



Week 7 Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Outdoor Learning is an integral element of the program at LECS. We believe that an Outdoor Learning environment that is rich in authentic and open-ended materials, invites children to experiment, engage, construct and invent. We work hard to create an Outdoor Learning space that invites children to learn through play.

At LECS, we are committed to Outdoor Learning. We provide regular opportunities for children to engage in:

- Loose Parts Play
- Out of the Gate experiences
- Gardening and Sustainability
- Outdoor Play throughout the day
- Wild Wednesdays
- All weather experiences
- Oakey Hill bushwalks

Sustainability is part of this learning and children spend time taking action to love, connect and be kind to our world. This learning can be supported at home by modelling to and talking with your child about waste wise practices, gardening and sharing your love of nature.

FESTIVALS OF LEARNING

Festivals of Learning at LECS are great opportunities to see the wonders of your child's learning through play. We had the privilege of attending a Festival of Learning in Coinda this week. The children showcased their understandings of *Curiosity*. We were in awe of their learning.

Some schools have a Learning Journey once per year, where families can come into the school to see all the children's learning. At LECS, we have a Festival of Learning once per term for children to show evidence of their achievements related to the understandings, knowledge and skills developed through their Play Workshops. Festivals of Learning are a great way for families to see their children's learning and experience the school's philosophy in action.

Regards

Mitchell and Sharon

REMINDERS

Monday 4 September

Swimming Lessons start

Tuesday 5 September

Swimming Lessons continue

Wednesday 6 September

Swimming Lessons continue

Multicultural Playgroup at LECS @ 9.30am

Thursday 7 September

Swimming Lessons continue

RU OK? Day

LECS P&C Meeting @4.30pm

Friday 8 September

Swimming Lessons continue

Saturday 9 September

LECS P&C Baby and Kids' Market @10am – 2pm

SWIMMING REMINDER

LESSONS START ON MONDAY!

Swimming in on every day during Weeks 8 and 9

Monday 4 September – Friday 15 September

Children should come to school with their swimmers on under their clothes.

Each day children need to bring a plastic bag containing:

DRY TOWEL

GOGGLES

WARM JUMPER

This bag will travel with them to and from the pool.

Children will change into dry clothes when they return to school after each swimming lesson. Please ensure they have plenty of warm, dry clothes for the remainder of the day.

Children not participating in swimming lessons will remain at school for normal school programs.

RECALL OF OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

LIBRARY STOCK TAKE

Families are asked to return all outstanding school library books as soon as possible. Doing so will help us to carry out an accurate stock take of all LECS Library resources.

Next week we will be sending home reminder slips which will tell you which books are still checked out to students. Please do your best to locate these resources and return them to school.

If you have misplaced a book on loan to your child or believe you have returned it already, please send in a note or email to let us know.

At LECS, we value books! Thank you for helping us to care for our Library collection.

INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION

ANNUAL BOOK SWAP

Thanks to everyone who participated in the **Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) Book Swap** this week.

Whether you donated a book to the Swap or purchased a book during the week, your support was appreciated.

Final details on the amount raised for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation will be known soon.

Hannah Freyne
Community Engagement

NUT AND CHICKPEA ALLERGIES

FAMILIES ARE REMINDED THAT LECS IS A 'NUT AND CHICKPEA AWARE' SCHOOL

We have staff members and children at our school with serious allergies to chickpeas & various kinds of nuts.

It is really important that families do not send nuts or chickpeas in children's lunchboxes or to any school functions. Parents are asked to check the ingredients of snack foods (such as muesli bars) to ensure they do not contain nuts. Children are still bringing muesli and nut bars to school which is really unsafe for friends with nut allergies.

Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy at LECS.

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

P&C MEETING

Join us for the next P&C Meeting on Thursday 7 September at 4.30pm in the LECS Atrium. This is a Birth to 8 event and all are welcome.

The LECS 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

LECS P&C is holding a Baby and Kids' Market on Saturday 9 September 2017 from 10am – 2pm. We still need help with setting up the Market and with running the Cake Stall in order to run this event. Please sign up some of your time at www.volunteersignup.org/4JT48

WORKING BEE

We will be holding a Working Bee for the Childcare & School outdoor upgrade – Term 3 weekend date TBA. We are creating a sensory pathway and miniature road, installing mud kitchens and playground equipment. Send your expressions of interest to lecspondc@gmail.com or comment on our [My LECS P&C Facebook group](#).

VOLUNTEERING SURVEY HELP

Many P&Cs are struggling for volunteers. The ACT P&C Council is conducting an online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VolunteeringinSchools>

We'd love to hear from all parents, whether they currently volunteer or not.

The survey's aim is to better understand what motivates people to help at school and what barriers stop parents from volunteering. The results will help shape new resources, tailor-made for the school environment, to help P&Cs attract new and valuable volunteers.

Regards,

LECS P&C Committee

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