From the teaching staff ...

“From the other side” guest speakers

We love having guest speakers into our Prep/One classrooms and last week we were especially lucky to have two guest speakers for both Art and Science.

In Art we have been creating the most amazing portraits. So far we have done: self-portraits, pirates, angry cats and even screaming children!

Last Tuesday we invited Kate and Ptolemy Torney to come and talk to the Group Ones about their much-loved dog Molly the Airedale Terrier, who started her life ‘On the other side” (in England) with Kate and Paul.

13-year-old Molly was very well behaved, and the students just loved having her in our room. Our drawings show great attention to detail and have done justice to Molly’s fine beard and dribbly tongue!
On Wednesday Gabe Davis and his Mum Janine came to talk to us about her job “On the other side” as a scientist at the Mount Pleasant laboratories. Janine studies diseases that mostly affect farm animals. She spends a lot of her job looking down the microscope to help cure diseases that affect mostly farm animals.

This was a fascinating talk about Janine’s passion and interest in her job and how she helps animals. She set up three microscopes for us to look at with slides of mouldy bread, blood from Janine and saliva from Charlie! For most of us, it was our first time looking down a microscope. The students were very interested in how different the cells looked; they saw great patterns and colours on the slides.

Thank you to all our fabulous visitors this term. Your knowledge helps our classroom learning to become even richer and more valuable.

Miss Nicole England
Max and Esther’s Opa, Manfred, is a very talented pastry chef. He kindly offered to share his talents and help the Early Learners make a gingerbread house. Manfred was assisted by his brother, ‘Uncle Wolfgang’, who is currently visiting from Germany. Manfred baked the gingerbread pieces ahead of time and the Early Learners were responsible for decorating the assembled house.

The children were intrigued by the way in which the pieces came together to form the house. They each took turns piping icing onto the house and were very excited when the time came to add the lollies. The house was finished with a very generous dusting of icing sugar ‘snow’!

We had such a fun morning! It was wonderful for the children to hear Manfred and Wolfgang converse in German and to practise some simple phrases themselves. Danke Opa und Onkel Wolfgang! (Thank you, Opa and Uncle Wolfgang!)

Mrs Chugg 😊

Socratic Seminar –

We read "The Reluctant Dragon”, a modern folk tale by Kenneth Graham (Holiday House, N.Y., 1938). It is important not to make judgements without due consideration, before all the information is in.

• Why are people sometimes afraid of things which they know very little about?
• What are some of the things a leader may tell people to persuade them to do bad things?
• What makes a hero?

Mrs Alice Batten
Visits to the Office!

Some of the highlights of our day are when students come to visit us in the office! Whether they are ferrying an important message, delivering the lunch orders, or need a special envelope for a lost tooth, they always have something interesting or funny to share. On Friday, Miss England’s office-runners Siobhan, Eleni and Zara brought with them some rather unusual guests as they went about their errands: ‘Angela’ and ‘Sir Snail’ the snails!

Whilst learning about the snails’ likes and dislikes and where they lived, we were also privy to some insider-knowledge on the training regimes undertaken to ensure each snail had the best chance of winning Miss England’s snail race later that day. These included energy boosts (from lettuces, potatoes, raindrops and other leaves), protection from the heat in shady containers, and of course lots of encouragement from their owners. We also learned all about the snails’ tentacles, which they use for sight and smell. There were even stories about Miss England’s very own snail ‘Selina’ and her persistent endeavours at escape! It is always wonderful to hear these highlights – thank you for the smiles! 😊

“In the middle …”

Police Station Visit

The Group 2/3 students have been doing lots of work about forensic science each Friday. They will have the opportunity to further explore this topic and learn from the experts in the field when they visit the Launceston Police Station on Friday 8th December. This excursion is part of our curriculum and will take place during normal school hours. The children are to wear their normal school uniform.

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Socratic Seminar - From the Other Side

This week in Philosophy the children had small group discussions about our theme “From the Other Side”. The children were asked to consider how they think the teachers see being at school, in the classroom teaching lessons, talking to the parents, hearing about the children’s weekends and holidays and getting to know the children they teach. We discussed:

- What do you think is the best part of a teacher’s job?
- If you were a teacher, what would you enjoy teaching the most?
- How would you get the best out the children?
- How would you set up a classroom?
- Which age group in our school would like to teach? Explain

Students of the Week

Each week of Term 4, students from both of the Group 2/3 home groups have their names drawn out of a hat. During the following week, these students will look at our school and how it works “From the Other Side.” They will then think of something they could do during that week that would be helpful, kind or thoughtful for someone else.

Rosie Griffin, William Price and William Larsen were our students of the week last week. They have helped Mrs Freeland and Mrs Thyne in their classrooms, encouraged friends to help out, swept the lunch steps, befriended the Kindergarten children and even cleaned out the “Mushroom”. Well done, everyone.

Mrs Thyne and Mrs Freeland

“Towards the end …”

Socratic Seminar - The Treasure Box

In Philosophy this week we read The Treasure Box by Margaret Wild. We looked at the different illustrations used and how they changed as the book went on. We then had a discussion about the treasure within the box and why it is so special.

When is the book set?
What is destroyed as the Library burns?
Why are books so important to our culture and history?
Why did they never tell us what the book was called?
What is treasure? Does it have to have monetary value?
What is your greatest treasure? Why?
Socrates Shield debating

The battle for the Socrates Shield continued with the second round of inter-house debates last Friday. Ossa and Esk locked arguments over the topic “That the past is better than the future”. Esk, arguing the Negative, won the debate which was uniformly of a very high standard.

Tomorrow, Esk and Bass will debate in the final round on the topic “That we place too much emphasis on sport”. By the end of this debate, we will know which House teams will debate in the grand final. This will be held in the multi-purpose hall (downstairs) from 11.45am to 12.30pm on Tuesday, 19th December. All members of our school community are welcome to attend. Regardless of which teams are in the final, you will be astounded by the quality of these articulate and skilful debaters.

“Other information ...”

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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<td>Scholastic Book Club orders due please (final issue for 2017)</td>
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<td>Final Prep/One swimming session</td>
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<td>Elphinwood residents’ morning tea in Kinder classroom</td>
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<td>Leavers’ Assembly (1:45 – 3pm) and last day of Term 4</td>
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**Parents’ Club Christmas Raffle!**

Don’t forget to bring your sold raffle tickets to the school office, with money ($5 per book/50c per ticket) to be in the running to win some wonderful Christmas goodies!

The raffle will be drawn at the School picnic, on Friday 15th December 6-8pm!

Donations for the raffle will also be gratefully received at the school office.

Let’s make this a bumper raffle!
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**Easter Break:** Good Friday 30th March - Easter Monday 2nd April
(students return Tuesday, 3rd April 2018)

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*It is that time of the year again when we ask families to search high and low through their homes to locate books belonging to The LPS. Please do not assume that you have none – scour those bookshelves and under the bed! We lose hundreds of dollars’ worth of books each year through carelessness. We ask no questions upon return of books – we are just delighted to see them!*
From the Other Side…
The Launceston Preparatory School Production 2017

The Launceston Preparatory School End of Year Production will be held in the multi-purpose hall at **1.00pm on Wednesday 13th December and 9.30am Thursday 14th December 2017**. Students are busy preparing their items. All students will need to wear their **correct** school sports uniforms on the 13th and 14th of December.

Please park at the Greenfield. Do not park on Elphin Road or over driveways in Hart Street or Olive Street. We do not want a frustrated neighbour honking their car horn during the students’ performance!

The **playground will be totally out of bounds** before, during and after the performance.

Younger children attending the performance must be able to sit for one hour to watch the production. It is very distracting for the students performing if young children/babies are moving around or unsettled during the production.

**Please turn off mobile phones for the hour of the performance.**

Please fill out the form below to indicate which performance you and your family members will be attending or email your preferences to admin@lps.tas.edu.au and your tickets will be sent home with your eldest child. This will assist with the organisation of seating and make sure no-one misses out.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR TICKETS READY TO HAND IN AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY OF THE PERFORMANCE.**

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Student/s Name/s:_________________________________Group/s:_____________

I/We will be attending The Launceston Preparatory School End of Year Production on

- **Wednesday 13th December at 1.00pm** Number of people attending .................
- **Thursday 14th December at 9.30am** Number of people attending .................
# LEGO® Holiday Workshops

BRICKS 4 KIDZ® school holiday workshops using LEGO® Bricks are a fun way for boys and girls to spend their school holidays in Hobart. (We will also be in Launceston these holidays!)

With our very own special BRICKS 4 KIDZ® models and lots of creative free-play building, kids always have fun at our LEGO® workshops!

Our school holiday programs are designed for kids aged 5 – 12 and are staffed by trained, screened BRICKS 4 KIDZ® instructors. Children will rotate between different stations during our sessions and work and play with different types of LEGO® - including Technic pieces such as gears, axles, electric motors and more! We also have heaps of fun in our break times – with different ball games and fun activities!

Cost
- Full day: $80 incl GST
- Half day: $40 incl GST

[Check out the website and enrol here:]

Please turn over for details of locations, workshop dates, and the different themes.

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### DECEMBER/JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2017/2018

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<td>CHRISTMAS BRICK-TACULAR: come and join BRICKS 4 KIDZ® as we celebrate our favourite festive season... Christmas! The kids will have a brick-tacular time at our Christmas-themed LEGO® workshop building models of Santa and his helpers directly from the North Pole and much more!</td>
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<td>Thursday 4th January Full day 9am – 4pm</td>
<td>MINING AND CRAFTING: Experience the world of Minecraft® with LEGO® bricks in the creative workshop! Kids will begin by crafting their shelters and some of the mobs, critters and tools using traditional bricks and mosaic bricks. Children will face new challenges building motorised BRICKS 4 KIDZ® models and crafting key elements from the Minecraft® game.</td>
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<td>MOVIE MANIA: Get your ticket to the BRICKS 4 KIDZ® version of Movie World! Kids will build different characters, vehicles and interesting machines inspired by movies such as The Lego Movie, Minions, Kung Fu Panda, Frozen and Finding Dory. Motorised models to maximise the action and fun!</td>
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<td>EXTREME NINJAS: Enter the world of LEGO® Ninjago® where ninjas spin into tornadoes to defeat their enemies! Come into the Spinjitzu world and show off your building skills. Imagination and creativity will abound as kids build cool models, battle with their mini-figures, customise battle arena, tools and vehicles and more!</td>
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<td>WORLD OF WIZARDS VS KNIGHTS: Who loves Harry Potter® and Nexo Knights®? Combine the two for an action packed workshop! Start the day in the wizard world by making a motorised magical self-stirring cauldron along with other models such as your favourite wizard and his magical owl. Then explore far away kingdoms on your knight's vehicle escaping from the evil jester and his evil ways. Don't forget your knight's sword in case you have to battle. Be prepared for anything in this workshop!</td>
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