

# HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At LECS we continue to support our school community of parents who have chosen the Early Childhood School model of learning and development for their children and family. The Early Childhood Schools' foundation to early childhood education is that all children have the right to a safe and nurturing environment where their capabilities are recognised and strengthened. Evidence from research into early childhood development, changing social structures, economics and the role of schools provided a strong case for using existing school sites as hubs for the creation of these integrated services for children (birth to 8) and their families.

### Core Elements of the Model

Three elements formed the core of the model for Early Childhood Schools as they developed as early learning and development centres. They are:

- high quality learning
- integrated service delivery
- family support and participation

Each Early Childhood School is unique in the way it serves its own community. Our work at LECS reflects current international research around play as a tool for learning. Examples of this include:

- Our LOOSE PARTS PLAY approach. We deliberately design an environment which is rich in open-ended materials and real materials. This invites children to experiment, engage, construct and invent.
- Our teaching of the dispositions for learning – THE 7Cs - CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION, COMMUNICATION, CURIOSITY, CRAFTSMANSHIP, CONFIDENCE and COURAGE.

We deliberately cultivate really useful, transferable habits and attitudes that set children up for life at school and beyond.

Principal Mary

## REMINDERS

**Monday 26 February 11.00am**

**School Board Voting opens**

**Monday 5 March 11.00am**

**School Board Voting closes**

**Wednesday 7 March**

**Whole School Gathering 9.15am**

**Year 1 hosting**

## ENROLLING NOW

**OUR SCHOOL HAS VACANCIES ACROSS  
KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2**

**ALL ENQUIRIES ARE WELCOME**

## FINANCE REMINDER

**Payments for school uniform items, Stationery Fees and Family Contributions** are accepted either by cash at Front Office or via direct debit.

Your prompt payment supports the effective financial management of our school 😊

Thank you  
Mandy

## KINDERGARTEN HEALTH CHECKS

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a free health check.

Information packs have now been sent home. Please complete the Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire and return to Lyons Early Childhood School by 7 March 2018.

## 2018 SCHOOL BOARD

Voting for School Board opens at 11.00am Monday 26 February and closes at 11.00am 5 March 2018.

**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 parent and citizen (P&C) members appointed to the School Board represent the views and interests of members of the P&C Association 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](mailto:mandy.curtis@ed.act.edu.au)

### Georgina Binks

Hi, my name is Georgina Binks and my daughter is in Year 1 (Euroa).

This is my 4th year as a Lyons parent, and for the last two I've been Treasurer of the P&C. I also have a strong interest in education policy and how it plays out "on the ground" in real schools.

I think it's really important for the School Board to hear the voice of parents, and vice versa, so I would be emphasising communication with parents and reporting back to the school community from Board meetings.

### Amy Williams

Hello, my name is Amy Williams. I'm a mum of two children Sam (4) and Patsy (2), who started at LECS preschool and long day care this year. I would love to represent the parents on the LECS board as I am passionate about giving our children the best start in life through a fun and meaningful education that builds the foundations for great academic skills as well as general life skills.

I am an economist and have worked for organisations including The Treasury and the World Bank in roles covering corporate governance and financial management. I have also worked with boards and at present I am working part time with the Grains Research and Development Corporation so that I can spend more time with Sam and Patsy while they are young and are still happy to hang out with mum.

Experiences already undertaken at LECS such as "Wild Wednesdays" and learning through play are important to me to provide our children with a wholistic approach to social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. As such, in my role as a board member I would be keen to focus on appropriate resourcing for these measures along with continuity of education.

### Kate d'Assumpcao

My name is Kate d'Assumpcao, I have a son in preschool.

I have been part of the LECS community since late 2013 when my eldest son started childcare. I work part time as a government lawyer.

When I'm not at work you can find me busy in the kitchen trying out a new recipe, out and about with the boys, or on the yoga mat.

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