

HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our P & C for such a successful fundraiser during the election last Saturday. It was nice to see so many members of our school community join us in supporting the school. Last night I met the LECS P & C for my first meeting as principal. I look forward to working with Woden Community Services and the P & C to strengthen the early childhood model of education across the school.

On Wednesday we joined libraries, schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookstores and other places across Australia for National Simultaneous Storytime. We read the book *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove. Promoting the value of reading and literacy, as well as enjoying the fun of reading great books fits really well with our daily learning at LECS.

On Tuesday afternoon, all school staff participated in professional learning called Team Teach. The course is focused on expanding the toolbox of positive behavioural supports for students at LECS. We have a follow up session in two weeks. This training links to our work around creating a safe and supportive school. I have included a link to a fact sheet for parents below.

https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/word_doc/0007/1035772/Safe-and-Supportive-Schools-Fact-Sheet-for-ParentsCarers.docx

Enrolments for the 2020 school year opened on 29 April 2019. All ACT children are guaranteed a place in their local public school for Kindergarten to year 12. However, due to growth in recent years in enrolments in the public system, some schools no longer have the capacity to take "out of area" enrolments. These schools have been identified as "Category A" schools and a list appears on the Education Directorate website. You will not be able to seek enrolment for your child at one of these schools unless you live within the school's priority enrolment area (ie, the school's geographic zone). All schools will, however, consider cases where there are legal issues, or exceptional circumstances based on student wellbeing. To avoid disappointment, you are encouraged to check the information on the Education Directorate's website so you can make the best decision for your family from the options available.

I look forward to sharing in another great week of learning with your children next week.

Robyn

REMINDERS

Tuesday 28 May

Reading at home information session in Merindah @ 4.30-5.45pm



Earn & Learn

Our school community is collecting **Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers** Please bring stickers to school and place them in the box located at Front Office. Collecting stickers helps us earn equipment for our school.

READING AT HOME INFORMATION SESSION

Please come along to an information session being held for families in our community who would like to know more about the way we approach the teaching of reading at Lyons Early Childhood School.

There will be opportunities to ask questions and gain some useful tips to help your child continue their learning at home. We will explore the different approaches to the teaching of essential reading skills within our play-based curriculum.

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

When: Tuesday 28 May 4.30 - 5.45pm

Where: Merindah (the Library at Lyons Early Childhood School)

If you require additional information, please contact me on:

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PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM THE FLU

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent your family getting the flu this winter. The flu vaccine can save a child's life.

The vaccine is safe, and everyone 6 months of age and over, including pregnant women and young children, should get the vaccination.

Children are more likely to contract the flu, spread it around, and are at a higher risk of serious complications if they get sick. The flu is highly contagious and is spread easily through childcare centres and schools.

The flu vaccine is free in the ACT for:

- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- pregnant women
- people 65 years of age and older
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older, and
- people aged 6 months and older with some medical conditions such as severe asthma, heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems.

Where to get your flu vaccination

Everyone can get a flu vaccine from their GP or immunisation provider.

People over 16 years of age can also get a vaccine at some pharmacies.

ACT Government Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics provide a free flu vaccination for children aged 6 months to under 5 years. To book an appointment, call Community Health Intake on 02 5124 9977.

Learn more about influenza and where to get your vaccination at health.act.gov.au/flu



AFL AUSKICK IS BACK AT LYONS - STARTS 11 JUNE!!

Register now to play Auskick after school on Tuesdays:

- 8 week program for \$80
- Tuesdays from 11 June until 12 August (not including school holidays).
- 3.15pm to 4.15pm on Lyons Oval, adjacent to the school
- Delivered by accredited coaches
- Ages 5 and over (including pre-school students if they've turned 5 when registering)
- For more information or to Register, go to www.play.afl/auskick

If your child is in After School Care (ASC), WCS staff will take them to the Auskick coaches, who will return them to ASC when the session finishes.

Social Event - Chifley playground

The P&C is hosting a weekend social event this Sunday at the Chifley playground (next to the Chifley shops). Bring some snacks, and/or get your coffee fix from the cafe or bakery

Cyber Security Presentation

We will be hosting an After Dark Event with Pizza and drinks followed by a movie for the kids and an info session on cyber security.

We are delighted to welcome a team from Think You Know to talk and provide us with the tools to create a safer online environment by covering what young people SAY, SEE and DO online.

The presentation covers topics such as social media, cyberbullying, identity theft, how to protect your devices, and how to report matters when things go wrong. Plus lots more!

Think it wont happen to you?

Cybercrime is a real threat, its not IF but WHEN you will be affected.

Come join us for a free education from the experts.

Regards,

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