and she will be truly missed. We wish her every happiness as she begins her retirement in her new abode.



## Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Wright!

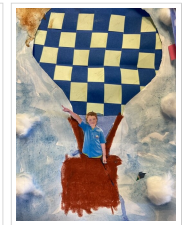
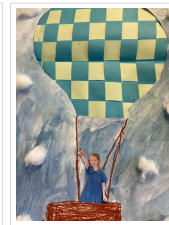
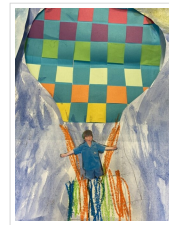
The Wright family welcomed baby Lilah into their family on Wednesday, 7/10/20 weighing only 2.9kg. Mum and bub are at home and both doing well. Mrs Wright will visit later in the term once she works out how to wrangle 2 kids!

## LEPS- Chaoyang Demonstration School Memorandum of Understanding.

Late last term Ms Read, Mr Roberts and Ms Zeng, along with the students in Year 6 who travelled to China in September 2019, conducted a video conference with our great friends at Chaoyang Demonstration School in Beijing. Ms Read and Mr Qi Jun Zhen spoke about the importance of maintaining a strong relationship between our two schools and determination to strengthen this bond over the coming years. To formalise this promise both Principals signed a memorandum of understanding for the next three years to strengthen friendship and cooperation between our two schools and continue to promote mutual understanding between Australia and China.

## KCS Artwork

KCS students have completed some fantastic artworks. They used fine motor skills to weave paper to turn into hot air balloons. The students are loving seeing them hang up in our classroom.



## Market Stall

There will be a Market Stall next Tuesday afternoon (20 Oct) where we will be selling our beautiful produce grown by students in our Eco Garden.

Lettuce \$3

Eggs 50c each

Silverbeat \$3 bunch

Raddishes 20c each

Herbs \$1



## 2021 Travel Cards

2021\_Concession\_Cards.pdf

## K-2 Care and Respect Awards

Congratulations to the K-2 students who received Care and Respect awards at their weekly assembly Week 10. Recipients were:

Kindergarten- Adele G, Charlie F

Year 1- Matilda C, Else H

Year 2- Collin, Shuai H