



WEEK 2 TERM 1 2017

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week we have welcomed new families to LECS. We hope your time with us is happy and rewarding. I know that our caring, committed educators will work hard to ensure you are involved in and informed about your child's learning and development.

We offer continuity in curriculum and relationships. This begins in our nursery where play-based experiences and responsive and reciprocal relationships are central to babies' early learning.

If you can make it, we'd love to see you at our P&C welcome event on Friday February 24 from 5.45 pm.

Front Office is always busy at the beginning of a school year. Education Directorate staff are available at Front Office from 8.30 am until 3.30 pm. Front Office hours for Education and Care (Childcare) staff include 7.30 am until 9.00 am and 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm. Ring the bell if unattended.

Teachers (Preschool to Year 2) are keen to chat with you. If you require a longer conversation than just a quick check-in, please make an appointment at Front Office. It can be tricky for teachers to give a parent their full attention when they are managing children's gathering and pick up routines at both ends of the day.

Enjoy your weekend

Principal Mary

REMINDERS

Return UR FaB Questionnaires to Front Office (P-2)

Monday 13 February 3.15pm

Q&A Session on Multi-age teaching & learning at LECS in the school library

School leaders will outline the school's approach to teaching & learning and answer any questions you may have. A fact sheet about multi-age classes will be available for those unable to attend.

Tuesday 14 February 6 – 7.30pm

Raising Great Kids
Free Parenting Course

Wednesday 15 February 9.30 – 11.30am

Multicultural Playgroup at Ulverstone St Preschool

RSVP to all school events through LECS Front Office
Ph 6142004 or email info@lecs.act.edu.au



LATE ARRIVAL POLICY (preschool to year 2)

School begins at 9.00 a.m. A bell is rung outside.

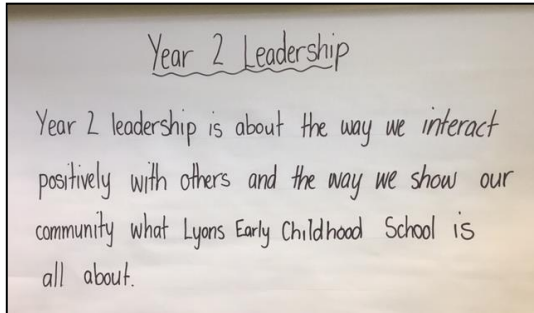
At LECS, a child who arrives after 9.15 am is considered late and will be marked accordingly on the class roll. Children who arrive late (after 9.15 am) must be signed in at the Front Office.

When you ensure that your child arrives consistently on time each day, you encourage and develop an important habit which will carry through the child's years at school.

This policy has been endorsed by the School Board

YEAR 2 LEADERS

On Wednesday afternoon, the Year 2 Leaders have a session with Mitchell to talk about what leadership means. They discussed their understandings and came up with the following statement about what it means to be a Year 2 Leader.



Across Term 1, the Year 2 Leaders will continue to have regular meetings with Mitchell to develop their understanding of leadership and set them up for their responsibilities this year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Healthy Lyons Project funded by ACT Health is up and running this year and there will be lots of things going on 0-8 to support healthy food choices and nutrition. We will be running a Food Workshop with Lisa Donaldson from FeedINC on Monday 27 Feb. The workshop will be for parents/carers and children to come along and make some easy, healthy recipes together. We need a minimum quota of attendees to run this session and we would like to offer two possible times 3.15-4.15pm or 5-6pm. If you would like to attend please RSVP to info@lecs.act.edu.au or ph 6142 0044 with the time you would prefer. We will run the session at the time that suits the majority of attendees.

MANAGING EXTREME TEMPERATURES

Today, and any day when we experience extreme temperatures, we put these strategies into place at LECS:

1. The routine of the day was changed to allow outside play in the coolest part of the day (morning)
2. We constructed a hose system to allow children to run through water from above
3. Children wore hats and did not play in direct sunlight.
4. After School Care took place had access to one of our air-conditioned learning spaces
5. Children were encouraged to drink water continuously throughout the day, and monitored that they did
6. Any time spent outside was limited to short periods



“No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship.”

– James Comer

Photos in editions of HEADS UP are from our LECS collection of children
WORKing HARD, PLAYing HARD and BEing KIND

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