

# HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

This weekend we celebrate Reconciliation Day.

Reconciliation Day will be held in Canberra on Monday 28 May 2018.

**The school will be closed on Monday.**

This is Australia's first public holiday celebrating the culture, contribution and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Day occurs during National Reconciliation Week.

The week, and the day specifically, provide an opportunity for all of us to come together in the spirit of reconciliation to recognise the important place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history have in our community. This year, let's take active steps and talk with one another about what reconciliation means to each and every one of us.

The vision of the Education Directorate is that, throughout our schools across Canberra, we are talking about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and its contribution to our country and we are talking with each other about the next steps we can take, individually and collectively, towards reconciliation.

The theme for this year's National Reconciliation Week is *'Don't Keep History a Mystery'*. It invites us to reflect on our past and learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

I hope we can use the opportunity of a public holiday to reflect on how we can be more culturally aware in our school community.

Enjoy Reconciliation Day!

Regards  
Principal Mary

## REMINDERS

**Friday 25 May**

**LECS Book Fair closes**

**Monday 28 May**

**Reconciliation Day (ACT public holiday)**

**Reconciliation Week begins**

**Friday 1 June**

**Robotics & Coding Workshop at Canberra Theatre (selected students) @ 11.30am**

**LECS P&C After-Dark Event – Discussion Topic and Kids' Movie @ 6.15pm**

## HELP REQUIRED

### LIBRARY BOOK COVERING

If you would like to help out by taking some library books home to cover, please visit LECS Front Office. We will provide you with books and clear contact.



## GOOD NEWS!

### Photos are now ready to view and order

If you registered you will receive an email with instructions on how to log in and view your photos. If you didn't have a chance to register, your child will bring home a note with all the information you need to view and order their photos.

Photos will be posted directly to the parents, not distributed by the school. **REMEMBER:** Delivery is free using the Rebate Code in your email or on your proof note.

Contact us with any questions: [schools@grinandbearit.com.au](mailto:schools@grinandbearit.com.au)



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Last Chance to Order Photos

Unfortunately due to an unexpected change, Grin and Bear It has decided to close its doors. After nearly 10 years of photographing children in the Canberra region we are really going to miss it.

**Grin and Bear It photos taken this year or in previous years are only available to purchase until 15 June 2018.**

If you are unable to access your photos email us with your child's name and class at [info@grinandbearit.com.au](mailto:info@grinandbearit.com.au) and we can help.

Thank you for inviting us to photograph your children and families. We have loved every minute.



## P&C COMMITTEE VACANCY

**VACANCY**

We are calling for interested parents and carers to self-nominate for the position of Treasurer. Treasurer is one of the easiest positions on the P&C Committee.

### WHAT DOES THE TREASURER DO?

The Treasurer:

- \* writes cheques and authorises payments
- \* provides a report of money going in/out for the upcoming 2 meetings

### BIG BENEFIT -

Last year's Treasurer is still here to help!

**We must have someone in this position or the P&C will close.**

Email your interest to [lecspandc@gmail.com](mailto:lecspandc@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued support.

LECS P&C Committee

[lecspandc@gmail.com](mailto:lecspandc@gmail.com)

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

## LECS P&C AFTER DARK EVENT

**Comfortable  
talking to your kids  
about technology  
and the internet?**



**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AT THIS TERM'S AFTER DARK INFO SESSION**

**A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place at LECS on Friday 1 June from 6.15pm.**

Dinner will be provided from 6.15pm. A movie for children will be available during our Info Session which will commence at 6.30pm.

## **COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS**

**Last  
Call**



### **LAST CALL FOR COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS**

If you have vouchers lying at home, at work or at the grandparents' place, please bring them in by the end of May!! Thank you for your support.

## READING AT HOME INFORMATION SESSION FOR EAL/D (ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR DIALECT) FAMILIES

### Does your family speak a language other than English at home?

Please come along to an information session being held for families in our community that want to know more about the way we approach the teaching of Literacy skills here at Lyons Early Childhood School.

We will explore the different approaches to the teaching of essential reading and writing skills within a play based curriculum. There will be a particular focus on those children and their families for whom English is an additional language. There will be opportunities to ask questions and gain some helpful tips to help your child continue their learning at home.

The focus for this session will be the unique learning styles and needs of EAL/D children but all families are welcome!

**Please come and hear all about the amazing learning that is happening here at LECS.**

**When: Thursday 21 June 2018 8.30-9.30am (Morning Tea to follow)**  
**Where: Merindah (the Library at Lyons Early Childhood School)**

Please RSVP to [Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au) or complete the slip below and return it to the LECS Front Office by Monday the 18 June 2018.

Aimee Hunter  
EAL/D Teacher

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I/ We \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Information Session for EAL/D families on Thursday 21 June 2018 at 8.30am.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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## Protective Behaviours For Parents

An information session for all parents at Lyons ECS

### **‘How to teach children about personal safety skills’**

When: Monday 21 May 8am - 9.15 am

During this session

- Learn how to teach children about their early warning signs.
- Find out what safe behaviours are.
- Learn how to practise personal safety skills in your family.
- Teach children how to find safe adults to ask for help.
- Teach children about being safe without making them scared.
- Find out what are important safety rules about touch.
- Find out how to teach children to be the boss of their bodies.
- Learn about stranger safety.
- Find out how to develop a family safety plan.

This session will be run by the Protective Behaviours Trainer and the school psychologist.

Stay and have tea or coffee and a chat afterwards

Supervision of children available from 8am in the outdoor play space

