



Week 6 Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BOOK WEEK!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Book Week parade on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many community members come along and share in the festivities.

Being Book Week, it is timely to remind the community about the school's commitment to learning through quality children's literature. At LECS, we use quality literature to teach reading and as a stimulus for other learning areas for the following reasons:

- Children's literature is engaging and inspires children to become readers;
- Children's literature includes rich vocabulary that children then use in other areas of learning such as writing;
- Children's literature prompts deep thinking and comprehension
- Children's literature includes images that support children's visual literacy skills

Last term, teachers sent home a pamphlet about supporting your child's reading at home. If you did not receive a copy or you need another one, there are copies available at the Community Information table in the atrium. If you have any questions about reading at home with your child, please make a time to speak with your child's teacher.

STAFFING

As many of you are aware, Amanda is going on extended leave to pursue other employment opportunities. I would like to thank Amanda for her dedication and contributions to developing a positive learning culture at LECS.

Kylie will remain on Anuna as the teacher and Mark will remain in Anuna as the assistant. We would like to welcome Kerrie to our school. Kerrie will be joining us on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays to provide extra support for children.

Kind regards,
Principal Mitchell

REMINDERS

Friday 25 August

Enrolments for Swimming Lessons CLOSE

Monday 28 August

National Literacy and Numeracy Week begins

ILF Book Swap begins

Tuesday 29 August

ILF Book Swap continues

Wednesday 30 August

Multicultural Playgroup at LECS @ 9.30am

ILF Book Swap continues

Thursday 31 August

ILF Book Swap continues

Friday 1 September

ILF Book Swap ends

SWIMMING LESSON REMINDER

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

Swimming lessons will run during Weeks 8 and 9 (Monday 4 September – Friday 15 September 2017)

Please ensure that all online enrolments for swimming lessons are completed by today

Friday 25 August 2017

Children must be registered via the Royal Life Saving ACT schools' programs website. Registration codes and necessary paperwork are available from LECS Front Office staff or from the LECS website.

LECS Front Office needs a completed *Permission Form* and *Excursion Medical Information & Consent Form* for each child participating in swimming lessons. These forms are also due by Friday 25 August.

Parents can either deliver swimming forms to LECS Front Office or email them to info@lecs.act.edu.au

WELCOME BABY GEORGE!

SECOND GRANDCHILD FOR PRINCIPAL MARY



We would like to welcome Mary's second grandchild
George Ronald
into the LECS community.

As you can see, Mary is enjoying time with the two new additions to her family.

We are looking forward to visits from both Mabel and George later in the term.

INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION

ANNUAL BOOK SWAP

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) **Book Swap** will be on next week. The Book Swap will coincide with *Literacy and Numeracy Week*; Monday 28 August – Friday 1 September.

We participate in the Book Swap to raise funds for the ILF and celebrate our love of books.

If you haven't already donated children's books, please do so this week. Donations can be left in the marked boxes under the LECS reception desk.

During *Literacy and Numeracy Week*, the books will be displayed in the Atrium and families can take a book for a donation to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. All funds raised will go to the ILF.

For more information on the great work that ILF does, please click on the link below:

<http://www.greatbookswap.org.au/>

Hannah Freyne
Community Engagement

RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the RSPCA Cupcake Day.

Our school raised \$400.20

This money will go towards supporting animals that require care.

PARENTLINE ACT

SUPPORT FOR ACT PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Parentline ACT is a not-for-profit organisation offering a free confidential telephone service for parents and families in the ACT and surrounding area.

Calls are answered by professionally trained workers who can help with information and support.

Phone: 6287 3833

Visit: <http://www.parentlineact.org.au/>

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING

Join us for the next P&C Meeting on Thursday 7 September at 4.30pm in the LECS Atrium. This is a Birth to 8 event and all are welcome.

The LECS P&C is a friendly bunch of parents trying to provide extra resources for your children and organise school community events. **WE NEED YOUR HELP AND INPUT** to be able to do this. So come along to find out what is going on at the school and in childcare.

BABY AND KIDS' MARKET

LECS P&C is holding a Baby and Kids' Market on Saturday 9 September 2017 from 10am – 2pm. We still need help with setting up the Market and with running the Cake Stall in order to run this event. Please sign up some of your time at www.volunteersignup.org/4JT48

WORKING BEE

We will be holding a Working Bee for the Childcare & School outdoor upgrade – Term 3 weekend date TBA. We are creating a sensory pathway and miniature road, installing mud kitchens and playground equipment. Send your expressions of interest to lecspondc@gmail.com or comment on our [My LECS P&C Facebook group](#).

VOLUNTEERING SURVEY HELP

Many P&Cs are struggling for volunteers. The ACT P&C Council is conducting an online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VolunteeringinSchools>

We'd love to hear from all parents, whether they currently volunteer or not.

The survey's aim is to better understand what motivates people to help at school and what barriers stop parents from volunteering. The results will help shape new resources, tailor-made for the school environment, to help P&Cs attract new and valuable volunteers.

Regards,

LECS P&C Committee

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LECSPandC/>

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