



Week 4 Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAMS (PLTs)

At LECS, our teachers work in year level teams to collaborate around planning and to support each other to build their teaching strategies. Once per week, each team has allocated time together to complete the following tasks:

- Planning of units and lessons
- Analysis of assessment data and making plans for how to support children's learning
- Professional readings and professional learning
- Questions of practice and ways to strengthen teaching around these questions

Data analysed by PLTs is different according to the year level and the learning occurring at the time. Data may include:

- Anecdotal observations
- Learning stories
- Performance tasks from units of learning such as those presented at Festivals of Learning
- Reading records
- Work samples
- SENA: Survey of Early Numeracy Assessment
- Phonemic awareness assessments

A school leader works with each PLT to support their development and monitor their planning and implementation of the Australian Curriculum and Early Years Learning Framework.

During School Review, the panel commented on the sophisticated way we conduct our PLT meetings at LECS and the strength of teaching and learning strategies that are drawn from the collaborative efforts.

The use of PLTs is a strategy that continues to help our teachers and children grow.

Regards

Principal Mitchell

REMINDERS

Monday 14 August
Science Week begins

Tuesday 15 August
Natalie Howson (Director-General of Education Directorate) visits LECS for Oakey Hill walk with Coinda

Wednesday 16 August
Multicultural Playgroup at LECS @ 9.30am

Friday 18 August
Applications close for stalls at LECS P&C Babies & Kids Market

LIFELINE BOOKFAIR

HELD OVER 3 HUGE DAYS!
FRIDAY 8 – SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Lose yourself at Canberra's biggest book fair!

Check out the huge range of books, movies, music, games, comics and more, at the usual low prices.

Dates: Friday 8 - Sunday 10 September 2017
Venue: Exhibition Park

Special guests Ray Martin AM and Allan Sparkes CV OAM will be at the *Bookfair* on Saturday 9 September to do book readings throughout the day.

Entry is by gold coin donation

For more information, including opening hours, please visit Lifeline Canberra's website

www.act.lifeline.org.au/item/bookfair

STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE AND AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Education Directorate does not provide any insurance cover for injury, disease or illness to students resulting from school activities or school-organised excursions. Claims for compensation are met where there is a legal liability to do so. Liability is not automatic and depends on the circumstances in which any injury, disease or illness was sustained.

As there is no automatic insurance cover for personal injury if your child is injured at school or during a school-organised activity or excursion, you should consider whether taking out personal insurance cover for your child is warranted.

This insurance might cover contingencies including medical/hospital expenses, ambulance transport outside the ACT, and cancellation of transport/accommodation, or loss of/damage to luggage.

The ACT Ambulance Service does provide free ambulance transport for students who are injured or suddenly become ill at school or during an approved school-organised activity within the ACT.

INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION

ANNUAL BOOK SWAP

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) will be holding its annual **Book Swap in Week 7** of this term which is *Literacy and Numeracy Week*, Monday 28 August – Friday 1 September.

We participate in the Book Swap to raise funds for the ILF and celebrate our love of books.

In the lead up to the Book Swap, we are asking LECS families for donations of children's books. Please place donations in the marked box in the Atrium.

During *Literacy and Numeracy Week*, the books will be displayed in the Atrium and families can take a book for a donation to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. All funds raised will go to the ILF.

For more information on the great work that ILF does, please click on the link below:

<http://www.greatbookswap.org.au/>

Hannah Freyne
Community Engagement

PARENTLINE ACT

SUPPORT FOR ACT PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Parentline ACT is a not-for-profit organisation offering a free confidential telephone service for parents and families in the ACT and surrounding area.

Calls are answered by professionally trained workers who can help with information and support.

Phone: 6287 3833

Visit: <http://www.parentlineact.org.au/>

P&C NEWS

WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR TIME ...

LECS is a small school. We need ALL parents, guardians and families to offer some of their time to assist with:

- **BABY & KIDS MARKET** with a Cake Stall on Saturday 9 September. Please click on this link or copy this into your web browser: www.volunteersignup.org/4JT48
- **JOINING THE 2018 FETE COMMITTEE** by **Friday 18 August**. Send your expressions of interest to lecsbandc@gmail.com or comment on our **My LECS P&C** Facebook group.
- **WORKING BEE** for the childcare and a school outdoor upgrade – Term 3 weekend (date TBA). We are creating a sensory pathway & miniature road, installing mud kitchens and playground equipment. Send your expressions of interest to lecsbandc@gmail.com or comment on our **My LECS P&C** Facebook group.
- **HELPING US FIND STALL-HOLDERS** for the Baby & Kids Market. See advertisement and link below.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

YOU (as parents of the kids that attend our school or childcare) are our P&C!!

The time YOU offer has a direct impact on YOUR CHILD. Through the money we raise, the P&C supports free or subsidised community activities. We also purchase educational resources, musical instruments, sporting equipment, outdoor equipment & playground upgrades for the school and childcare. It's simple. Without volunteers, LECS P&C events are cancelled and we can't support the school, childcare and wider community.

SO, WHAT ARE WE WORKING TOWARDS?

Baby & Kids Market help = **FREE End-of-Year Disco & Farewell Dinner**

Fete Committee Members = **a Fete in 2018 = \$3000+ of outdoor equipment for the K-2 playground**

Working bee = **childcare & school outdoor area upgrades**. If there is not enough help, we will have to divert money to hire workers.

PLEASE SEND THIS TO YOUR FRIENDS OR ADD TO YOUR STAFF NOTICEBOARD AT WORK

Do you have some pre-loved babies' or kids' items that need to find a new home??? Or are you a small business that sells babies' or kids' items???

The P&C at Lyons Early Childhood School is holding a **Baby & Kids Market on Saturday 9 September from 11am to 2pm**. Public entry to the event will be free. The P&C will take care of the setup and advertising. A Cake Stall fundraiser will also be held.

The LECS P&C is offering the local Canberra community the opportunity to bring their babies' & kids' items to one space to sell - our school at 38 Tarraleah Cres, Lyons ACT 2606 - **for a \$10 (families) or \$20 (businesses) donation**.

Stall registration for the Baby & Kids Market on September 9 from 11am-2pm is now open. To check out the details & register your interest, please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser): www.volunteersignup.org/3FK4L

Registrations will close on Friday 18 August 2017. You will be contacted with setup and pre-payment details. Pre-paid stalls will be secured in list order.

Thank you for supporting the LECS P&C and our school community!

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