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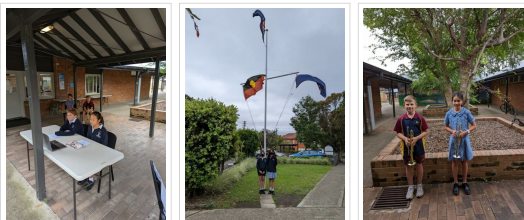
## Week 5 and 6 News

It is wonderful to report that all the students have settled back into their routines and school activities with their grades.

Last Thursday, the K-2 classes celebrated Grandparent's Day via Zoom. All classes made contact with grandparents to showcase what learning is happening during the day. We were very lucky to have parents from all around the world connect with us to see their grandchildren as well as share their stories.

Thank you to the families and grandparents that have donated books through the Lindfield Learning Hub bookstore. Mrs Masters is very grateful for these new books to place in our school library.

Yesterday was the Lindfield East PS Remembrance Day Assembly. This assembly was led by our school captains, Jisoo and Spencer. The message of the assembly allowed students to reflect and understand what our service men sacrificed for our country. Ms Read shared a very moving, personal story about her father and his life serving in World War 2, sharing photos and memorabilia. The assembly culminated with the Last Post, played by Lucy and Reveille played by Mateo.



Last week the Education Minister announced schools in greater Sydney will operate on updated Level 3 settings from 8 November for the rest of Term 4.

The changes support a greater range of activities to go ahead and also allow fully vaccinated providers and visitors on school sites to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations. To keep students and staff safe,

schools will need to maintain cohorting and other COVID-safe layered measures at all times.

A combination of layered safety measures will continue to be in place. Only vaccinated people will be permitted on site, mask wearing, student cohorting, physical distancing, ventilation, hygiene and cleaning continue to allow us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing while we keep our school operational.

## COVID Update

For full details of updated Level 3 settings refer to [Level 3 schools](#). Parents, carers and your school communities can view the updated settings on the [Advice for Families](#) page.

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## Year 4 Opportunity Class Test 2021

Students in Year 4 who applied for the Opportunity Class in 2022 will sit the test on Wednesday, 17th November at our school. The test will be computer-based, 60 minutes in total, and held in one single session. A new, modified timeline is being implemented to ensure students can be placed into Year 5 opportunity classes at the beginning of the 2022 school year.

## School Sport Activities

School sport activities are allowed to proceed from 1 November 2021 for the rest of Term 4 with specific restrictions to align with NSW Public Health Orders and the reopening NSW roadmap.

School sport should be done in defined cohorts as part of re-establishing regular school timetabling and routines, and for the wellbeing of all students.

School sports across different cohorts is discouraged and schools are not permitted to enter into inter-school competitions during school hours until 2022.

## Professor Sharon Goldfield - Paediatrician

This week the Secretary sat down for a short conversation with Professor Sharon Goldfield, a paediatrician and Director of The Centre for Community Child Health. Professor Goldfield has decades of experience in state government as a senior policy maker in health and education. During the 2020 second COVID-19 wave she analysed the school transmission data for the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services. During the discussion Sharon shares some practical tips for families when talking to children about COVID-19, the layers of protection in place in our schools, and the benefits of getting our students into the classroom to learn.

Please use the attached link to access this video [Secretary's video with Professor Sharon Goldfield](#)

## Class Decisions 2022

As we start to look forward to 2022 at LEPS, we again ask for our school community's cooperation and trust in our professional judgement as we make decisions regarding class placements. Considerable thought about every student's needs is taken into account whilst forming classes. All teachers, executive staff and specialist teachers consult and communicate over a lengthy period to ensure every effort is made to achieve the best possible combination of teacher and learning cohorts. In some specific instances, these discussions also involve The Learning Support Team. In order to ensure equity for all members of our school community, we ask that you please refrain from contacting the school to request certain teachers or friendship groupings for your children. We appreciate the community's ongoing support in allowing our dedicated and experienced teachers to use their educational expertise and professional knowledge to best place your children into class groupings.

## Bee Swarm Removal From The K-2 Playground

Last week in the K-2 playground a new bee hive was discovered as a queen bee had left her original hive to start a new one. Bees swarm when they feel overcrowded, it is a natural occurrence. A swarm occurs when the queen bee, accompanied by several thousand worker bees leaves the nest (wild) or beehive and searches for a new home. Bees play an important role in the pollination of agricultural crops, such as many of our nuts, fruit and vegetables. As bees are considered vulnerable we wanted to ensure that we nurtured this new hive with safe removal.



The school contacted a local amateur beekeeper who came to the school to collect the swarm. We found Thomas's number on this website <https://www.beekeepers.asn.au/swarms>

He came to the school, moved the virgin queen bee to a beehive box. The box was then relocated somewhere nearby so all the bees could find their way to the queen. Thomas came back later that night to move the box to a safe location.

If you ever have a bee swarm in your backyard or local area please do not try and kill or interfere with the bees - you are likely to anger the bees and get stung. The bees will not harm you if they are left alone! There are people in the community who can remove the bees safely and sustainably.



## Silver Awards and Gold Awards

### Silver Awards

Now that we are back at school we will recommence awarding the Silver Awards to students that have achieved 10 'Care and Respect' awards. We would like to congratulate the following students that are receiving these silver awards this week.

Congratulations to:

Zeki KSE	Holly 2SC	Clara 5LN	4/Chelsea 4/5LN	Eli 4/5LN
Alex KNW	Alvin 2SC	Jayden 4/5LN	Hugo 4/5LN	Maya 5JW
Elijah KNW	Jackson 2SC	Olivia 5LN	4/Killara 4/5LN	Kianne 5TN
Ava KNW	Aaron 2SC	Matthew 4/5LN	Nia 4/5LN	
Harley KNW	Jeremy 2SC	Sophia 4/5LN	Tristan 4/5LN	Ivy 5/6JR
Caleb KNW	Jaden 2/3SP	Layton 4/5LN	Eli 4/5LN	
Luke KNW	Janice 2MC	Hugo 5LN	4/Maya 5JW	
Sylvia KNW		Jack 5LN	4/Kianne 5TN	
George KNW	Sloane 4MM	Sophie 4/5LN		
Sylvie KNW			Ivy 5/6JR	

### Gold Awards

Lucy 5TN





## Student Self-Isolate

Update advise for families when a student is a close contact but cannot self-isolate on their own.

In instances where parents or carers deem that their child is not able to isolate by themselves, they may designate a person in their household to care for the child while they are a close contact. If the carer is fully vaccinated, they do not need to co-isolate with the child (they can leave the home).

For further information, refer your families to [Advice for families – response protocols for COVID-19 cases](#) or the [NSW Health COVID-19 self-isolation guidelines](#).

## Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

The published state-wide Year 6 to 7 orientation date is 23 November 2021. Due to the delayed HSC this date is not suitable for some schools. The high school principals will work with the Director, Educational Leadership and community of schools to arrange an appropriate orientation program, which may occur after the HSC exams. We will inform all Year 6 families as soon as we have a confirmed date for transition to highschool visit. For the purposes of orientation visits to a high school, Year 6 students will be required to wear masks indoors. For information on COVID-safe transitions and orientation please refer to our [Orientation and transition](#) page.

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

We are beginning to plan for classes in 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](https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6271/not_returning.pdf)

## Eco Garden Report

Thank you so much to those families who continue to collect their plastic bread tags for recycling. The collection box is located at the library back door. Please keep collecting. The Eco Garden is looking rather neglected after lockdown.

Hopefully as things normalise we will be able to enjoy the garden once again. The guinea pigs are now available for weekend home visits again. Please email the school or [ingrid.vanloon@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ingrid.vanloon@det.nsw.edu.au) if you would like Coco and Spikett for a weekend. We are also looking for one or two families to look after the guinea pigs during the Christmas holidays.



## Student Attendance at School

All students are expected to be at school unless they are unwell. Please do not send your child to attend school if they are unwell, even with mild symptoms. The following directions are from the Department of Education and NSW Health.:

Get tested for COVID-19 and follow:

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms you will be sent home and must not return to school unless you have either:

- isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free

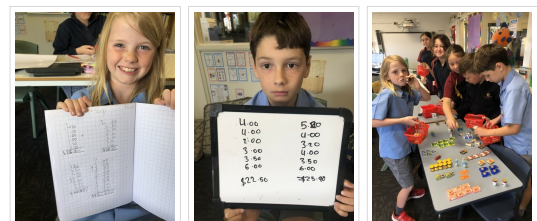
In circumstances where a student has other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from your GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Self-isolation periods and testing requirements differ for close contacts based on their exposure and vaccination status. If you are identified as a close contact, an authorised contact tracer from NSW Health or from the department's Health and Safety Directorate will contact you and let you what you need to do.

For more information, refer to the [NSW Health fact sheet on close contacts](#)

## Halloween Maths

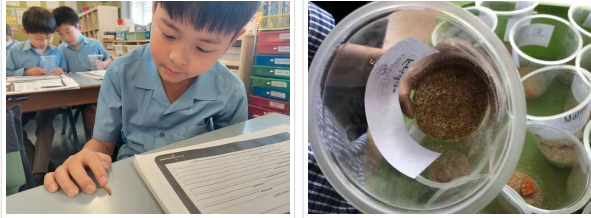
Year 4 enjoyed planning a Halloween party and calculating the cost of items purchased. They also decorated Halloween biscuits for morning tea.



## 2MC Science Focus Watch it Grow - Mealworms

2MC have been closely watching the life cycle of mealworms as part of their Science focus.

The students have explored the growth of a range of living things with a focus on mealworms to explore the processes of growth and change, of reproduction and death. Through hands-on activities and investigations, the students are able to compare the growth of living things under different conditions.



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## Training Band 2022 Application

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## Online Gaming

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## P&C General Meeting Agenda

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## Ethics Volunteer LEPS

If you would like to volunteer to teach Ethics at LEPS in 2022, please contact John Burgess at [john.burgess@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:john.burgess@primaryethics.com.au)