

# HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### The 'Growing Wild Readers Program'

#### What is it?

Inspired by the 'Reading Café Program' developed by Charnwood/Dunlop Primary School, we are very excited to be starting our own 'Growing Wild Readers Program' next term. For the past few weeks I have been working with our dedicated band of parents, grandparents and Learning Support Assistants. This has involved their participation in information and training sessions to ensure that everyone is ready to begin this exciting reading program next term.

#### What will it look like?

Each class from preschool to year 2 will begin each day with 30 minutes of reading. This may involve sharing a book as a group, with a friend or enjoying a book individually. During this time, the 5 children selected for the program will read with one of our volunteers in Merindah. Our aim is that this targeted reading time will benefit all children at LECS and further foster their love of reading.

#### How are the participants chosen?

All teachers are asked to nominate the children from their learning hub they believe will benefit most from the program. As a Leadership Team, we consider a range of factors to determine the children selected. These children and their families sign a note to say that they will be on time, provide support at home and be ready to do their best each day.

#### What can I do to help?

Most importantly, **every** child should be at school, ready to learn by 9am. The real value of this time to snuggle down with a book and to continue to develop reading skills. This will be lost if children are coming in at all different times. If you have a free morning each week, hold (or are willing to apply for) a Working with Vulnerable People Card and would like to volunteer, please email [aimee.hunter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:aimee.hunter@ed.act.edu.au). This is a long-term project for us here at LECS so if you can't commit to helping this year, there will be similar opportunities next year.

Regards

**Aimee**

Acting Executive Teacher and

'Growing Wild Readers Program' Coordinator

## REMINDERS

### Saturday 22 September

**LECS P&C Kids' & Babies' Market – Second Hand Toys and Cake Stalls @ 10am – 2pm**

### Tuesday 25 September

**Nunkeri Excursion to National Film & Sound Archive @ 9.45am – 12.30pm**

### Wednesday 26 September

**Euroa Festival of Learning @ 8.45 – 9.30am**

### Tuesday 23 October

**Euroa Excursion to The Gruffalo at Canberra Theatre @ 8.50am** NB. As excursion forms & payment are due during school holidays, please return to LECS this term if possible or by the first day of Term 4, Monday 15 October. Unfortunately, no late forms can be accepted.

## SWIMMING LESSONS IN TERM 4

**Where** - Canberra Olympic Pool, Civic

**When** - **Monday 3 December to Friday 14 December 2018**

**Cost** - \$110

**Registrations will be online through Royal Life Saving ACT**

**NOTES WILL BE SENT HOME TODAY**

## AUSKICK IS COMING IN TERM 4

An Auskick program is being run by the LECS P&C next term.

**The program will run on Tuesday afternoons from Week 2 (Tuesday 23 October) to Week 5 (Tuesday 13 November) between 3.15 – 4.15pm.**

On Wednesday 17 October (Week 1) Auskick presenters will come to LECS during our morning session. They will give each class a 30-minute presentation about the program and explain what students can expect to do if they choose to participate.

Below is the timetable for Auskick presenters to visit classes:

Preschool: 9.15 – 9.45am  
Kindergarten: 9.50 – 10.20am  
Year 1: 10.15 – 10.55am  
Year 2: 11.00 – 11.30am

See the P&C section of this newsletter for more details about signing up for the program.

## READING MORNING AT LECS

### Did you miss the ‘Reading Morning at LECS’ Information Session?

It’s not too late to be involved. 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 4 we will begin running small groups for children across K-2 to continue to build their skills in reading. If you can help, you will be provided with full training and support (and of course, a hot beverage).

Please email me [Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au) if you would like to know more about the program.

### Who can help with reading?

Everyone! - Mums, dads, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbours! We require you to commit to at least one 30-minute time slot a week (and we would love if you can commit to more). This will most likely be at 9am on 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.

Thank you

# **EUROA'S FESTIVAL OF LEARNING**

**Wednesday 26 September  
from 8:30 – 9:30am**

**Hope to see our  
Euroa families there!**

**Aimee, Rose, Erica and Lydia**



**KIDS' MARKET TOMORROW @ LECS 10am – 2pm**

**COME JOIN US TOMORROW FO OUR KIDS' MARKET**

There will be something for everyone!

- \* stalls run by local families and businesses
- \* kids toys
- \* cake stall
- \* face painting
- \* games
- \* raffle
- \* cake decorating
- \* BBQ between 11am – 1pm

**We also know our school families are FANTASTIC bakers, so please bake and donate to our cake stall.  
All contributions gratefully received! (NO NUTS please). Paper plates with ingredient slips are available  
for collection from the LECS Atrium. Drop off on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.**

## RAFFLE PRIZES!

There are some AWESOME prizes for our Kids' Market raffle.

Here are some of them:

1. Family photo shoot with Belle Photography including 12 digital images for you to keep.
2. Canberra Yoga Space in Phillip for a gift certificate worth \$99 to attend one of their beginners' courses or casual visits. PLUS a digital photo frame.
3. \$100 gift voucher for Bright Star Kids. Never lose that lunchbox again!!

PLUS there is a secret raffle prize not to be missed!

So make sure to get your raffle tickets in. **You can't win it if you aren't in it!**

## ADVANCED NOTICE – AFTER SCHOOL AFL AUSKICK IS COMING TO LECS!

In our recent survey, parents said they'd be interested in an after-school sports activity.

The P&C has organised a 4-week AFL Auskick program to run in Term 4. Here are the details:

- Kindergarten to Year 2
- \$46 for the 4-week program, including an Auskick Pack
- Tuesdays in Weeks 2-5 (23 October to 13 November)
- 3.15 to 4.15pm on Lyons Oval, adjacent to the school
- Delivered by accredited coaches
- For more information or to Register, go to [www.play.afl/auskick](http://www.play.afl/auskick)

If your child will attend After School Care on those days, you can still register them for the Auskick program (\$46 is extra on top of the usual ASC fee). WCS staff will take them to the coaches, who will return them to After School Care when the session finishes.

Regards,

## LECS P&C Committee

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