



WEEK 1 TERM 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have enjoyed your holidays.

We have heard community feedback from 2016 and this year we are making some changes to our communications. These include:

1. Instead of a monthly newsletter, a weekly "HEADS UP" will be emailed (hard copies available on request). This will include a Principal message, reminders and information on school programs and policies. We hope it will mean less emails being sent to you.
2. A calendar of events for each term will be included in the "HEADS UP" sent at the end of Week 1 of each term. This is to ensure that you have plenty of notice for anything we would love you to know about and be involved in at school.

Information about children's learning and what's happening in individual learning spaces (across birth to year 2) will be distributed by teachers and educators OUTSIDE of the "HEADS UP".

At the end of Term 1 we will seek your feedback on our new processes. This will help us decide how to move forward into Term 2.

Please find attached to this "HEADS UP" a copy of our Term 1 calendar. We have lots planned! The P&C is hosting a welcome event on Friday February 24. Come and visit learning spaces beforehand.

Wishing everyone a wonderful year!

Principal Mary

REMINDERS

Monday 13 February

*Q&A SESSION: Multi age teaching and learning at LECS

3.15 p.m. in the school library

School leaders (Mary, Mitchell and Sharon will be available to explain and respond to any questions you may have about the school's approach to teaching and learning)

For those unable to attend, a fact sheet about our multi age classes will be made available.

Please RSVP to Front Office Ph 61420044

*Nominations for School Board close at 11 a.m. on Monday 13 February

Information and Nomination Forms available at Front Office

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

(Preschool-Year 2) are taking place over the next two weeks. This is a great opportunity to share information about your child with the teachers, and to ask any questions you may have. ALL parents are encouraged to make a time for an interview.

Contact Front Office 61420044 to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher.

HAT POLICY

All children (Preschool to Year 2) require 2 hats

1. A blue school hat, purchased through Front Office. This hat stays at school. It stays in the child's learning space. It is NOT taken to after school care.
2. A 'home hat', chosen by the parent / child and kept in the child's school bag. It stays in the school bag and is used for before and after school. It can also be used to wear to and from school and at before and after school care.

At our school, it's 'not ok to play in the sun without a hat.



UR FaB PROGRAM at LECS

Understanding and Responding to Feelings and Behaviours

The school has volunteered to take part in the UR FaB early intervention program for children in Kindergarten to Year 2.

UR FaB is run in partnership between the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), ACT Health and the Department of Education and Training (DET). The UR FaB program is staffed by health professionals from the Childhood Early Intervention Program, CAMHS, who specialise in early emotional and social development, together with the school psychologist, and a class teacher.

UR FaB aims to give children a good start to their school life and to promote an ongoing positive school experience, as well as to help families with raising young children. It aims to support children understand their emotions and behaviour. It offers extra support for those children who struggle with managing strong emotions such as anger, frustration, worry and their behaviour at school and at home.

A small group program will be running at the school for a nine week period during Term 2. The Ur FaB team will be spending time in the school in Term 1 in preparation for the work that will take place in Term 2.

We look forward to providing you with further information about this program in the coming week.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club is up and running for 2017.

This year all Scholastic orders and payments must be completed online. Order Forms will no longer be collected at LECS Front Office. Scholastic catalogues will continue to be sent home via school and childcare. Books will still be delivered to the school and distributed as usual. More information about these changes to the Scholastic Book Club ordering process can be found at

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/loopinfo.asp>

Thanks to our families for their continued support of Book Club which earns new books and resources for our school community.



“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.”

– Maria Montessori

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