



## Week 1 Term 3 2017

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 3! I am looking forward to supporting the school community while Mary is on leave and look forward to an exciting term.

### SCHOOL REVIEW

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, LECS underwent School Review. Christina Rogers from the Australian Centre for Educational Research (ACER) and Wendy Cave, Principal of Macquarie Primary School, analysed a range of evidence to provide feedback against the following domains of the National School Improvement Tool:

1. An explicit improvement agenda
2. Analysis and discussion of data
3. A culture that promotes learning
4. Targeted use of school resources
5. An expert teaching team
6. Systematic curriculum delivery
7. Differentiated teaching and learning
8. Effective pedagogical practices
9. School-community partnerships

The panel spoke with staff, children and families to inform their feedback and were able to observe practice in learning spaces. Initial feedback from the panel has been extremely positive with panellists commenting on our cutting-edge early childhood practice as well as the pride and belonging felt throughout our school. The panel will write an official report and once that is received we will unpack the commendations and recommendations with you. I would like to thank the school community for their support during this process.

### PRINCIPALS AS NUMERACY LEADERS

To support the development of our numeracy practice across the school, the leadership team will be engaging in the *Principals as Numeracy Leaders* program coordinated by the Education Directorate. Sharon, Aimee, Rose and I will be involved in the first two days of professional learning on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 2. During this time, Simon Barker from Kingsford Smith School will be supporting us to lead the school. I know our school community will make him feel welcome.

Principal Mitchell

### REMINDERS

**Tuesday 25 July**

**LECS P&C Meeting @ 7.30pm**

**Friday 28 July**

**Schools Tree Day**

**Monday 31 July**

**Raising Great Kids parenting course begins @ 4.30 – 6pm**

### CHILDHOOD ANXIETY INFORMATION SESSION

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

#### A BITE-SIZED LOOK AT CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

**When:** Tuesday 1 August, 2017  
**Time:** 6 -7.30pm  
**Where:** Curtin Primary School  
Theodore St, Curtin ACT

This free, single information session will cover:

- What is childhood anxiety?
- What contributes to anxiety?
- Common fears and worries
- Supporting your child with fears and worries
- Where to go for further support

To register your attendance in this session, please contact Woden Community Services.

Phone: 6205 5039

Email: [heather.sutherland@wcs.org.au](mailto:heather.sutherland@wcs.org.au)

## GRANDPARENTS' and SPECIAL FRIENDS' MORNING

TUESDAY 1 AUGUST FROM 9 – 10am

We would like to invite all Grandparents and Special Friends of children (Birth to 8) to come along to our *Grandparents' and Special Friends' Morning* on Tuesday 1 August.

You are invited to tour and explore your child's learning space from 9-10am to see some of the wonderful learning that has taken place so far this year. At 10am our guests will move into the atrium for morning tea while the students stay in their learning spaces. If you would like to enjoy the morning tea with your child in the atrium, please speak to your child's teacher.

To help us with planning this event, please RSVP to [info@lecs.act.edu.au](mailto:info@lecs.act.edu.au) , phone 6142 0044 or let us know in person at the LECS front desk.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Hannah**

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## RAISING GREAT KIDS

### FREE PARENTING COURSE

*Raising Great Kids* is a free parenting course for parents/carers of children (birth to 8 years).

The course will run every Monday for 5 weeks, from Monday 31 July until and including Monday 28 August. It will run from 4.30 – 6pm.

The *Raising Great Kids* course is run by professional facilitator Mary Ford who has experience:

- working as a Family Case Manager in the Child Youth & Family Program at Woden Community Service;
- running parenting programs in the Canberra community for over 11 years;
- working for over 10 years in the Special Education Team in a primary school; and
- writing and publishing, with a book entitled "*Wings to Fly - How to Teach a Child with Learning Difficulties*".

There are limited places for this course so please RSVP as soon as possible by emailing [info@lecs.act.edu.au](mailto:info@lecs.act.edu.au), phoning 6142 0044 or talking to LECS Front Office staff.

**Hannah**

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## LECS P&C NEWS

### P&C MEETING

Join us for the next P&C Meeting on Tuesday 25 July at 7.30pm in the Atrium. This is a Birth to 8 event and all are welcome. The 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 - TERM 3

The P&C will be running another *Baby and Kids Market* in Term 3 on Saturday 9 September. Stalls to sell your pre-loved baby and kids' goods will be a \$10 donation to the P&C. Details on how to register for a stall will be circulated shortly. We will also run a cake stall on the day. Cake donations and volunteers to run the cake stall will also be appreciated.

### 2018 FETE WORKING GROUP - VOLUNTEERS WANTED

After a really successful 2017 fete, we are looking for organisers for the 2018 fete. A handover pack will be provided and the 2017 fete organisers will also make themselves available to answer any questions. Our P&C rely on this event as our biggest fundraiser and community event. It usually raises around \$5000 which is spent on equipment and outdoor upgrades for our children.

**If we don't get enough organisers then unfortunately we will be not be able to run a fete in 2018.** Please consider giving your time to support our school kids. Remember, many hands make light work! This is a rewarding opportunity to make a big difference for our school.

Please send your expressions of interest to [lecsbandc@gmail.com](mailto:lecsbandc@gmail.com) by **Week 2 Monday 24 July**.

Regards

**LECS P&C Committee**

## MARY IS A GRANDMOTHER!

We would like to welcome Mary's first grandchild

*Mabel Matilda Mary*

into the LECS community.

As you can see, Mary has settled into her new role this term.

Mary also has another grandchild on the way.

We will keep you updated on the arrival.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Issue 5 Book Club catalogues were distributed to students this week. Please remember that all orders are placed online through the new LOOP platform. Details can be found at the link below:



All orders must be placed by **Sunday 6 AUGUST**

**Thank you**



## WASTE- FREE WEDNESDAYS @ LECS in Term 3

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