

# HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

We are excited to move into term 4 and continue to work hard, play hard and be kind.

Learning at LECS happens in so many forums across our school. In term 4 these include:

- Growing Wild Readers program (P-2) each morning
- Next Wednesday - A shared morning tea (P-2) as part of Children's Week
- An excursion to Canberra Theatre to watch The Gruffalo (Year 1)
- An Auskick program at 'afters'
- An excursion to the Arboretum (Preschool)
- A P&C social event at Cotter Reserve
- A Grandparents and Special Friends morning tea
- A Protective Behaviours session for families
- Transition sessions for 2019 Preschoolers
- Discussion topic at a P&C after dark event
- Swimming lessons (K-2)
- An end-of-year disco
- Year 2 graduation events

One of the best ways for parents and carers to support children's learning at school is to take an active interest in what is happening at school and then support and build on it at home. International research has found that the involvement of parents in their child's schooling contributes to children's achievement at school and has positive effects on their wellbeing.

The work of our staff and community in supporting our children is fantastic to see. I'm particularly impressed with the *Growing Wild Readers* program which takes place each morning across the school. Thank you to our parent and carer volunteers who are supporting this. What a wonderful way to build strong competent readers – and keep great relationships across our school community!

Remember that my door is always open - pop in and say 'hi'!

Regards

Principal Mary

## REMINDERS

**Monday 22 October**

**Children's Week begins**

**Tuesday 23 October**

**Euroa Excursion to Canberra Theatre to see The Gruffalo @ 8.50am – 2.40pm**

**P&C Auskick Program @ 3.15 – 4.15pm**

**Wednesday 24 October**

**Shared Morning Tea P-2 for Children's Week**

## GRANDPARENTS' & SPECIAL FRIENDS' VISIT & MORNING TEA @ LECS

*Grandparents' Visit &  
Morning Tea  
has been moved to  
Wednesday 7 November*

**8.30 - 9.30am**  
*Learning space visits*

**9.30 - 10am**  
*Morning tea*

*Please join us!*



## TERM 4 EVENTS

### LECS P&C events for Term 4

We welcome families to Term 4. Here's what your P&C is up to this term:

**Auskick Program (Tuesday afternoons: 23 Oct - 13 Nov) @ 3.15pm** on the Lyons Oval

**LECS P&C Committee Meeting (31 Oct) @ 7.30pm** in the LECS Atrium

**Weekend Social (Sun 11 Nov) (please note the change of date)** at the Cotter Reserve playground & BBQ area

**Information Session (date TBA)** – Discussion topic and kids' activity

**End of Year Disco (Fri 14 Dec)** – Bring a plate. Come and party!

### After– School AFL Auskick starts next week!

Cost is \$46 for the 4-week program including an Auskick Pack

Auskick will be on every Tuesday afternoon from 3.15 to 4.15pm on the Lyons Oval adjacent to the school.

Register NOW by going to [www.play.afl/auskick](http://www.play.afl/auskick)

If your child is in ASC, WCS staff will take them to the Auskick coaches, who will return them to After School Care at the finish of each session.

Regards

LECS P&C Committee  
[lecsbandc@gmail.com](mailto:lecsbandc@gmail.com)

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

## 'GROWING WILD READERS' AT LECS

**Did you miss the 'Growing Wild Readers Program' sign up last term? It's not too late!**

Please email me on: [Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au)

Do you have a spare half an hour a week (or even more) to come in and support our students to become more confident readers?

Our Growing Wild Readers Program sessions run from Monday to Friday at 9am and we would love to have more volunteers. You will be provided with full training and support, and of course a hot beverage.

### Who can help with reading?

Everyone! - mums, dads, grandparents, carers, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbours!

We need you to commit to at least one 30-minute time slot a week (and we would love if you can commit to more). This will be at 9am on the day or days you nominate.

You will also need to hold a *Working with Vulnerable People* card. We will happily assist you with the application process for this card.

Please email me [Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au) if you would like to know more about the program.

Thank you



## Protective Behaviours for Parents

An information session for all LECS parents

### **“How to teach children about personal safety skills”**

**When:** Monday 12 November 8am to 9am

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;
- Learn 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 after the session**

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



## 'GROWING WILD READERS' IS UP AND RUNNING!

It is lovely to see our volunteers and children connecting with books each morning at 9am in Merindah. All hubs are deeply engaged in their own reading at this time and are relishing this opportunity to dive into a book.

Thank you to all our families for ensuring that children are here, ready to start our day at 9am.

We are very excited to watch all our children grow as readers.

