



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### ACTION RESEARCH AT LECS – TEACHING EMPATHY

Action research is an approach to professional development for teachers and enhancing children's learning. Teachers systematically reflect on their work and make changes in their practice.

Every teacher at LECS is implementing an action research project. They read about current contemporary research, watch experts, reflect on the data they collect, test out their theories, and take new action steps in their teaching.

In preschool, Kylie and Nicola are researching the teaching of empathy in young children. Their work is informed by a renowned global early childhood program *Seeds of Empathy*. *Seeds of Empathy* is designed for early childhood settings to foster social and emotional competence and early literacy skills and attitudes in children three to five years old while providing professional development for their educators:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oP-XqiCI4SU>

Learning to read and learning to relate are two elements of focus. Each week our preschoolers visit the babies' room where they are learning to notice feelings and respond with empathy. At the heart of the work are babies, preschoolers and educators. This work is being documented. The aim is to understand how empathy is taught and learnt, and to include this in our teaching and learning processes across our school.

Please ask if you would like more information.

Regards

Principal Mary

## REMINDERS

**Friday 1 June**

**LECS P&C After-Dark Event – Discussion Topic and Kids' Movie Night - [Think U Know: Cyber Safety Talk and Pizza Dinner](#) at LECS @ 6.15pm – 8.30pm**

**Monday 4 June**

**Year 2 Parliament of Youth Excursion (selected children only)**

**Wednesday 6 June**

**Whole School Gathering (Year 2 Leading) @ 9.30am with Coffee Cart available from 7.45am**

*“Do not  
train children  
to learning  
by force and harshness,  
but direct them to it  
by what amuses  
their minds,  
so that you may be  
better able to discover  
with accuracy  
the peculiar bent  
of the genius of each.”*  
**Plato**



## GOOD NEWS!

### Photos are now ready to view and order

If you registered you will receive an email with instructions on how to log in and view your photos. If you didn't have a chance to register, your child will bring home a note with all the information you need to view and order their photos.

Photos will be posted directly to the parents, not distributed by the school. **REMEMBER:** Delivery is free using the Rebate Code in your email or on your proof note.

Contact us with any questions: [schools@grinandbearit.com.au](mailto:schools@grinandbearit.com.au)



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Last Chance to Order Photos

Unfortunately due to an unexpected change, Grin and Bear It has decided to close its doors. After nearly 10 years of photographing children in the Canberra region we are really going to miss it.

**Grin and Bear It photos taken this year or in previous years are only available to purchase until 15 June 2018.**

If you are unable to access your photos email us with your child's name and class at [info@grinandbearit.com.au](mailto:info@grinandbearit.com.au) and we can help.

Thank you for inviting us to photograph your children and families. We have loved every minute.

## READING AT HOME INFORMATION SESSION FOR EAL/D (ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR DIALECT) FAMILIES

### Does your family speak a language other than English at home?

Please come along to an information session being held for families in our community that want to know more about the way we approach the teaching of literacy skills here at Lyons Early Childhood School.

We will explore the different approaches to the teaching of essential reading and writing skills within a play based curriculum. There will be a particular focus on those children and their families for whom English is an additional language. There will be opportunities to ask questions and gain some helpful tips to help your child continue their learning at home.

The focus for this session will be the unique learning styles and needs of EAL/D children but all families are welcome!

**Please come and hear all about the amazing learning that is happening here at LECS.**

**When: Thursday 21 June 2018 8.30-9.30am (Morning Tea to follow)**  
**Where: Merindah (the Library at Lyons Early Childhood School)**

Please RSVP to [Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au) or complete the slip below and return it to the LECS Front Office by Monday the 18 June 2018.

Aimee Hunter  
EAL/D Teacher

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I/ We \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Information Session for EAL/D families on Thursday 21 June 2018 at 8.30am.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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## LECS P&C AFTER DARK EVENT

**Comfortable  
talking to your kids  
about technology  
and the internet?**



**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AT THIS TERM'S AFTER DARK INFO SESSION**

**A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place at LECS on Friday 1 June from 6.15pm.**

Dinner will be provided from 6.15pm. A movie for children will be available during our Info Session which will commence at 6.30pm.

## P&C COMMITTEE VACANCY

We are calling for interested parents and carers to self-nominate for the position of Treasurer. Treasurer is one of the easiest positions on the P&C Committee.

**VACANCY**

### WHAT DOES THE TREASURER DO?

The Treasurer:

- \* writes cheques and authorises payments
- \* provides a report of money going in/out for the upcoming 2 meetings

### **BIG BENEFIT -**

Last year's Treasurer is still here to help!

**We must have someone in this position or the P&C will close.**

Email your interest to [lecsPandc@gmail.com](mailto:lecsPandc@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued support.

LECS P&C Committee

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