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Lyrebird 10 December 2021

End of Year Message

The time has come to wrap up the school year that was 2021. It will certainly be remembered for all kinds of reasons. We have had some obstacles and challenges but overall the whole community has rallied together and the students at LEPS have continued to keep on learning and smiling.

Over the last two weeks we have had many moments of celebration through Service Assemblies and Presentation Days. Years 3-6 were rewarded for their hard work as many students have been involved in different bands and string ensembles, the Eco Garden, library and flag monitors. It was lovely to see these students receive certificates for their ongoing service and commitment.



We have also celebrated student achievement through our Presentation Day assemblies. Each grade cohort proudly stood up on stage to receive their certificates and students demonstrating excellence in learning were presented with medallions.

As a school community we would like to particularly congratulate all our Year 6 students on their wonderful school achievements at LEPS over their schooling years. Year 6 enjoyed their final Presentation Day which was held at Killara High where many areas of achievements were acknowledged with certificates, trophies and medallions.

Year 6 will culminate their school year celebrations with their Year 6 Dinner Dance on Monday night. It will be a night of celebration, friendship and farewell.

Year 6, I know as a school community we would like to wish you all the best in your future years in high school and we hope you continue your journey of learning and life-long friendships.



Reminders for the start of 2022 there will be two Staff Development Days to begin the school year. School will resume for Years 1-6 on Tuesday 1 February 2022. Kindergarten students will be involved in Best Start Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 February. Information for times and dates will soon arrive for Kindergarten parents.

I hope that all our LEPS families enjoy a relaxing, healthy and safe holiday break with family and friends as school finishes for 2021 on Thursday 16 December 2021. From the staff at Lindfield East PS we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back in 2022 ready for the new school year.

Stationery List and Book Packs for 2022

Our teachers have put together a list of requirements to support and ensure a productive year in 2022 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 labelled with your child's name.

The Text Book pack is to be ordered online directly from L.J. Harper, a book and stationery supplier, who will deliver the packs directly to the school early next year. An email will be sent out shortly with information and instructions on how to order.

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6288/stationery_list_2022.pdf

ECO Garden News

Greg will be on leave from 4 - 14 January so we are looking for a family to feed the chickens and native birds daily. Please email me or the school if you are interested.

This week Greg, our GA and our wonderful parent Doug Chan will start putting together our new rabbit run where Bobo and the guinea pigs Spikette and Coco will be able to stay when not visiting classes. It will provide a safe home for them and allow students to access them at lunch times.

It is very important to all children, especially those without pets, to have some experience around animals. All children benefit from learning how to care for and behave around animals.

We have had one lovely family volunteer to look after the guinea pigs for a couple of weeks during the holidays. If your family can also help, please email the school, attention Mrs van Loon.

At the moment we have a lot of parsnips growing in the Eco Garden. We hope to pull them out next week. We would like to sell them next week at the front gate provided we can do this safely.

The newest member to our LEPS menagerie is my new puppy, Milly. Milly is an 11 week old labradoodle who will be trained to become a therapy dog alongside the gorgeous Winnie owned by Miss Vernon.

As this is the final newsletter for the year I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the students who have visited the garden and helped with looking after the chickens, Bobo, Coco and Spikette, the garden beds, the market stall, the native birds and our little orchard.

A special thank you and goodbye to my special Yr 6 volunteers especially Ivy, Zana and Lizzie who have been the best helpers we have ever had and who have kept me on track.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Eco Garden.



Year 6 Dinner Thank You

As a school community at LEPS we would like to graciously thank our sponsors for supporting the Year 6 Dinner celebration.

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6290/sponsors_year_6_dinner.pdf

Vaccination requirements for visitors and volunteers allowed onsite

This is just a reminder that under The NSW Public Health Order any Visitors – for example external providers, and parents and carers allowed on site are required to be fully vaccinated. When entering the school grounds you are required to QR check in and show proof of your double vaccination using your Australian Government vaccination certificate.

If you are unvaccinated and you need to pick up your child, please remain at the main school gate and call the school office.

Thank you for your support to follow Department of Education COVID guidelines.

Student/s Not Returning to Lindfield East Public School in 2022

We are planning classes for 2022 and thank you to all the families who have responded to the Enrolment Intention 2022 google survey.

If circumstances have changed and your child is NOT returning to LEPS in 2022 please complete the form attached and return the form to the office with your child or via the school email. This is for students in K-5 only.

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6271/not_returning.pdf

Training Band Application

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6276/tb2022_application_1_.pdf

PRC Gold and Platinum Awards

These are some of the Premier's Reading Challenge recipients for the Gold and Platinum Awards. Congratulations to all students.



The Got It! Program

At LEPS we are lucky to be starting a wellbeing early intervention program called Got It!

The Got It! program is delivered by the team from NSW Health in partnership with DoE. Forming a local partnership between health and education school staff are fundamental to launching the Got It! initiative. The program is intended to promote positive family and school interaction and capacity building in the school community that supports social-emotional skill development in children. Each newsletter we will be providing information flyers for families to assist in supporting the wellbeing of our students at LEPS.

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6292/week_1_what_is_the_got_it_program.pdf



Kindness cups

In 5JW, we are using the fantastic idea of Kindness cups, which was introduced by our teacher Miss Whiteman. Once a day, we get to pick a name from a box and write a kind, respectful or smart thing we have noticed about that classmate during the week. When you look at the nice things other people have written about you at the end of the week, it really lifts your spirits and reminds you how much people care about you and appreciate you. I have suggested that we expand the idea of kindness cups across the school next year so that everyone can be a part of this positive experience. Perhaps each class could have their own kindness cups, or we could do it with our buddy classes.

Josh N 5JW



Japanese Language For Year 7 to 10

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6291/scl_2022_promotional_flyer_japanese_20211119.pdf

First Lap Voucher Program

This summer the First Lap voucher program will provide a new \$100 voucher to parents, guardians and carers of children aged 3-6 years who are not enrolled in school to help pay for swimming lessons. <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/firstlap>

In recognition that children in kindergarten have missed out on going to swimming lessons due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year the program has also been expanded to include children in kindergarten in 2021 and those starting kindergarten in 2022. The first \$100 voucher is available from 1 December 2021 and expires on 30 June 2022. A new \$100 voucher will become available on 1 July 2022. NSW children aged 4.5 to 18 years (enrolled in school from Kindergarten to Year 12) still have access to two \$100 Active Kids vouchers per year, which can be used towards the cost of sport and recreation activities.

Parents, guardians and carers have until 31 December to use this year's Active Kids vouchers with an approved provider. New vouchers will be available for 2022 from 1 January 2022.