

Newsletter – 19th November 2025

next week:

Monday 24th November

Tuesday 25th November

Yr 7 Koori Transition @
LESC – Parent morning tea
9am

Wednesday 26th November

Thursday 27th November

Friday 28th November

Breakfast Club
8:15am – 8:45am

2026 Prep Transition

9am – 3pm 1st

Assembly 2:45pm

Book Club Issue 8 cut off

coming up:

Thursday 11th December

Grade 2 Sleepover @ LEPS

Wednesday 17th December

Grade 6 Graduation night

Thursday 18th December

Last day of the year

12:30pm Civic's Assembly

1:30pm Students finish 2025

Friday 19th December

Student Free Day

reminders:

Can you spare time to help
in the morning or afternoon
during Book Fair, tomorrow
or Friday 21st? If so, please
call the LEPS office.

Grade 6 Corringale Camp

Congratulations, to our Grade 6 students for completing Corringale Camp. The first day was busy with canoeing, sailing, beach games and more. Day two became interesting with the heavy rain. Our resilient campers pushed through and supported each other with challenges. By day three the sun was out and our campers shone on.



More photos further in the newsletter

Principal's Report

Craft sand contamination update....

You may be aware of the recent alert regarding craft sand products that may contain asbestos. For the most up-to-date information about the recall, including a list of affected products, please visit the ACCC website.

At our school, we are following the Department of Education's guidelines to identify, collect, and safely dispose of any impacted products. Current advice from national and Victorian health authorities indicates that these products pose a *low risk* to human health.

If you have any of these products at home, health authorities recommend that you stop using them immediately and follow the safety advice provided here: *Safe disposal and health information for consumers with recalled sand products* | *ACCC Product*.

Although this is not a product we have used extensively at school, we have purchased small quantities over the past five years, including some items listed in the recall (such as the Kmart craft sand). To ensure the safety of our students and staff, we have removed *all* craft sand from the school and disposed of it in accordance with Department of Education guidelines.

New OHSC Program....

A couple of weeks ago, Gumnuts informed us that they will no longer be providing Before and After School Care from 2026. Following this announcement, we have begun the lengthy and complex process of establishing a school-run service. This requires a number of additional approvals as well as meeting various compliance obligations.

While there may be some disruption to the service during the January holidays, we are confident that it will be fully operational by Day 1 of the 2026 school year. Our aim is for the service to continue supporting not only LEPS families but also students from TAPS and St Brendan's.

This week, we will begin advertising for staff to join the service. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please come and see us to discuss the position further.

Final Weeks....

Over the next few weeks, we have several events organised as it is always a busy time of year. Staff are extremely busy finalising student assessments, in preparation for school reports and a number of activities have been planned to finish off the year. Our transition sessions in December will help prepare students for their new class and meet their new teacher. Please take note of each event and time to ensure a smooth end to the year. We are also putting dates in our newsletter for 2026 to ensure you are prepared for the beginning of next year.

Student Leadership 2026....

The Grade five students have been finalising their applications for the various official leadership roles that will be available in 2026. It is great to see so many of our Grade 5 students wanting to take on a leadership role within our school. All leadership positions will be announced at our final assembly of the year.

Class Structure....

Over the next few weeks, we will begin the process of putting students into their 2026 classes. This process can often take several weeks and has the ability to change at the last minute from a wide range of influences. Given the considerable time that is involved in placing students, once they have been placed in their 2026 classroom, we will not be able to make any changes. **Please let us know if you are not planning on returning to LEPS in 2026.** Each student has a significant impact on funding and class structures, therefore it is important to let us know if you are planning to move out of the area next year. We are also working on determining the teachers at each level. Our students will find out their grade and teacher during our whole school transition sessions on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December.

Book Fair....

The Book Fair has once again returned to LEPS. Every year, as one of our major fundraisers for the year, the book fair is set up in the library for students and families to purchase new books. Every book purchased provides the school with reward points that can then be cashed in for new books to support our library. Having purchased 2000 last year and an additional 2000 books this year we want to continue to promote the importance of reading amongst our students.

The Importance of Reading....

A child who reads:

- 1 min a day will read 8,000 words a year,
- 5 mins a day will read 282,000 words a year

But a child who reads:

- 20 mins a day will read approximately 1.8million words a year!!!!!!

As part of our whole school approach to literacy, **every child** reads a dedicated 20 mins each day!

- Any additional reading you can follow through with at home, each day, will only increase their word knowledge and improve their reading skills!

Have a great week.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last week

Monday 10/11	87.50%
Tuesday 11/11	80.00%
Wednesday 12/11	86.50%
Thursday 13/11	87.50%
Friday 14/11	84.50%

Simon Prior

Pupils of the Week - Congratulations:

Nylah Meloury-Brown – Nylah has shown so much persistence in reading this term. It is amazing to see how much you have grown. We are so proud of you!

Ciana Abraham – For continuing to participate in class discussions and share her independent ideas

Noah Collier – For consistently working towards improving his writing and maths skills. You have made so much progress in your skills. Well done!

Quinn Hocking – Quinn, it has been wonderful to see you pushing yourself, especially when writing your song. Your determination shines through in everything you do, and we love how you always join in and encourage those around you. Keep it up!

Savannah Whykes – You have adjusted coming back to LEPS so well. You wouldn't know you have been gone! Great work persisting through changes!

O'Shea Andy – I am so proud of the effort you have been putting into your work. You have been working hard and persisting through challenges. Your hard work is paying off and you have achieved many goals. Keep it up!

Jonah Tyter – Well done on getting work up to date after being sick. Great persistence!

Joel Pompei – Joel had an absolutely amazing Corringale camp. We had tough conditions and he did not complain. He was kind and supportive of others and we are so proud of his success!

Johanna Andy – It has been so nice to see you back at school and enjoying your learning. Well done!

Ruby Smith – Ruby, you were such a champion on camp, completing all activities with a smile and supporting those around you. Well done on an amazing week!

Drama Award – Xavier Ward – Xavier, it's been wonderful seeing you step up and be a great leader in Drama. You did a great job at being 'narrator' in our Mafia game. Well done!

Phys Ed Award – Macy McKean – Macy was really nervous about having a turn at batting and running in Tee-ball. She showed persistence by asking for help and pushing through even though it was tricky for her! Super proud of you for having a go!

STEM Award – Audrey Sullivan-Piefke – Audrey is always willing to try new things and shows great perseverance, especially when learning gets tough!

Visual Arts Award – Jayce Clay – Jayce displayed persistence by 'giving it a go.' He attempted something that was outside his comfort zone and had success. Practice makes progress. Keep it up, Jayce!

In 3/4A we have a... Growth Mindset



In basketball, I persisted when playing in an uneven teams -
Blake
I kept practising being patient during writing and reading -
Autumn
In Pe, I kept trying when my team members weren't helping -
Amelia
I kept practising my kicking in PE - Helena
I kept practising new games in drama - Baylee
I kept persisting when my ipad wouldn't load for writing on
Friday - Spencer
I kept trying to read hard words - Kurtis



In nippers, I kept persisting in boarding -
Rylie
Being patient with the Grade 2s when
they didn't know what to do - Frankie,
Lily, Ashton, Peter
Staying focused - Ben
Trying again in maths while doing
fractions - Niya
Starting a new school - Savannah
Persisting in pathways - Milly
Kept persisting in the boys vs girls tags
even when there was targeting - Paddy

A few pics from Grade 5/6 Lawn Bowls



Prep Transition into Grade 1



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Corringle Camp 2025



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Lost Property

A school family has reported a lost family blanket. Has anyone seen this blanket come home? It has a very special cultural meaning to a student; it was gifted to them and is irreplaceable. If anyone notices this blanket at home or in a bag, can we please have it returned to the school office.



Win a \$20 voucher

From Lakes Books and Games!



1. BORROW A LIBRARY BOOK
2. READ IT
3. TELL US ABOUT IT

You'll find the entry forms in your local LIBRARY

Friends of the Lakes Entrance Library (FoLLE)
18 Mechanics St, Lakes Entrance
VIC 3909

Headline: Craft sand contamination update

You may be aware of a recent alert about craft sand products that may contain asbestos. For current information about the recall, including a list of products, visit the ACCC website.

At our school, we are taking the steps set out by the Department of Education to collect and dispose of the products. Current advice from national and Victorian health authorities is that there is a low risk to human health from these products.

If you have the product at home, however, the advice from the health authorities is that you should stop using it and follow the safety advice published here: Safe disposal and health information for consumers with recalled sand products | ACCC Product

Product safety recall

14 piece Sand Castle Building Set, Blue, Green and Pink Magic Sand

Sold at Kmart & Target

Kmart	Colour	Target
42975724	n/a	69581984
42304364	Blue	Not ranged
42919650	Green	Not ranged
42304371	Pink	Not ranged



Reason the product is recalled

The product is being recalled because the sand may include asbestos, which is a prohibited substance in Australia.

The hazards to consumers

The product may cause a risk to health as asbestos has been detected in some samples after laboratory testing.

Importantly, respirable asbestos has not been detected in any of the tested samples. The release of respirable asbestos fibres is unlikely to occur in its current state, unless the sand is processed by mechanical means such as crushing or pulverising. The risk that any asbestos found, that is likely to be airborne or fine enough for inhalation, is low.

What consumers should do

Stop using the products immediately.

- Wear disposable gloves and a mask and either return in the original tub or place the sand in a heavy-duty plastic bag and double tape it securely and keep it out of reach of children.
- Do not dispose of the products in general waste. Information on the disposal of asbestos waste, including disposal facilities in your state or territory can be found on [The Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency website](#).

Contact

Kmart
Call: 1800 124 125, Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 6:00pm (AEST)
Online: <https://www.kmart.com.au/contact-us/>

Target
Call: 1300 753 567, Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 6:00pm (AEST)
Online: <https://www.target.com.au/help/contact-us>

Who sold the product:
Kmart store and online, Target stores, online or via the App.

Product safety recall

Educational Colours - Rainbow Sand (1.3kg), Creatistics - Coloured Sand (1kg) and Kadink - Sand (1.3kg)

Educational Colours Pty Ltd

Decorative coloured sand, supplied in various colours, to be used for open-ended art and craft activities or sensory play.



Reason the product is recalled

The products are being recalled because they may include asbestos, which is a prohibited substance in Australia.

The hazards to consumers

The products may cause a risk to health as tremolite asbestos (a naturally occurring asbestos) has been detected in some samples after laboratory testing.

Importantly, respiratory asbestos has not been detected in any of the tested samples. The release of respiratory asbestos fibres from the sand is unlikely to occur in its current state, unless the sand is processed by mechanical means such as crushing or pulverising.

While the risk that any asbestos found is likely to be airborne or fine enough for inhalation is low, this may still pose a risk.

What consumers should do

- Stop using the products immediately.
- For safe disposal advice from the Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency, visit the [ACCC Product Safety website](#).
- Contact recalls@educationalvantage.com for guidance around disposal and seeking a full refund.

Important message from the ACCC to consumers:

The ACCC continues to work with health and safety, and other relevant agencies at the state, territory and Commonwealth levels as this issue evolves.

For safe disposal advice from the Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency and health information from the Environmental Health Standing Committee (enHealth), visit the [ACCC Product Safety website](#).

See productsafety.gov.au for Australian product recall information

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