



## Week 8 Term 3

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### MATHEMATICS AT LECS

At LECS, we use the Australian Curriculum within a balanced numeracy program to teach mathematics. A balanced numeracy program is made up of the following components:

- Warm-up (quick activity to practise mental computation and concepts)
- Whole group explicit teaching of concepts and skills
- Small group work (to practise concepts and skills)
- Guided mathematics (a small group of children working on similar strategies)
- Reflection (sharing with the whole group about the strategies used during the session).

Teachers use a range of assessments including the Schedule for Early Numeracy Assessment (SENA), to inform the teaching of mathematics. Teams analyse these assessments and make plans for meeting the individual needs of children.

#### MATHEMATICS IS EVERYWHERE

Authentic representations of mathematics are in children's everyday environments. You can discuss mathematical concepts with your child in the following situations:

- At the supermarket (reading numbers on the shelves, counting products into the trolley, using money)
- Playing board games (challenge can be increased for children by adding multiple dice)
- Cooking (measuring ingredients)
- Sandpit play (measurement)
- Block play (measurement, fractions, counting, symmetry)
- Reading picture books that include mathematical concepts
- Recognising and creating patterns in natural environments
- Discussing time, including months and seasons

Next week we will outline ways to support your child with additional strategies when engaging in these authentic situations.

Regards  
Mitchell and Rose

### REMINDERS

**Saturday 9 September**

LECS P&C Baby and Kids' Market @10am – 2pm

**Monday 11 September**

Swimming Lessons continue

**Tuesday 12 September**

Swimming Lessons continue

Karobean 1 & Anuna Festivals of Learning @12.30pm then Oakey Hill walk

**Wednesday 13 September**

Swimming Lessons continue

Multicultural Playgroup at LECS @ 9.30am

Healthy Food Feast

LECS School Board Meeting @5pm

**Thursday 14 September**

Swimming Lessons continue

Karobean 2 Festival of Learning @12.30pm then Oakey Hill walk

**Friday 15 September**

Swimming Lessons conclude

### SWIMMING LESSONS

#### DURING WEEKS 8 AND 9

**Swimming lessons continue until Friday 15 Sept**

***Children should come to school with their swimmers on under their clothes.***

Please be reminded that children need to bring the following items in a plastic bag each day:

**DRY TOWEL**

**GOGGLES**

**WARM JUMPER**

*This bag will travel with them to and from the pool.*

Children will continue to change into dry clothes when they return to school after each swimming lesson. Please ensure they have plenty of warm, dry clothes and warm, enclosed footwear for the remainder of the day.

## RECALL OF OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

### LIBRARY STOCK TAKE

Please return any outstanding library books to school as soon as possible. Doing so will help us to carry out an accurate stock take of all our Library resources.

If you have misplaced a book that is on loan to your child or believe you have returned the book already, please send in a note or email to let us know.

At LECS, we value books! Thank you for helping us to care for our Library collection.

## ILF BOOK SWAP

We raised \$95.30 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation through our recent Book Swap. Thank you to everyone who participated!

## WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS

Week 8 was our last week for holding a raffle for Waste Free Wednesdays.

Thank you so much to everybody for taking part. We really hope to keep Wednesdays 'Waste Free'.

Hannah Freyne

## FAREWELL

Dear LECS Community,

After a wonderful four and a half years working at LECS, I am sad to say that I will be leaving at the end of this term to take up the role of *Community Coordinator at Franklin Early Childhood School*.

I have really enjoyed my time here getting to know the families and staff across birth to 8, and running projects to support them.

LECS is a wonderful school and I will really miss the children, staff and community. I am sure I will take some of 'The Lyons Way' with me. Thank you for making me feel welcome.

Hannah Freyne

## PARENTLINE ACT

### SUPPORT FOR ACT PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have.  
All parents experience difficulties and stress at some time.**

Parentline ACT is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like:

- To talk with someone about parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

**Parentline ACT - Phone: 6287 3833  
Monday to Friday (except public holidays), 9am to 5pm**

## P&C NEWS

### VOLUNTEERING SURVEY HELP

Many P&Cs are struggling for volunteers. The ACT P&C Council is conducting an online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VolunteeringinSchools>

We'd love to hear from all parents, whether they currently volunteer or not.

The survey's aim is to create a better understanding of what motivates people to help at school and what barriers stop parents from volunteering. The results will help shape new resources, tailor-made for the school environment, to help P&Cs attract new and valuable volunteers.

### LECS P&C BABY AND KIDS' MARKET

**LECS P&C is holding a Baby and Kids' Market on Saturday 9 September 2017 from 10am – 2pm.**

**WE STILL NEED HELP** setting up the Market and with running the Cake Stall in order to run this event. Donations of cakes to sell can be left in the LECS Atrium from Friday 8 September or dropped off at the Cake Stall by 12pm on Saturday 9 September.

Please sign up and volunteer some of your time at [www.volunteersignup.org/4JT48](http://www.volunteersignup.org/4JT48)

Regards,  
LECS P&C Committee

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