

HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

It's wonderful to welcome you all back to a new school year at LECS.

This year we have two preschool groups, two Kindergarten classes, two Year 1 classes and one Year 2 class. You will receive a newsletter from your child's teacher with more detailed information about what's happening in learning spaces and who's who around the school.

I look forward to getting to know our new teachers, children and families.

Come along to our Open Learning Spaces session and Welcome BBQ this Monday February 12.

Learning Spaces are open from 4-5

Welcome BBQ (out the back!) from 5-6

A new school administration system is being rolled out to all ACT government schools. It is a digital record keeping system that maintains the longitudinal education record of every child (preschool to year 12). Common tasks include viewing a student profile, marking a roll, arranging an excursion and entering information about student wellbeing. Less manual tasks mean more time for teaching.

You will notice these changes to how your child's attendance is being managed:

- Teachers will mark attendance rolls on their device promptly at 9.00 a.m. each morning
- Children who are not at school at 9.00 a.m. will be marked 'absent'. This will be changed to 'late' if children arrive after 9.00 a.m. A text message or email will be sent to parents to notify you of your child's absence.
- **If your child arrives with you after 9.00 a.m. please sign them in at Front Office.**

Remember – my door is always open. Don't hesitate to drop in with any questions or concerns you have.

Regards

Principal Mary

REMINDERS

Monday 12 February

Open Learning Spaces sessions 4-5pm

Welcome BBQ 5-6pm

Monday 12- Tuesday 13 February

Karobean 1 preschool days

Wednesday 14 – Friday 16 February

Karobean 2 preschool days

Number 1 tip for the beginning of the school year - Establish a routine

This tip is number one for a reason – without a routine, even the most relaxed parent is bound to start tearing their hair out. Avoid morning mayhem by starting your routine early. This can be as simple as slowly bringing bedtime forward. Rather than going cold turkey on your laidback summer lifestyle, this approach will help ease your child back into a routine and avoid those stressful morning meltdowns

2018 SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Would you like to be involved with the School Board in 2018?

The LECS School Board has two (2) positions vacant for parents and citizens. Both positions are for 2 years duration. We encourage nominations from birth to 8 families.

The parent and citizen (P&C) members appointed to the School Board represent the views and interests of members of the P&C Association at LECS. No prior experience on the P&C or School Board is needed.

Nominations opened at 11.00am on Monday 5 February 2018 and **close at 11.00am on Monday 19 February 2018**. Nomination forms were sent home on Monday 5 February 2018 and are also be available at the Front Office.

If you have any questions about the nomination process please contact Mandy on 6142 0044 or email mandy.curtis@ed.act.edu.au

FINANCE REMINDER

Payments for school uniform items, Stationery Fees and Family Contributions are accepted either by cash at Front Office or via direct debit.

Your prompt payment supports the effective financial management of our school 😊

Thank you
Mandy

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR CIRCUMSTANCES

If you have changed your address or your contact details or circumstances have changed, please email the updated information to us at info@lecs.act.edu.au.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB IS UP AND RUNNING FOR 2018

All Scholastic orders and payments must be completed online using the LOOP system. Order forms will no longer be collected at LECS Front Office.

Catalogues will be distributed via school and childcare, and once orders have been placed using LOOP, books will be delivered to the school and distributed to children to take home.

Thanks to our families for their continued support of Book Club which earns new books and resources for our school community.

 **SCHOLASTIC**
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



KINDERGARTEN HEALTH CHECKS

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a free health check.

Information packs will be sent home in Term 1. Please complete the Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire and return to Lyons Early Childhood School by 7 March 2018.

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