From the Co-Principals ...

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another year! It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming both new and existing students into our classrooms on the first day of 2018.

Over the last couple of weeks the teachers have all commented on how much the children have grown and how far they have come with their learning. We have loved the themes we have chosen this year as lens with which to focus the children’s learning and it has been wonderful to chat to the children about their favourite parts of the year. The themes “Team Australia”, “Light and Dark” and “LOOK!” have provided many opportunities for the children to think, imagine, design, create, experience and learn in all areas of the curriculum.

This term, “It’s a Celebration” has been the perfect theme to celebrate all the things that make our lives so wonderful and for which we are so grateful. It has been such a happy and positive term and one in which the children have been able to demonstrate their talents in many different ways.

We take this opportunity to thank the Leavers of 2018 for their leadership this year and for being such superb role models for the younger children. They are a credit to themselves and their families and embody all the qualities we strive to instil in our students. We wish them all the very best as they move onto high school and encourage them to return often to keep us up to date with their progress.

We also thank our whole school community for their continued support throughout 2018. Each year we marvel at the ways our parents and friends of the school get behind us and the variety of ways in which they get involved and engage with the children’s learning. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

In “Truth and Happiness”,
Leonie McNair and Harriet Thyne,
Co-Principals
“At the beginning...”

Kinder Holiday Tips.

The Kindergarten children wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all again next year. Here are some handy tips to keep you all happy and safe these holidays.

- Always put sunscreen on, wear a hat and sunglasses and drink lots of water. Wear all your gear to keep you safe. - Esther.
- Always stick to what your Mum says. - Ollie.
- Listen to your Dad too. - Maxwell.
- Stay healthy and look out for people. - Lucy.
- Pack up when your Mum says to. - Max L.
- Recycle your Christmas wrapping paper. - Samuel.
- Put up an umbrella when you go to the beach. - Olive.
- Take your drink bottle everywhere. - Bria.
- Eat fruit and don’t pick your nose. - Jorja.
- When you go swimming always put your swimmers on. - Stella.
- Always put your life jacket on. - Dougie.
- Always have fun. - Ollie.

Miss Jacqui Wise

Prep/One Digital Technologies: Where the Learning Never Ends

Our final lesson for the year was dedicated to “pair programming”. Students logged into their code.org accounts with a partner and solved coding puzzles. One is the “driver” who uses the mouse and/or touch pad and the other partner is the “navigator” who tells them which blocks to use and when. The students love this collaborative approach to programming.

Mrs Angela Chapman
Celebrating our Community Partnerships

The Preps enjoyed their last visit to the Eureka Retirement Village for the year. They made Christmas decorations, sang Christmas carols, gave out beautiful Christmas cards, happily chatted about their Christmas plans, were given handmade stockings filled with goodies and were surprised by a special Christmas visitor, Ruby's lamb, Amber! It was such a lovely afternoon, thankyou Ruby and Lynette for helping to add extra big smiles to the faces of both the children and the residents.

Mrs Batten, Mrs Pickett and Mrs Howard

“In the middle ...”
All I Want for Christmas is...
...A FLASH MOB!!!!

On Monday afternoon the 2/3 students travelled with Mrs Chapman, Miss McCambridge and our wonderful parent helpers to the Brisbane St Mall to share our flash mob with the Christmas shoppers. It was, without a doubt, the most fun you can have on a Monday. Check us out...!

Mrs Angela Chapman and Miss Sarah McCambridge
“Towards the end …”

**Holiday Maths Practice**

Maths text books have gone home with your children for the year. Feel welcome to use them for practice over the holidays. They are a great revision point for the children and a useful way to prepare for the next year. There are many other practical ways around the home you can help your child with mathematics. Multiplication tables are a very useful basic that you may have heard me discuss (*ad-nauseum*)! Memorisation of the times tables means that the brain has much more working memory to commit to learning new material.

Above all, enjoy your holidays. I look forward to teaching all your children again in 2109!

*Mr Michael Burgess*

**Socrates Shield Grand Final**

Wow! What a stunning performance from both teams in the Socrates Shield Grand Final on Tuesday! Deputy Mayor Danny Gibson certainly had his work cut out adjudicating the debate between Esk and Bass on the topic “That older is better”. The students were all so articulate and logical and confident in their presentations! Congratulations to Esk (Affirmative) who narrowly won the Socrates Shield for 2018.

**Inspiration from ABC Education**

There is a wonderful collection of articles, science experiments, games and other educational activities available to children on the ABC Education website. Though we hope our students will be out and about enjoying active holiday fun over the Christmas break, this website has some fabulous games to consolidate the year’s learning in a fun and engaging way.

Check them out at [http://education.abc.net.au](http://education.abc.net.au)
“Other information …”

Christmas Picnic and BBQ!

The LPS Christmas barbecue was again a great way to wrap up the social calendar for the school in 2018.

The LPS Parents’ Club thank all those from the LPS community who generously donated gifts of books, toys, edibles and wine to the Christmas raffle. We had some wonderful prizes!

In particular we’d like to thank:

Manfred Jokuszies for the chocolate Santa, Lynette Hill for the wreath centre piece, Alice Holloway for baking the BIG gingerbread house, Barratt’s Music (Mark and Beverly Barratt) for donating the Ukulele, Ally Daley for baking the Christmas cake, Pia and James Armstrong for donating Café Mondello vouchers, Zara and Frank Archer for the Landfall butcher vouchers and Shon and Lisa Mountney and family for the ice cream voucher from PD wholesalers!

Congratulations to all the lucky winners!

All together the children’s stalls raised $447.75 for the school! In addition, the Parents’ Club raffle raised $752. These funds will be put towards school resources in the New Year. Look out for further information in next year’s newsletters.

The Parents’ Club wish all the LPS community a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

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Uniform regulations reminder:

If you are purchasing new sandshoes ready for 2019, please remember to follow school regulations. Sandshoes should be lace-up and predominantly white (any coloured trimmings should be either navy or red). Similarly, if planning on purchasing a watch to be worn at school, perhaps as a Christmas gift, please keep colours and design smart and discreet; neat analogue-display watches are preferred. Thank you.
IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, 20\textsuperscript{th} December
Leavers’ assembly, 1:45pm

Thursday, 20\textsuperscript{th} December
Final day of Term 4 for students and staff.

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Monday, 4\textsuperscript{th} February
Term 1 2019 commences for all students

Tuesday, 12\textsuperscript{th} Feb – Friday, 15\textsuperscript{th} Feb
Leavers’ Camp – Mt. Cameron

Reminder * Reminder * Reminder * Reminder

All parents, please remember - Clause 4 of the Conditions of Enrolment and Business Arrangements which you signed upon enrolment, states:

“A full term’s notice in writing, to fall wholly within a school term, is required to be given by the parents before a current student leaves the school. If such notice is not provided, 30\% of the annual fee will be payable.”

Esk Valley Orienteering Club
invites you
to our Christmas Orienteering Event
on Saturday 22 December 2018!

It is going to be a combination of a short orienteering course and a fun Christmas quiz with sweets at the finish.

Families and kids are welcome!
Come have fun with us!

See you at Launceston City Park. Find our START flags next to the band stand.
Start any time from 10.00 till 12.00.

IT IS A FREE EVENT!
2019 School Holiday Clinics

FUN FILLED HOCKEY SESSIONS FOR SCHOOL KIDS OF ALL AGES
at the Northern Hockey Centre, St Leonards

Wednesday 16th January
Get into Hockey - Basic Skills Session
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Ages: 6-12 yrs
Cost: $20

REGISTER

For further details contact Participation Co-ordinator: tbarry@hockeytasmania.com.au
www.hockeytasmania.com.au