

HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

At LECS we continue to support our school community of parents who have chosen the Early Childhood School model of learning and development for their children and family. The Early Childhood Schools' foundation to early childhood education is that all children have the right to a safe and nurturing environment where their capabilities are recognised and strengthened. Evidence from research into early childhood development, changing social structures, economics and the role of schools provided a strong case for using existing school sites as hubs for the creation of these integrated services for children (birth to 8) and their families.

Core Elements of the Model

Three elements formed the core of the model for Early Childhood Schools as they developed as early learning and development centres. They are:

- high quality learning
- integrated service delivery
- family support and participation

Each Early Childhood School is unique in the way it serves its own community. Our work at LECS reflects current international research around play as a tool for learning. Examples of this include:

- our LOOSE PARTS PLAY approach. We deliberately design an environment which is rich in open-ended materials and real materials. This invites children to experiment, engage, construct and invent.
- our teaching of the dispositions for learning – THE 8Cs - CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION, COMMUNICATION, CURIOSITY, CRAFTSMANSHIP, CONFIDENCE, COMPASSION and COURAGE.

We deliberately cultivate useful, transferable habits and attitudes that set children up for life at school and beyond.

Principal Mary

REMINDERS

Tuesday 26 February

P&C - led Cricket Blast @ 3.15-4.15pm – for registered participants only

Wednesday 6 March

Whole School Gathering and Smoking Ceremony @ 9.00am K-2 Outdoor Area

START TO 2019

We have had a lovely, gentle start to 2019. It has been delightful to see smiling faces and little ones eager to learn.

Below are some little bits and pieces to help you support your child to have the best start to their school day.

- Supervision is provided outside from 8.30 am.
- **Please ensure that your child's bag comes with them outside each morning.** Some groups will start the day by heading Out of the Gate and it can delay departures if bags need to be collected from upstairs. We encourage all children at LECS to develop their sense of independence as this is another important part of their learning.
- All Educators (K-2) will be outside from 8.50am. This is the perfect chance to connect with them and share any pertinent information about your child.
- Rolls are marked promptly at 9am. Any child who arrives after this time **MUST** be signed in at the Front Office and receive a blue ticket.
- Our *Growing Wild Readers* program began on Monday 18 February. This whole school initiative allows each group to connect with books daily from 9am - 9.30am. Your cooperation in having your child at school on time each day is appreciated as it minimises disruptions for all.

As always, please see your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

With thanks, Aimee

2019 SCHOOL BOARD

Voting for School Board opens at 11.00am Monday 25 February and closes at 11.00am 4 March 2018. Voting forms available at LECS Front Office.

Please read the following information from our nominees for School Board. We encourage all parents from birth to 8 to cast their vote. Ballot papers are available from the Front Office.

The parents and citizens members appointed to the School Board represent the views and interests of members of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) at LECS.

If you have any questions about the voting process, please contact Mandy on 6142 0044 or email mandy.curtis@ed.act.edu.au

Hi. My name is Reyer Groenveld, and my two sons have just started at LECS in the Karobean and Tatham rooms. I'm originally from Perth but have been a Canberran for around 10 years - now living in Lyons, a short walk from LECS. I have a sincere interest in the public education system, and in collaboration with community to achieve the best outcomes for all children.

I'd like to contribute in a positive way to the school, including continual improvements to facilities, resources, teaching and learning experiences, and see representing on the board as a great way to do this. Thank you!

My name is Adam Robbins and I have three boys who have all been involved in LECS since it opened 10 years ago. We were originally attracted to LECS because of the innovative approach to learning offered.

My youngest has just started pre-school after spending the past three years enrolled in the childcare program. It is exciting to watch him grow in confidence each and every day. My two eldest boys have now finished LECS and are thriving in their new school. My wife and I put their success down to their time at LECS where the play-based approach has taught them to be creative, independent, confident, social and caring kids.

I work at Questacon as the Visitor Services Manager, where I engage and inspire our visitors in science. I enjoy watching the children who visit Questacon get taken away by the magic of science. I have an interest in exciting and engaging children in different ways.

I believe I have good knowledge and understanding of the school environment and look forward to contributing this while on the school board.

My name is Monique Stapleton and I am the proud mother of 2 girls who attend LECS - Holly (who is in Kindergarten) and Poppy (who has just started day care).

I am a Registered Nurse with over 20 years' experience in healthcare, in clinical, education, project and hospital management positions. These roles have helped optimise my skills in organisation, communication and interpersonal relationships. This has been invaluable as a LECS P&C committee member over the last 12 months.

I am passionate about learning and encouraging parents as partners in their children's education. I believe in actively fostering a strong spirit of cooperation between the P&C, the staff, parents and the school board to promote a strong and positive learning culture. I have been excited by the activities happening at LECS, such as the Growing Wild Readers program and I look forward to contributing at the board level and seeing LECS continue to grow and flourish in the future.



P&C AGM

6.00 pm TONIGHT in the LECS Hall

Birth to 8 years Event - All welcome!

Not only will there be pizza, drinks and healthy snacks but we will also have **The Party Girl** Kids Entertainment to keep the kids enthralled with balloons and games!

Because of the entertainment company - we **MUST** get RSVPs by email, P&C box or Facebook.



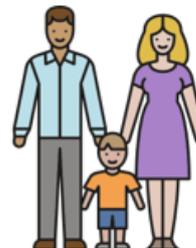
YOUR P&C Committee for 2019 need people to step up and join parents just like You on the committee. And this

now INCLUDES any childcare parents!



Nominate yourself for:

- President
- Secretary
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- General committee members



The committee mainly organise events like the info sessions, social events with 1 major fundraising event with the Kids Market. We are always looking for new ideas and thoughts.

Have your say by joining us.

Email your interest to lecpandc@gmail.com

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