

HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

It was wonderful to see you all at our first Whole School Gathering for 2019. As the rain streamed down we had the pleasure of welcoming back Duncan and Jakita to lead a Smoking Ceremony. Our year 2 Leaders opened with the following words.

*Our Smoking Ceremony is to welcome you all to Lyons. Edie
The Ceremony helps you connect to nature. Nia
It gives us a new start and helps us to be ready to learn. Iris
Please join us in loving the Earth. Oliver*

At LECS we believe in creating traditions that reflect the long deep histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We layer these connections each year through our Ceremonies which are led by Duncan alongside our children and families. They include our preschool Connecting to Country, Year One & Two Rock Ceremony and Year Two Elder Ceremony (graduation). These traditions are beautifully woven into our everyday experiences and lead to our children becoming wild advocates for reconciliation. One such wild hearted Year Two leader worked with Mandy and Mary to erect our third flag pole to represent the honouring of Torres Strait Islander peoples. He raised the flag for the first time on that rainy Wednesday, with pride and achievement.

We are super excited to honour International Women's Day this week by creating a new ritual to be passed down through our girls each year. Our Year 2 Leaders took on the honour and responsibility of working with Jakita to learn a traditional Wiradjuri dance. The dance is led by women and sweep away any bad spirits and call upon our ancestors. Our intention is to open the Festival of Mary with this dance. Each year the dance will be performed at the Rock Ceremony and handed on down to our next female leaders.

Wising everyone a safe and happy long weekend

Sharon Craft, Acting Deputy

REMINDERS

Tuesday 12 March - Friday 15 March

School Photos

Tuesday 12 March

P&C - led Cricket Blast @ 3.15-4.15pm – for registered participants only

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The Portrait Gallery is our school photographer for this year.

An order form should have come home with your child at the end of last week. It is preferable and safer for all orders to be paid for online, which can be done beforehand, but please ensure you return the envelope to your child's teacher.

If you wish to pay cash, please hold onto your envelope until the day of your child's photograph. On the day of your child's photograph, please bring in the envelope with the cash inside. This must be given to your child's teacher.

Family portraits are available for an extra \$15.00. Please write the names of the children and their learning spaces onto an envelope, include the \$15.00 and hand to Reception on Tuesday 12 March.

KENNY KOALA VISITS

Kenny Koala will be visiting all P-2 hubs next week. He will discuss ways that we can all keep ourselves safe in the community. Please keep an eye out for our next Protective Behaviours Information Session that we will hold next term.

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2019 BIKE & BBQ

LET'S SOCIALISE WITH A BBQ & BIKING AT STROMLO PARK!
BYO wheels & bbq /picnic

SATURDAY March 9	STARTS AT 3 PM	Finish AT 6 PM
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Stromlo Forest Park
Opperman Avenue Canberra
RSVP to: lecspondc@gmail.com
Or join on Facebook
My LECS P&C Group

[LECS Learning Space contact lists](#)

Don't forget to add your details to our lists. The purpose of this form is to create a contact list for parents and carers. Full details and FAQs are at the link below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/ETFn3BsPoKo1Cgi33>

[LECS P&C Committee](#)

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

NATIONAL INTERPRETER SYMBOL

The National Interpreter Symbol was designed to show where someone can ask for language assistance. It provides a simple way to help people with low English proficiency access government services. The symbol indicates that a person with low English proficiency can ask for help to communicate in their own language. All government service organisations are encouraged to use the symbol and promote it to their members and clients.



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