

HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Aimee, Sharon and I learnt a lot at our teacher coaching training on Thursday and Friday and are excited to put this learning into action. Thank you for welcoming Sophie into the community for the two days. She sent me her reflections on the weekend which included:

“Lyons is a thriving learning organisation where people know they matter!”

I would like to thank Sophie and Suze for ensuring the smooth running of the school.

TRUST

Across the year the LECS has been engaged in the TRUST program. TRUST stands for Trauma, Understanding and Sensitive Teaching. The program has been pioneered by the Australian Child & Adolescent Trauma, Loss and Grief Network run in partnership with the ANU.

As part of this, we have reviewed our social and emotional programs, as well as our response to children to ensure our practices are in-line with current research. This has included changes to the way children transition to and from school, the way we check in with children across the day and the learning that has been implemented around emotional literacy.

Our TRUST team, Velissa and Matthew will be running a parent workshop on Tuesday 21 August from 8.00-9.00am. This is an opportunity to hear about the approaches the school has been learning about and ask questions of two experts in the field. Supervision of children will be provided from 8.00am in the K-2 outdoor space for families who are attending the session.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Kind Regards

Mitchell
Acting Principal

REMINDERS

Thursday 16 August

Cooinda Excursion to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve @ 9.30am

Kenny Koala to visit Karobean 2

Saturday 18 August

LECS P&C Social Event Games Night at LECS school hall @ 4.30 – 6.30pm

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 21 August

TRUST Parent Information Session @ 8am

Wednesday 22 August

Book Week Dress-Up Parade @ 8.45am

Whole School Gathering - Kinder leads @ 9.15am

Friday 24 August

Nunkeri Festival of Learning @ 8.45 – 9.30am

2018 SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

The School Satisfaction Survey will soon be emailed to all families. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in Canberra public schools.

Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development.

BOOK WEEK IS COMING!

The week of the 18 - 24 August is the date set aside for Book Week this year.

To celebrate, we will be holding our
BOOK PARADE from 8.45am Wednesday 22 August in the K-2 playground.

This will be followed by a
WHOLE SCHOOL GATHERING hosted by Coinda at 9.15am.

The LECS P&C plans to book a coffee van for that morning (details to follow).

Everyone from Birth to 8 (and even big people) are invited to dress up as their favourite book character (and if possible bring the relevant book to share with their Hub).

From Monday 20 August, the books nominated in the *Picture Book of the Year* categories will be on display at school for you to read and share with your child.

If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher or room leader.
We look forward to a great week.

Aimee and Candice
on behalf of the Book Week Committee



LECS TO HELP LOCAL FARMERS

Fundraiser to commence Monday 13 August

Our children have been discussing current drought issues facing Australian farmers, including farmers in our local area. LECS students would like to do something to help. They have decided to conduct a fundraising project in conjunction with upcoming Book Week activities at school.

Ways to give:

1. All participants in our LECS Book Week parade will be given the opportunity to make a **gold coin donation** to support local farmers.
2. The children also propose to run a **food drive** with the goal of collecting non-perishable goods that can be given directly to local farm families.
3. LECS families may also make **cash donations** to support local farmers in need. Money can be placed in labelled envelopes and given to LECS Front Office staff.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity and support.

Our fundraising efforts are being coordinated by *Yass Rotary*.



P&C Social Event

You are invited to a



Bring the kids, eat some food and just have FUN!
Family friendly games like Disney Charades, Giant Jenga,
Snakes & Ladders.

Plus a toddler area for the wee ones

WHEN: Saturday 18 August

4:30 - 6:30pm

WHERE: School Hall

Please bring a plate to share



RSVP to lecsbandc@gmail.com or facebook page



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READING MORNINGS ARE COMING TO LECS!

Do you have a spare half an hour a week (or even more) to come in and support our students to become more confident readers?

In Term 3 we will begin running small groups for children across K-2 to continue to build their reading skills. If you can assist, you will be provided with full training and support (and of course, a hot beverage).

Who's welcome?

Everyone! Mums, dads, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbours!

We need you to commit to at least one 30 min time slot per week. We would love if you can commit to more. This will most likely be at 9am Monday and Friday.

You will also need to hold a *Working with Vulnerable People Card*. We will happily assist you with the application process for this card.

Want to know more?

Please come along to our 'no obligation' information session on:

- **Friday 24 August at 8.30am in Merindah**

Tea and coffee will be available

Please see me if you have any questions.

Aimee

REPLY SLIP

I, _____ am **able** to attend the information session on Friday 24 August at 8.30am about *Reading Mornings at LECS*.

Signed: _____.

I, _____ am **unable** to attend the information session on Friday 24 August but would like more information.

Signed: _____.