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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.

REMINDERS

Tuesday 21 March

Raising Great Kids Parenting Course 6 – 7.30pm

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Harmony Day

Wednesday 29 March

Healthy Food Feast @ 2pm in P-2 Outdoor Area

Thursday 6 April

P&C meeting in the LECS Atrium @ 4.30pm

Mary will speak on outdoor learning program at LECS

Monday 24 April

NO SCHOOL - Extra day of School Holidays

Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 26 April

Term 2 Begins

Families requiring Vacation Care for

Monday 24 April

Please speak to WCS staff or visit the WCS website

www.wcs.org.au

ASAP thank you

**Free workshop for
parents & carers of
young people on the
autism spectrum!**

Canberra - 2 May

Register your place:

positivepartnerships.com.au

HEALTHY FOOD FEAST

Wednesday 29 March @ 2pm in our P-2 Outdoor Area

Families are welcome to come and join the whole school (Birth to 8) at this term's Healthy Food Feast. Children will be preparing healthy and delicious soup and bread for everyone to enjoy and there will be singing and celebration! (Karobean 2 children are welcome to attend as long as they are supervised by an adult.)

If you have any excess produce from your garden such as pumpkins or potatoes or any other healthy food items you would like to donate, please bring them in before the Feast as we are making a collection. LECS will be donating these to Woden Community Service on the day to give out to the wider community. Thanks in advance for your support. Lisa Donaldson from FeedInc will be joining us. She will be available to talk to parents/carers about nutrition and healthy food choices.

KIDSMATTER SURVEY

Nominations for the KidsMatter Action Team have now closed.

However, if you haven't already completed the KidsMatter Parent Survey, please take a few minutes to do so. Your response will help in the planning and implementation of the KidsMatter project. Thanks.

<https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/survey.php?mid=140124ef0657b439330>

HARMONY DAY INVITATION

Tuesday 21 March

Harmony Day Ceremony & Multicultural Morning Tea

Join us for a Smoking Ceremony with Duncan Smith in our P-2 Outdoor Learning Space @ 9am with a multicultural morning tea straight afterwards. Children will go back to learning spaces whilst families enjoy morning tea. If you would like your child to join you please notify their teacher. Please bring a multicultural plate to share. No nuts or chickpeas.

DO NOT TOUCH, PICK OR EAT ANY WILD MUSHROOMS!

Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can be found across the Canberra region, usually in late summer and autumn. There have been four deaths and many poisonings in the ACT in the past 15 years due to Death Cap mushrooms.

In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms often grow near established oak trees in mild, moist weather. Death Cap mushrooms have been found growing on school grounds in the ACT.

Parents and teachers are asked to remind children **not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms**.

As the Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible varieties, adults are also strongly advised not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom, do not touch the mushroom with your bare skin. If it is in your own yard, the best option is to leave it be and make sure others stay away from the area. The mushroom will die in a few days.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom growing in a public area, please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, download the fact sheet online from ACT Health:

[http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health#Death Cap Mushrooms](http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health#Death%20Cap%20Mushrooms)

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P&C NEWS

BABY AND KIDS MARKET STALLHOLDERS REQUIRED – Saturday 25 March

Do you have pre-loved baby or kids items that need to find a new home???

LECS P&C is offering you an opportunity to come and sell your items in our school hall and covered outdoor area at 38 Tarraleah Cres, Lyons between 11am and 2pm. Opportunities for Stall Registration are now open.

Please click on the following web link to access the stall registration sheet and waitlist:

www.volunteersignup.org/L8TKW Follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Registrations will close Monday 20 March. Stall registrations will be secured in list order.

BABY & KIDS MARKET VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED – Saturday 25 March

LECS P&C is running a Cake Stall at the Baby & Kids Market on Saturday 25 March from 11 am – 2pm. Funds raised will go towards upgrading childcare and school outdoor areas and the purchase of musical instruments for the school.

How can you help? We need:

- Volunteers to run the Cake Stall on Saturday 25 March
 - Lots of cake donators! Home-made cakes, slices, cup-cakes, muffins, large or fancy biscuits...
- Check your child's school bag for a plate & instructions. Return plate with cake donation on or before Saturday 25 March. *Note: For health & safety reasons we can't sell foods that contain cream, raw eggs, meat or custards as we don't have the ability to keep items refrigerated.*
- Volunteers for Sat 25 March to manage the floor and help stall holders follow bump-in and bump-out processes.
- Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet: www.volunteersignup.org/J39K4

NEXT P&C MEETING – Thursday 6 April

Please come and join us for the next P&C meeting on Thursday 6 April at 4.30pm in the LECS Atrium. All are welcome.

Come along to hear Mary give a presentation on the outdoor learning program at LECS.

FETE HELP REQUIRED – Saturday 6 May

LECS P&C would love to hear from anyone who has a business that could contribute to the 2017 Fete. This support could be in the form of either cash sponsorship, prize donations or running your own stall (must have own insurance). We would love to hear from you ASAP! Fete volunteers are also required.

Please email: LECSfetecommittee@gmail.com or phone Sally on 0432 980 785

Thank you for supporting the LECS P&C and our local community!

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