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Lyrebird 29 October 2021

Student Return

Monday 25 October saw the red carpet rolled out and the 'WELCOME' balloons displayed to celebrate the return of all students K-6 back to Lindfield East PS. It was truly a lovely feeling being back together as a school community.

As we have all the students K-6 back at school, face to face learning has recommenced. All the students are back into their routines and classrooms ready for learning. The staff at LEPS are enjoying having their students back at school where it is much easier to support student learning and student wellbeing. It has been lovely seeing the students with their friends and interacting with each other.



Now that we are finally back at school together, everyday is valuable for school attendance. The school day starts at 8:45am, this bell indicates the start of the school day and a teacher will be on duty to supervise your child from this time. Please try and avoid arriving late to school, after the 9:15am bell, as this means your child will miss important lesson instructions at the start of the day. These late arrivals are marked as partial absences on the school roll.

Every Minute Counts

https://lindfieldestps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6227/every_minute_counts_poster.pdf

COVID Update

The students have really enjoyed rotating across the different playgrounds each day with their cohort. Students are able to easily check their playground as there are timetables placed throughout the school.

The canteen is open for online orders only. The class tubs will be collected from outside the canteen area each morning tea and lunchtime so the teachers can then distribute the orders.

We would also like to thank the ongoing work of our cleaners and our Enhanced Cleaning team for their work during the day. The number 1 priority is the regular cleaning of our toilets and other high touch areas throughout the school. Our toilets are cleaned and checked for supplies every hour. Students are taken regularly to the bathroom through the day with the teacher. The students are not restricted to these times and can go to the bathroom anytime of the day.

Kindergarten can also utilise the toilets in their classroom, Year 1-2 have priority access to the K-2 toilets during class time and Years 3-6 use the library toilets that are situated close to their classrooms during class time. These have been carefully segregated to ensure the grades don't mix and younger students feel comfortable going to the bathroom.

Toilet Upgrade Update and Other Projects

We are very lucky at LEPS to have the 3-6 toilet renovation in action, with a wonderful upgrade for our 3-6 toilets. Thank you to the community feedback on the 3-6 toilets quoting, that they were in need of repair and the request for this upgrade allowed our school to follow this up as a priority.

The renovation has made tremendous progression and the unveiling of our completed toilets are scheduled for the end of November.

We were very fortunate to get this project which proceeded at the beginning of Term 4. If it had been scheduled during the Christmas break, it would not have been completed due to continuous interruptions of public holidays and would have not been ready for the beginning of the 2022 school year.

Ms Read has been negotiating the LEPS next upgrade within our school which is our asphalt throughout the playgrounds. This is a major project and has been scheduled for the December school holidays whilst there are no students on site due to the major disruptions this would incur.

Thank you to our BaSC for their kind donation of \$50 000 for the purchase of new K-2 fixed play equipment. This project is currently in the planning phase.

This term we will also see the installation of solar panels. Thank you to the hard work of the P&C and Ms Read who worked closely together to successfully receive a grant to fund this project.

Child Protection Education

This term students will be involved in the mandatory subject Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE).

Part of our school's PDHPE program includes mandatory child protection education. Some of the content taught in child protection education deals with sensitive issues. This will be taught in an age appropriate way by classroom teachers.

For more information about child protection education go to the [Child protection and respectful relationships education](#) section on the Department of Education's PDHPE website.

The specific content which will be covered in child protection education may include:

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6231/child_protection_education_information_for_parents.pdf

Tell Them From Me Survey 2021

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps us to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

The survey is anonymous and helps the school to identify trends and inform school priorities. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete and we thank you in advance for your support.

Please follow the link below to access the Tell Them From Me Survey. The survey will be open from today until Friday 12 November 2021. <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/leps21>

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a quick assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics. Phonics is important for students who are learning to read. This screening check observes how your child can read words with different letter combinations. The main purpose of the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is to provide your child's teacher with information which will allow them to plan for your child's

learning. Each child is individually assessed by a teacher and all Year 1 students will be assessed over the next 2 weeks.

If you have any further questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Check-in Assessment for Years 3-6

Students in Year 3-6 will participate in a Reading and Numeracy Check-in assessment over Weeks 7 and 8.

The Check-in Assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment.

If your child needs earbuds provided by the school, please contact Mr Watt.

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.

OC Test

The Opportunity Class for Year 5 placement test will now be held on Wednesday the 17 November at school for LEPS students who have applied earlier this year in term 2. This test will be completed online.

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:

Kyran KSE	Aiden 2MC	Chelsea 4/5LN	Ava 5TN
Isaac KSE	Vicky 2MC	Tristan 4/5LN	Harvey 5JW
Ryder KNW	Will 2MC	Jack 4/5LN	Lucy 5TN
Cooper KNW	Lachie 2MC	Sophia 4/5LN	Elliot 5TN
Andrea KNW	Fox 2SC	Lucas 4/5LN	Spence 5TN
Nathan KNW	Amelia 2SC	Layton 4/5LN	Hunter 4/5LN
Sam 1AM	Emily 2/3SP	Clara 4/5LN	Liam 5/6SH
	Sophia 3JY	Olivia 4/5LN	
	Leroy 3JY		
	KImberlee 3JY		
	Sienna 3JY		

We would like to make a special congratulations to Lucy in 5TN who has achieved her Gold Award.

Student Wellbeing - Technology Webinars

The e-Safety commission have produced some free parent webinars for 10-18 year olds.

These **free parent webinars** are a great way to help parents support children navigate the online world. Parents can register now for **eSafety's parent guide to digital technologies and mental health**.

There are three dates remaining in this series:

Tuesday 9 November 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Thursday 18 November 12.30 to 1.30 pm

These webinar explore:

- dealing with harmful online content
- using games, apps and social media to support mental wellbeing
- the pros and cons of online mental health platforms

helping young people support their friends online.

Head to Health

Provided by the Australian Department of Health, Head to Health brings together apps, online programs, online forums, and phone services, as well as a range of digital information resources.

If you are trying to improve your own sense of wellbeing, looking for help with something that is bothering you, or helping someone you care about, Head to Health is a good place to start.

This is a link to information on the new Head to Health mental health service from Sydney North Health Network.

<https://sydneynorthhealthnetwork.org.au/head-to-health-pop-up/>

The Head to Health hub is supported by a state-wide 1800 number that can receive calls 8:30am-5pm, Monday to Friday. The service is operational now and can provide people with rapid access to support.

Grandparents' Day

Dear Lindfield East Public School Grandparents,

You are invited to join your grandchildren for a Zoom meeting on Thursday 4 November between 11:30 and 2:30. To celebrate Grandparents' Day at LEPS we want to welcome you virtually into our classrooms.

If you have more than one grandchild at LEPS we have spread out each class meeting throughout the day. Your grandchild's classroom teacher will email a Zoom meeting link to parents with the time.



Book Fair for Grandparents' Day

A local bookshop, the Lindfield Learning Hub, at 14/12-18 Tyron Rd Lindfield has been chosen to supply the books for the Book Fair.

Please donate a book to support our school library. A book plaque will be put into each book with the child's name and class in it.

You can also buy a book from the Bookshop that you will keep for yourself, but the commission will go to the school library.

Please go to the bookshop's website at

<https://www.lindfieldlearninghub.com.au/grandparents-day-lindfield-east/>

Please note that the link will be made available from **Monday 1 November**.

You can also ring the bookshop on ph 9415 8818 and order over the phone or go into the bookshop to order in person.

The Book Fair will be open from November the 1st to November the 5th.

All books that you donate to the school, or the books that you buy for yourself, will then be ordered by the bookshop, and then sent to the school.

Library News

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6237/premier_s_reading_challenge.pdf

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6235/library_work_from_year_2_responding_to_winner_winner_bin_chicken_dinner_by_temple.pdf

LEPS Art Exhibition

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6229/art_exhibition.pdf

Canteen News

Due to covid restrictions, student access to the canteen has been limited to online purchasing only. To avoid students coming to the canteen to collect their ice blockws, all frozen items will be temporarily unavailable for online ordering or over the counter purchasing until restrictions ease.

Please note: Ice-block Birthday Treats for the class are still available if you would like to order these online. (These are Zooper Doopers – minimum order x20)

National Teachers' Day

Thank you to all our teachers at LEPS who do an amazing job with the students, not only in their own class but across the whole school. 29 October is the dedicated day to recognise our teachers. Many gifts and messages of thanks have been sent into school. We would like to thank our whole school community for their ongoing support.



Kiss and Ride

As all students have returned back to school, we would like the whole school community to make our student safety the

number 1 priority. It would be greatly appreciated if all our families can take care when dropping off and picking up our students. Please be particularly mindful of the 'Kiss and Ride' zones, as these areas are for 2 minute parking only. The council have constructed a pedestrian fence for the safety of our students outside the main school entry gate and they have also increased the length of the 'Kiss and Ride' zones for a safer and easy access.

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6230/road_safety.pdf

Tips and Tricks for Mask wearing

Over the week, teachers have been working with your children to remind them to keep their masks to themselves and not leave them around on desks. The attached photo is an example of a mask lanyard if you would like to purchase for your child. It is attached to the mask so that students can have their masks around their neck while not wearing them. We have been advised that these can be purchased from Amazon.



Year 3 Work Samples

Year 3 have been working hard this week during our last week of Online Learning. We have continued to explore the Seven Steps of Writing, this week focusing on the skill 'exciting endings'. We have learnt how important it is to keep our readers engaged from the first line to the last page of our story. In Maths we have organised and manipulated different values of Australian money and we completed a challenge activity to solve the mystery of the sticky bank burglary, carefully following clues.

Student Work Samples

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https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6232/halloween_frankenstein_56jr.pdf

https://lindfieldeastps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/6233/halloween_kandinsky_circle_trees_56jr.pdf

The Beach

I can smell it first.

The potent, hazy air.

I feel it intoxicating my skin.

Crumbling my hair

sickening me.

As if It were full of disease.

I hatefully walk down the creaky

Wooden stairs.

I hear nothing

The daunting silence of the sea,

With the gut-wrenching screech of

Birds, filling the silence.

I slowly walk across the once,

Happy beach. I feel a wave of

Nostalgia, Slowly leaving me.

Everything is dead

Everything, everyone, is gone.

I reluctantly walk into the water.

The essence of death follows me

As I traverse through the cloudy water

It's Dark

I can't see myself

The wind blows by.

The cold, crisp air fills my lungs

As I stare off into the moon.

No one is here...

No one is here....

6AM Eugene