



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

ENROLLING IN SCHOOL

At this time of the year we all have enrolments on our mind.

Some important things to know when enrolling in an Early Childhood School:

1. Once in preschool, your child is enrolled for the entire period from preschool to year 2. There is no need to re-enrol at the beginning of each year.
2. During year 2, you must apply for a TRANSFER to year 3 for your child. This is done through the same process you followed for preschool. Complete an online enrolment form.
3. For year 3 (primary school) your child is ALWAYS guaranteed a place in your Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) school.

Many families express concern about their child leaving the early childhood school at the end of year 2 and having to start again in a new school in year 3. Here are some interesting facts:

- Research tells us that, at the end of year 2 a child has the maturity to transition successfully to primary school. This is not the case at age 4 or 5 (in kindergarten). In this way the structure of the early childhood school supports the more mature 7 or 8 year old's developing capacity to move on to a new setting.
- During year 2, teachers here and teachers who will receive the children at primary school in year 3 have many conversations, share assessment information and learn about each setting. This prepares children and families for the new setting.
- The school's approach to developing the "whole child" – focusing as much on social and emotional development as academic, and teaching children to become confident, capable and creative – prepares our year 2s well for moving to a new school setting (often to a primary school different to their friends').

We are already gathering information about classes for 2019. If you already know that your child is NOT returning to the school in 2019, please let us know. This helps us in our planning.

Please don't hesitate to chat to us if you would like more information.

Principal Mary

REMINDERS

Monday 21 May

Coffee Van @ 7.45am – 9am

Protective Behaviours Session @ 8am – 9.15am

LECS Book Fair @ 8am – 5.30pm

Tuesday 22 May

LECS Book Fair @ 8am – 5.30pm

Wednesday 23 May

LECS Book Fair @ 8am – 5.30pm

National Simultaneous Storytime @ 10.30am

Thursday 24 May

LECS Book Fair @ 8am – 5.30pm

Cooinda Storyteller Visit @ 12pm

Friday 25 May

LECS Book Fair - Final Day @ 8am – 5.30pm

MONDAY 28 MAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

RECONCILIATION IN THE PARK

MONDAY 28 MAY 2018

10AM – 2PM GLEBE PARK
CANBERRA

Find out more



ACT
Government



National
Reconciliation
Week 2018
27 May - 2 June

Artwork by Lynnicie Church (Ngunnaawal)

THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MAY 28

LECS BOOK FAIR CONTINUES!

Open for sales

**Monday 21 May –
Friday 25 May 2018**

8am until 5.30pm

We hope to see you there!

AUTHOR VISIT BOOKS ORDERS

On Friday 18 May, LECS children enjoyed a visit from local author Angela Moyes.

Angela shared her beautiful picture books which showcase Canberra and the native animals that inhabit our area.

Angela Moyes' books usually retail for \$14.95 each but are available to LECS families for the **special price of \$12 each or all 3 for \$35.**

Orders are available until Wednesday 23 May 2018. Order form is attached to this newsletter.

Please return orders and payment to LECS Front Office.

Every child is gifted



They just unwrap their packages at different times

READING AT HOME INFORMATION SESSION FOR EAL/D (ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR DIALECT) FAMILIES

Does your family speak a language other than English at home?

Please come along to an information session being held for families in our community that want to know more about the way we approach the teaching of Literacy skills here at Lyons Early Childhood School.

We will explore the different approaches to the teaching of essential reading and writing skills within a play based curriculum. There will be a particular focus on those children and their families for whom English is an additional language. There will be opportunities to ask questions and gain some helpful tips to help your child continue their learning at home.

The focus for this session will be the unique learning styles and needs of EAL/D children but all families are welcome!

Please come and hear all about the amazing learning that is happening here at LECS.

When: Thursday 21 June 2018 8.30-9.30am (Morning Tea to follow)
Where: Merindah (the Library at Lyons Early Childhood School)

Please RSVP to Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au or complete the slip below and return it to the LECS Front Office by Monday the 18 June 2018.

Aimee Hunter
EAL/D Teacher

I/ We _____ will attend the Information Session for EAL/D families on Thursday 21 June 2018 at 8.30am.

Signed _____

Contact
Information

Email:
info@lecs.act.edu.au

Website:
www.lecs.act.edu.au

 Find us on
facebook

Phone
61420044



Protective Behaviours For Parents

An information session for all parents at Lyons ECS

‘How to teach children about personal safety skills’

When: Monday 21 May 8am - 9.15 am

During this session

- Learn how to teach children about their early warning signs.
- Find out what safe behaviours are.
- Learn how to practise personal safety skills in your family.
- Teach children how to find safe adults to ask for help.
- Teach children about being safe without making them scared.
- Find out what are important safety rules about touch.
- Find out how to teach children to be the boss of their bodies.
- Learn about stranger safety.
- Find out how to develop a family safety plan.

This session will be run by the Protective Behaviours Trainer and the school psychologist.

Stay and have tea or coffee and a chat afterwards
Supervision of children available from 8am in the outdoor play space

