

HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

I hope you have found the 'get to know you' meetings (preschool to year 2) with teachers worthwhile. These are a great chance for staff to meet you and find out about your child and your goals for them for this year. Teachers will always be available to chat with you but, in the busyness of the school day, can be easily distracted from a conversation with you. Don't hesitate to request a sit-down meeting with your child's teacher at any time.

Do you know about the Child Development Service? This is an ACT Government agency that provides assessment, referral, information and linkages for children 0-6 years where there are concerns relating to their development. The Service also provides Autism assessment for children aged up to 12 years.

The Service has an Intake Service and provides Drop-In Clinics which provide a way for parents and other referrers to seek advice, find out if further services are necessary and where these services are available.

Access to speech pathology, occupational therapy, social work, physiotherapy, psychology, Child Health Medical Officers and Community Paediatricians is determined through a comprehensive intake and screening process.

Parents or other referrers who have concerns about a child's development may call the Intake Line on 62051246. Speech Pathology and Physiotherapy Drop-In Clinics are also available through the Child and Family Centres.

The timetables for Drop-In Clinics are posted on our Information Wall in the Atrium.

Principal Mary

REMINDERS

Tuesday 5 March

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

Wednesday 6 March

Whole School Gathering and Smoking Ceremony @ 9.00am K-2 Outdoor Area

Monday 4 March

School Board elections close @ 11.00am

WHOLE SCHOOL GATHERING AND SMOKING CEREMONY

Please join us for our first Whole School Gathering and Smoking Ceremony for 2019.

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH @ 9am

K-2 OUTDOOR AREA

Our Year 2 Leaders from Nunkeri will be hosting these gatherings.



2019 SCHOOL BOARD

Voting for School Board opens at 11.00am Monday 25 February and closes at 11.00am 4 March 2018. Voting forms available at LECS Front Office.

Please read the following information from our nominees for School Board. We encourage all parents from birth to 8 to cast their vote. Ballot papers are available from the Front Office.

The parents and citizens members appointed to the School Board represent the views and interests of members of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) at LECS.

If you have any questions about the voting process, please contact Mandy on 6142 0044 or email mandy.curtis@ed.act.edu.au

Hi. My name is Reyer Groenveld, and my two sons have just started at LECS in the Karobean and Tatham rooms. I'm originally from Perth but have been a Canberran for around 10 years - now living in Lyons, a short walk from LECS. I have a sincere interest in the public education system, and in collaboration with community to achieve the best outcomes for all children.

I'd like to contribute in a positive way to the school, including continual improvements to facilities, resources, teaching and learning experiences, and see representing on the board as a great way to do this. Thank you!

My name is Adam Robbins and I have three boys who have all been involved in LECS since it opened 10 years ago. We were originally attracted to LECS because of the innovative approach to learning offered.

My youngest has just started pre-school after spending the past three years enrolled in the childcare program. It is exciting to watch him grow in confidence each and every day. My two eldest boys have now finished LECS and are thriving in their new school. My wife and I put their success down to their time at LECS where the play-based approach has taught them to be creative, independent, confident, social and caring kids.

I work at Questacon as the Visitor Services Manager, where I engage and inspire our visitors in science. I enjoy watching the children who visit Questacon get taken away by the magic of science. I have an interest in exciting and engaging children in different ways.

I believe I have good knowledge and understanding of the school environment and look forward to contributing this while on the school board.

My name is Monique Stapleton and I am the proud mother of 2 girls who attend LECS - Holly (who is in Kindergarten) and Poppy (who has just started day care).

I am a Registered Nurse with over 20 years' experience in healthcare, in clinical, education, project and hospital management positions. These roles have helped optimise my skills in organisation, communication and interpersonal relationships. This has been invaluable as a LECS P&C committee member over the last 12 months.

I am passionate about learning and encouraging parents as partners in their children's education. I believe in actively fostering a strong spirit of cooperation between the P&C, the staff, parents and the school board to promote a strong and positive learning culture. I have been excited by the activities happening at LECS, such as the Growing Wild Readers program and I look forward to contributing at the board level and seeing LECS continue to grow and flourish in the future.



P&C AGM OUTCOME

We had our AGM last week with a great turnout by parents and kids. Lots of pizza was eaten, kids were running around, and parents were chatting. Then during our meeting, we had 2 lovely ladies from *The Party Girl* arrived to play games, make balloon animals and had general fun with our kids.

The P&C got down to business recapping our big 2018 and by election, this is your new P&C Committee for 2019:

P&C Office Bearers for 2019

Executive Committee

President: **Claire Dyer**
Vice President: **Sarah May**
Treasurer: **Marsh Gomez**
Secretary: **Monique Stapleton**



General Committee

Georgina Binks	Bernadette McCann	Joelle Low
Emily McLeod	Michelle Barclay	Elise Groenveld
Laarni Hannon	Harriet Mitchell	

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>

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