

# HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



## TEACHER'S MESSAGE

### MINISTER'S STUDENT CONGRESS

On Thursday 28 June, two of our Year 2 Leaders, Gabby and Mokoha, attended the *Minister's Student Congress*. This was a meeting which gathered student representatives from all ACT schools, to contribute to the *Future of Education* conversation. Our students represented the youngest members of the congress and they had some of the biggest ideas.

The theme of the discussions centred on student voice. Children discussed how much advocacy they feel in the direction of their learning, school rules and decisions about school funding. The students from Lyons Early Childhood School felt particularly strongly that they could share ideas with their teachers and principal. They said:

*"When I speak, teachers listen to me."*

*"They care about my ideas."*

*"Teachers and kids work together to change things and make our school better".*

Our Year 2 Leaders shared with other students their wisdom about play-based learning at LECS and how children can engage in learning about different interests and knowledge.

The *Minister's Student Congress* was a big success. Our Year 2 Leaders returned to our learning spaces feeling very lucky to be a part of a school community where their voice is heard and valued. There is always room to improve and we have some new ideas on how to improve but it's great to know we are on the right track. There will be other opportunities for other Year 2 Leaders to contribute to the *Minister's Student Congress* later in the year.

Kate Ellison  
Attending Teacher

## REMINDERS

### Wednesday 4 July

**Karobean 2 Excursion to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve @ 9.30am – 1.30pm**

### Thursday 5 July

**Festival of Connection for Preschool to Year 2 and their families @ 5.30 – 7pm**

**BYO mug and spoon to share hot food**

### Friday 6 July

**Last Day of Term 2**

### Monday 23 July

**First Day of Term 3**

“When we focus on others,  
our world expands.  
Our own problems drift to the  
periphery of the mind  
and so seem **smaller**,  
and  
we increase the capacity for  
**CONNECTION –**  
**or compassionate action.”**

*Daniel Goleman*

## PERSONAL DETAILS & CIRCUMSTANCES

If your personal circumstances or contact details have changed, please provide the school with updated information (home address, emergency contacts, email address, phone number).

Contact LECS Front Office via email at [info@lecs.act.edu.au](mailto:info@lecs.act.edu.au) or telephone Mandy / Kâren on 6142 0044.

Updating your details will ensure you receive important information regarding your child's learning, details of school events and school newsletters.

Thank you  
LECS Front Office

## YOUR'E INVITED!



Share and celebrate this term's learning

## Festival of Connection

**Thursday 5 July from 5.30pm to 7pm**

**This is an opportunity to connect across the school from Preschool to Year 2.**

Learning spaces will be open and different groups will be organising various aspects of the evening. There will be music and dancing, and each learning space across the school will prepare a range of food to share.

**Please bring a mug and spoon on the night to enjoy a cup of warm food that the children will be preparing.**

If you would like any more information about our Festival of Connection or the sharing of food, please speak with your child's teacher. **We look forward to seeing you there!**



## **P&C SURVEY**

Whilst the frosty winter has arrived, your P&C has been busy, brain-storming how we can be the P&C you need!

Following a catch-up with Principal Mary, this year the P&C is committed to building a sense of community (and not just fundraising). The P&C has prepared a short survey to provide you with the opportunity to have your say!

We are looking for your opinion, new ideas, and feedback. Please contribute by taking 4-5 minutes to complete the survey.

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

## **KIDS' MARKET**

**Our next community event will be a Kids' Market at LECS in Term 3.**

Families are asked to do a clean out at home and donate any unwanted toys to the LECS P&C. Donations can be left in the P&C corner in the LECS Atrium, outside the Bodalla (toddlers') room.

**PLEASE, NO CLOTHING: ONLY TOYS**

We are also asking businesses within our school community for donations towards a raffle on the day. Please email us on [lecspandc@gmail.com](mailto:lecspandc@gmail.com) if you can support the raffle in any way.

If you are interested in holding a stall, please register at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/Q4Q8T>  
More info to follow...

Thank you for your continued support.

## **LECS P&C Committee**

[lecspandc@gmail.com](mailto:lecspandc@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LECSPandC/>

## MID-WINTER NIGHTS @ QUESTACON

**Wednesday 11 – Saturday 14 July 2018 5.30 – 9pm**

Experience Questacon like never before with our after-hours winter spectacular. Be amazed by a science show, lose yourself stargazing, get creative with our winter crafts and fill up on tasty food!

Our eight action-packed galleries will also be open – so immerse yourself in the ultimate family friendly winter activity these July school holidays with Mid-Winter Nights @ Questacon!

Book tickets via the Questacon website to avoid missing out.

- \$15 Adults
- \$10 Children
- \$40 Family

For more information and to purchase tickets visit [www.questacon.edu.au](http://www.questacon.edu.au)

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