

HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I would like to begin this newsletter by acknowledging that the Director General of the Education Directorate, Natalie Howson, is retiring. Natalie has been an inspirational leader for us over the last three years and has led us to focus on ensuring that schools are places in which students love to learn. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her well in retirement. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our fabulous year 1 teacher Amarylise. Amarylise has won a position at Mount Rogers School, which is much closer to her home. We will miss her cheerful demeanour, lovely sense of humour and strong connection to, and care for, her students. She is a passionate educator and we are much richer for having her at Lyons.

In other leadership and staffing news, we are currently in the process of recruiting a Deputy Principal. I will keep you informed of the outcome. Next Term Nicci will be joining our teaching team on kindergarten, Emma on year 1 and Priya on year 2. We will also be joined by Manny, a Canberra Raiders player, who will join our fabulous team of educators and Shae will also join us on Wednesdays as an educator. Katrina Sheaves, an experienced deputy principal, will also be joining us for the first five weeks of term. Katrina has worked in HR for several years and is excited to return to a school and share her expertise and love of literacy learning with us.

What a fortnight we have had celebrating your children's love of learning through our Festivals of Learning! It has been wonderful to see so many students excited and proud about sharing their work with the special people in their lives.

At the start of next term your children will come home with a Home Reading folder and booklet. We will be celebrating the reading that students do at home with a certificate for every ten nights of reading. Kindergarten students will also bring home sight words to practise. We will send home further information on the first day.

REMINDERS

Friday 5 July

Term 2 ends

Monday 22 July

Term 3 begins

Principal's Message (continued)

Yesterday we had an evacuation drill at 11.30 am. I was very impressed at how quickly and calmly everyone moved out of the building into our gathering space. Ensuring that we practise what to do in an emergency is an important part of our risk management in the school.

Thank you to the families who donated Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers and a huge acknowledgement of the amazing team of parents who have worked so hard to stick them all to paper so that we can claim the rewards.

This is our last Heads Up Newsletter. We are excited to launch our electronic newsletter in term 3. I would like to acknowledge the work of our fabulous 'techies', Mark Searle and Kären. They have worked hard to make our new newsletter look great.

I hope all students and staff have a safe and relaxing holiday! We look forward to sharing in another great term of learning after the break.

Warm regards,
Robyn

Earn & Learn Ends

Thanks to families for contributing
Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers.

Thanks also to Monique, Bernadette, Sarah and friends for processing all our stickers!
We look forward to enjoying new resources and equipment across our school community.

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