



The Launceston Preparatory School

Truth and Happiness

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th February 2024

From the Teaching Staff...



What an incredible kick-off to the 2024 school year! The school grounds are alive with the chatter of excited children, and speaking on behalf of all staff, I can confidently say that reconnecting with your children this past week has been an absolute joy. Hearing all about their holiday adventures and witnessing their enthusiasm in catching up with friends and diving into activities has truly warmed our hearts. Likewise, we have loved seeing and chatting with families – parents, grandparents and siblings – at the back gate at 3pm. It certainly does not feel like we have not seen each other

for six weeks! And, that is what I love about The LPS – the wonderful sense of community that thrives here.



This one-of-a-kind community is built on strong connections between educators, children and families. For us, connection is not just a word we throw around; it is the very essence of our community. We see it in the way our educators – both teachers and teacher aides – greet children with a warm smile each morning, take the time to listen to their stories and concerns, and create a culture of care and support that extends beyond the classroom walls. It is about being there for your child in the best of times and in times of need, offering a listening ear, a word of encouragement or a shoulder to lean on.

We see it in the supportive relationships that form among children, transcending age groups as they collaborate on projects, lend a helping hand and celebrate each other's successes. Our Leavers are currently on camp, honing their leadership abilities, preparing them to provide guidance and support to children across the school throughout the year. This camp not only equips our Leavers with essential skills, but also fosters a special bond within their group, strengthening their connection to each other and to our school community.

We see it at the back gate where educators and families go beyond pleasantries to foster trust, understanding and collaboration. We deeply appreciate the trust you place in us, and we are committed to doing everything we can to help your child succeed. Our doors are always open for conversations, whether it is a quick chat at drop-off or pick-up or a scheduled meeting to discuss your child's progress. Your insights, concerns and dreams for your child shape our approach, ensuring a tailored and holistic learning experience.

These connections are vital in ensuring that every child feels seen, heard and valued. When connections between children, parents and educators are strong, children become more engaged in their learning, more willing to take risks, and more likely to persevere through challenges. It is through these connections that we are able to tap into each child's unique strengths, interests and talents, allowing them to flourish academically, socially and emotionally.

We look forward to re/connecting more with you in the weeks ahead – through back gate chats, parent-teacher meetings and The Parents of The LPS Welcome Picnic on Friday, 23rd February!

In *"Truth and Happiness"*,

Mel Andrews

Grades 4-6 Maths and Drama teacher



House Captains

Last week Mr Payne proudly announced our House Captains to our school community at Assembly. Taking the badge (and responsibility) with pride, the students were beaming knowing this is one of many special opportunities to show off to the community their leadership in action. Fantastic achievement! Lead with honour.

Esk: Jack Gray, Luke Selby

Bass: Tilly Barnes,
Robert McKinnon

Ossa: Arkie Ivory,
Matilda Legge



Philosophy



Socratic Seminar – Groups 2 and 3

Our Philosophy sessions relate to issues that arise in the literature that Mrs Thyne reads to students each term. The Group 2/3 students are already enjoying “Blueback” by Tim Winton. In the first chapter, the central character (Abel) observes that “*Everything he knew on land or under the sea he learned from her.*” (his mother) so this week, we considered the following questions:

- What sorts of things do you learn from your parents?
- What else do we learn from other family members – siblings, grandparents, etc?
- How is this different from the learning we do at school?
- Which is more important? Why?

Leonie McNair

Library sessions



I am VERY excited to be working with students throughout the school this year, bringing them into contact with the wonderful books we have in our school library. Here are some of the younger children helping me voice the characters in Tony Wilson’s book *Baa Baa Blue Sheep!*

Leonie McNair

Music News

We are very excited to play and learn about music this year, and all classes have been to their first music lesson for 2024. In keeping with this term's theme of 'Into The Deep Blue' students from Prep up to Year 6 will be exploring blues and jazz. We look forward to learning how to play a variety of instruments and learn about the music of many different cultures.

We have an exciting music excursion tomorrow (Friday the 9th) up to in which we will see the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra perform and deliver a workshop (there may even be some dancing involved!). Students will depart from LPS in the morning around 9:30 and will be back to school in time for lunch.

Choir rehearsals will begin next week on Monday afternoon from 3:00 – 3:45. Students from Year 2 to Year 6 are invited to join and have some fun singing a variety of songs. We are entered into Singfest again this year and we hope to perform a number of other times for our school community also.

Mr Billy Green, Music teacher

Kindergarten



Welcome to Kindergarten with Ms Howard. It has been delightful to welcome the children to Kinder. We continue to get to know one another and develop our own strong sense of identity (Learning outcome 1:EYLF). Importantly, a healthy identity is the cornerstone to children's learning, development and wellbeing.

We have been making new connections with our new and old friends, and sharing about ourselves and our families. Play time continues to provide valuable opportunities to develop our relationships with one another. Through these connections we are building a positive sense of self-worth and learning to value the importance of positive interactions with others. As we learn to problem-solve, cooperate and enjoy one another in our days at kinder, we are learning that we belong and are accepted here at school. ***Already, we are confident and proud of WHO we are!***

Rebecca Howard



Outdoor Education – Mt Cameron camp

The Leavers headed off this week for the first of their two Outdoor Education camps for the year. They are at the Mt Cameron Field Study Centre (in the north-east of Tasmania) with Mrs McNair and Mr Payne, pursuing activities that will help them bond as a group and challenge themselves both collectively and individually. They will learn lots of leadership skills to assist them in their role as leaders of the school when they return.

A gallery of inspiring photos will be included in the newsletter's next addition.

Philosophy 2 – 6

The Group 2 – 6 students are SO lucky to have the guru of Philosophy, Mrs McNair as their Philosophy teacher this year.

Mrs McNair has been busy preparing her Philosophy sessions throughout the term break and it is wonderful that she has read the novel, *Blueback* by Tim Winton that the Group 2/3 children are working on in English and has taken her Philosophy topics from that novel.

Mrs McNair is reading *Bluefin* by Colin Thiele to the senior children and all the Philosophy sessions for the Group 4 – 6s are based around the issues that arise in the book.



We particularly love that all the teens at The LPS teach the subjects they **LOVE**!

Mrs Harriet Thyne

Prep / Group 1

The Prep/Ones have made an amazing start to first term. In Maths we have been practising our number writing and learning about each other. We had to think about our eye colour, our age and our favourite food. We have some of them hanging up in our room. Dara, Lottie and Rosie have finished theirs and they are on display in our classroom. Please come and have a look.



Miss Nicole England





Welcome to 2024

Parents of The LPS
invite

Students, Teachers and Families
for Sushi, Pizza and Drinks

Meat, Veg and GF options

Drinks for adults, kids bring water bottles

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Friday February 23 2024

on the croquet lawn

The Launceston Preparatory School

2024 Welcome Evening

~Proudly organised by Parents of The LPS~

Bookings can be made at the link Trybooking below, it is a free event but tickets are required for catering purposes.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPDOT>



Parents of The LPS

2024 meeting dates

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month

Term 1:	13 February	12 March	09 April
Term 2:	14 May	11 June	
Term 3:	23 July	13 August	10 September
Term 4:	15 October	12 November	10 December

Meetings are held online, with an in-person social catch-up once per term.

Join the conversation, search **Parents of The LPS Facebook** group on **Facebook Messenger**.

The group is a place of peer support for parents to discuss anything school and kids related. We also discuss and arrange the various fundraisers throughout the year, raising money to dollar-match the childrens' fundraising efforts, fund the Welcome and Christmas functions, and purchase resources for the school.

Our mission statement:

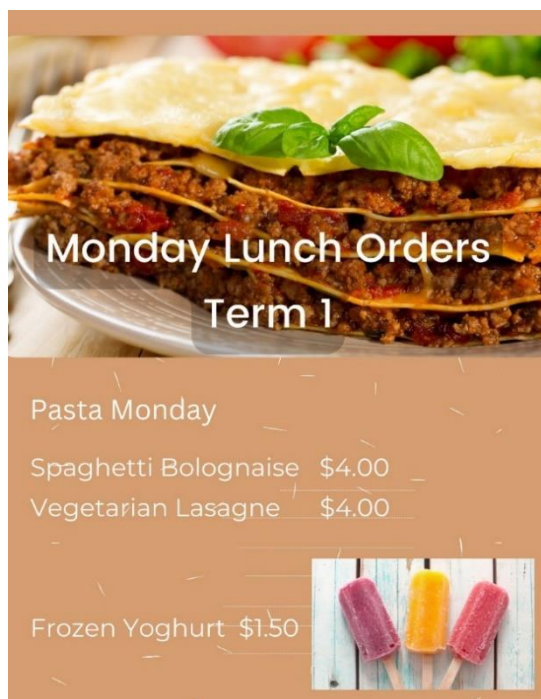
Encourage a community of parents and carers to meet, in the spirit and philosophy of the school, to enhance the opportunities of our children, when and where we are able.

Our aims:

- foster a sense of community between children, parents, and carers
- purchase resources to directly benefit students of the school
- support the fund-raising efforts of students to the benefit of the broader community
- support parents so they may raise conscientious citizens
- positively promote the school and its philosophy

Feel free to email lpsparentsclub@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

Monday and Friday Lunch Orders



Monday lunch orders are given to home group teachers and the cost can be applied to your school account or cash can be sent with your child. Friday Subway orders are made online (see details below) and are delivered to the school prior to lunchtime.

IMPORTANT DATES

6-9th February

9th February

13th February

22nd February

23rd February

11 March

Friday 29th March -

Tuesday 2nd April inclusive

12 April

Mt Cameron Camp - Leavers' Camp

Prep – 5 attending Schools' concert, *Listen and Dance*

2/3 Learn to Swim program, Aquatic Centre

The LPS Swimming Carnival

The Parents of The LPS annual Welcome Picnic

Public Holiday

Easter Break

Term 1 ends



SCHOOLS CONCERT

LISTEN AND DANCE

Bring your
dancing
shoes!

Friday 9 Feb 2024 10am, 11:30am
Scotch Oakburn College, Launceston

Launceston United Soccer Club Come and Try Days

Not sure if soccer is something your
child will enjoy?
Come along and see!

These sessions are designed to give your child a
chance to try a few drills and fun games, like a typical
training session.

For anyone that is struggling with the registration
process we will have people available at these times
to assist you.

Saturday 10th Feb
U5-9, 10-11am
U10-16, 11am-12noon

Wednesday 14th Feb
U5-9, 4.30-5.30pm
U10-16, 5.30-6.30pm

Birch Avenue, Newstead.



COME & TRY

SESSION 1 - Wednesday 14th February
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, 227 York St. Launceston

SESSION 2 - Sunday 18th February
St Thomas More's Catholic School, 125 Abbott St. Newstead

SESSION 3 - Thursday 22nd February
St Thomas More's Catholic School, 125 Abbott St. Newstead

Times:
U5 - U8: 4:00pm - 4:45pm
U9+: 4:45pm - 5:30pm

ALL NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS WELCOME

Please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/E49A5h6wtg>

Any queries email juniors@launcestoncity.com.au



Please note that any notices we include in this newsletter for providers of activities that occur outside of the school, are provided only for the interest of families and do not carry any endorsement by the school.