From the teaching staff...

LPS BRIXHIBITION 2019!
The Launceston Preparatory School held its first Brixhibition competition on Tuesday 26th March, with over 40 children opting to participate.

Ken Draeger, from Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts, (responsible for organising the Brixhibition annually) recently visited our school Assembly to explain how Brixhibition began and what its aims were. He explained that the purpose of Brixhibition was to encourage children to become creative with Lego. There are so many children out there who love building Lego from sets and following instructions, which is fabulous and there are many valuable skills to be developed when doing this. However, there is so much more that can be done with Lego if we allow ourselves time to create our own designs and tinker with different ideas. This is what they are looking for in Brixhibiton – something that is innovative, creative and unique.

The judges were a mixture of school staff and our fabulous builders, who are currently building our new Early Learning/Kindergarten Centre. (Who better to judge a building competition?!) In consultation with children and staff, a set of criteria was produced: following the rules, creativity, effort, special features, degree of difficulty and any X-Factor components were all taken into consideration. There was also a People’s Choice award selected by the students, teachers, parents and friends of the school who attended on the day.

In many cases this was a real family affair. Parents were happy (!?) to allow their lounge rooms to be filled with Lego over the past few weeks to ensure their children had enough space to design and create. Parents were also happy to help with ideas, encourage their children when things went pear-shaped, cheer them on and help with the all-important delivery and collection. Children mentioned how much they enjoyed working on the project, how it was fun to do something that took a long amount of time and that was fun when their parents and other families helped along the way.

The winners were:
People’s Choice Thomas Lawson
Kinder – Grade 2 Siobhan Eilander
Grade 3 and 4 Bastian Andrews
Grade 5 and 6 Ptolemy Torney

The overall winner, who will represent our school at the public Brixhibiton Exhibition at the Albert Hall on the 13th and 14th April was Ptolemy Torney.
Thank you so much to all the children, teachers, parents, extended family members and builders who helped to make this event such a success. Due to the large amount of enjoyment and enthusiasm surrounding this event, we intend to hold it again in 2020. We may even have a section for parents!

In "Truth and Happiness"
Melissa Freeland
Teacher and Brixhibition Co-ordinator
“At the beginning…”

**Socratic Seminar – “No Thank You”**

Is this greeting as important as saying “thank you”?  
When is it ok to say no?  
Should we always say “thank you” after saying “no”?  
How can it make others feel when we say “no”?  
How do you respond to others when you don’t want what they are offering?  
How does “No thank you” help us get along with others?  
How is this an important part of being respectful?

Mrs Rebecca Howard

**Before-School Activities in Mrs. Howard’s Room**

Each morning the Prep and Group Ones in our home group enjoy a variety of activities where we have fun and reinforce our skills. We love spending time with our friends and we are all becoming so clever!

Rebecca Howard

“In the middle …”

**Recorder Lesson Link**

Have you checked out our dedicated YouTube channel for Recorder lessons and practise? You can access it by typing (or copying and pasting) the following link into a web browser:

bit.ly/lpsrecorder

Mrs Angela Chapman
This term Mrs Freeland and Mrs Thyne are looking out for things that are being done to help us fit together and get along with one another in our home groups, in our whole 2/3 group and in the playground. Some of the things we will be looking for include:

- Including everyone in our games
- Finding things we have in common with our classmates and other children in the school
- Making new friends
- Being open to new experiences
- Being happy and positive
- Helping others in times of need
- Getting to know all the teachers
- Community involvement

This week we have been very proud of Levi Caplin, Ethan Price, Ada Green and Hamish Duffy for displaying many of the characteristics we are looking for that help us all fit together as a happy group in our school.

Group 2/3 Art "Fitting Together" Beautifully!

Group 2/3 students have some fabulous artworks on display outside their classrooms and just outside the Office. Please stop by and have a look!

Ms Jane Dean
Art Teacher 2-6
Eyes and Ears

In Group 2/3 we conduct some formal tests that help us to see how children are going with their literacy, numeracy, memory and problem-solving skills. These, in conjunction with previous reports and our observations, help us to plan appropriately for all children and give them the assistance they require.

One of the things that we often suggest to parents at this age is to have their children’s hearing and eyesight tested. This seems to be an age where any problems in these areas show up with greater clarity. If your child has not been tested recently and you have any concerns, it might be a good time to book an appointment. Vision and hearing form such an important part of the learning process and it is important we ensure all our children have the support they need.

We are so thrilled with the way our children are continuing to work at school. Already, many of them are showing that they can be reliable, regularly reading and returning library books. We have also had some wonderful homework returned on time with lots of extra-special bonus bits added! There are also many families who are obviously chatting in a positive way with their children about their days at school. We really appreciate the help many parents are giving their children at home to ensure they have happy and successful days at school.

Thank you!

Mrs Melissa Freeland and Mrs Harriet Thyne

“Towards the end ...”

**SPORTS REPORTS**

**BOYS’ CRICKET** – The ‘LPS Lightning’ played against Grammar 2. It was a close game. Bjorn had a hard shot to the nose but kept playing. Good job to Hudson for getting a wicket maiden over. The final scores were 140 – 106 in their favour.  
*By Ryan Legge*

 – The ‘LPS Lightning’ played Grammar Junior at the NTCA Grounds. The game of cricket was nice apart from a little bad sportsmanship. The scores were unknown.  
*By Joseph Russnak*

**LEAVERS’ SPEEDBALL** – It was an amazing game under the boiling sun. It was very hard to get a ball past the goalie, but we kept on persisting and it paid off. The final scores were 6-1 in our favour.  
*By John Skipper and Lauren Cahoon*

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**FRIDAY, 29th March 2019 – Groups 4-6**

1.15pm-2.30pm

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Living Library

The senior students borrowed three “books” from our Living Library catalogue last week!

Dr John Ball visited Mr Barnes’ group for their English lesson and held the students spellbound with his stories of travels (by car!) between England, Africa and Australia and practising medicine in Kenya.

Mrs Beryl Tiernan joined Mr Burgess’s group and enthralled the students with the story of her life, growing up in England through the Second World War and emigrating to Australia.

Mr Geoff Terry kept the Leavers captivated by his presentation on pig-farming, explaining the agricultural challenges behind our food production (and distributing toy pigs in response to insightful questions)!

What rich literary and learning experiences these have been! We have several more books in our Living Library catalogue that we look forward to borrowing throughout the year!

“Other information …”

SINGFEST IS COMING...

This year our choir will be singing at Singfest on September 25th. Please mark this date in your calendar. Audio tracks for practising at home can be downloaded here: bit.ly/LPSchoir19. If you have any trouble accessing the files, please let me know so I can fix it.

I know it seems like a long time away, but we have heaps of songs to learn, so we can’t leave it until the last minute. Likewise I need your permission forms back by the end of this term.

Thanks so much! 

Mrs Angela Chapman
IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 1st April  
Group 2/3 parent/teacher meetings commence

Monday, 1st April  
Group 1 parent/teacher meetings commence

Thursday, 4th April  
‘Pass the Poetry’ (School Performance Tours)

Thursday, 11th April  
ANZAC Service, 9.00am, on the Croquet Lawn

Wednesday, 10th April  
Parents’ Club Easter raffle to be drawn in assembly – don’t forget to buy your tickets!

Thursday, 11th April  
Final 2/3 swimming session

Thursday, 11th April  
Final day of Term 1 for students

Tuesday, 30th April  
First day of Term 2 for students

School Photo Day: Tuesday, 7th May 2019

- You can start ordering online straightaway. Cut-off for orders is 4pm Monday, 6th May. If you would like a family/sibling photo, please ensure you have ordered it by 4pm Monday, 6th May as these photos will not be taken otherwise!
- Anyone eligible for a family discount (3 children or more) must fill out the form (available online when you log in) and fill it out to be handed to the portrait photographer on photo day. No form, no discount!
- Split families may use the same online order key; please just enter your own details when you log in.
- **SHOOT KEY for everyone is: NEN5C9SH** ONLINE ORDERS ONLY THIS YEAR! No Cash orders!

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Tuesday, 7th May 2019 – ONLINE ORDER KEY: NEN5C9SH

LEADING IMAGE WILL BE TAKING OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

- You can only order your school photos online.
- Ordering online is the easiest and safest method.
- You can order for all of your children at the same time.
- Order a family photo online if you require one.
- Everyone has a single photo and class photo taken whether you’ve ordered or not.
- For the best results, a clean uniform is preferred.
- Parents who don’t place an order before photo day will be given a second chance to order after photos are delivered.

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MONDAY 8th APRIL

peeps in the park

THURSDAY 8th APRIL 2019
3-4:45PM
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MONDAY 15th APRIL 10:00am - 11:30am
Tiny Tots Playtime (1-4yrs)
Friday 26th April 10:00am - 11:30am
Community Playgroup (0-4yrs)
COST: ‘Y’ Members: $8.50 Casual: $10.50

MONDAY 15th APRIL 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Gymnastics
Feeling bendy? Want to climb? Like to balance? Any good at tumbling? DO YOU LIKE HAVING FUN AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS? I might not be very bendy or a great climber but I love trying all these things and I think you will love it too!

TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Dodging Daze
 Dodgeball might just be one of the greatest games ever played. To think that it began over 200 years ago with African warriors throwing rocks at each other... thank goodness we have evolved. NO ROCKS at our Dodging Daze, just loads of fun with loads of variations of the game.

WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Sports Tournament Day
Come with a mate or meet someone here, join a team and compete in loads of different sports. Basketball, Futsal, Pickleball, Athletics, Table Tennis and T-Ball, just to name a few. A fun and competitive afternoon for everyone.

THURSDAY 11th APRIL

SOUNDS on the STREET
YOUTH BUSKING COMPETITION
Launceston CBD, Thursday 11 April from 3:30pm - 6pm
BE A BUSKER, AND WIN!

THURSDAY 18th APRIL 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Rock it!
Try your luck on our Armitage Climbing Wall Challenge. Recently we have removed the hand holds and changed the paths to create new challenges up the wall. When you’re not climbing the wall you will be challenging yourself with mental and physical puzzles.

THURSDAY 18th APRIL 2:00pm - 5:00pm
CHILL OUT
A super chilled afternoon with a Yoga session to help relax the mind and body.
Fuse Drumming, a fun new way to play music together and some card, and board games to keep the good times rolling.
(I know where I want to be today!)

YMCA will be CLOSED on Good Friday (April 19), Easter Monday (April 22) & ANZAC Day (April 25)
FRIDAY 12th APRIL

Peeps in the Park – FREE EVENT
Sounds on the Street – FREE EVENT
BEACONSFIELD Youth & Community Festival – FREE EVENT. YMCA has 20 free seats on a bus to take youth to the event. Register your seat at reception today!
YMCA ‘Movies Under the Stars’ – Tickets available at reception for all the family!

TUESDAY 23rd APRIL 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Bubble Blast
It’s time for the Bubbles balls to fill our halls again, crashing, bashing and rolling around inside your safety bubble. It can get super tiring in the bubbles so we have loads of games to help the fun continue.

WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Bounce City
Bounce in, Bounce around and Bounce back out. The real challenge is who can bounce for the longest? Trampolines, mats, games and a whole lot of bouncing. Show some skills, learn some skills and don’t stop the bounce!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM INFORMATION
MEMBERS FEE: $17.50
NON-MEMBERS FEE: $22.50
YMCA 2019 MEMBERSHIP FEE: $35.00
AGE: 5-14yrs
WHERE: YMCA Launceston, 8a Blaydon Street
Kings Meadows
WHAT TO BRING: a drink and small snack
HOW TO REGISTER: download the form or ask at reception.
Please arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to an activity
PAYMENT REQUIRED AT TIME OF BOOKING

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