

# HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

### WHAT IS GROWTH MINDSET?

Towards the end of the term you will receive a progress report for your child and have a chance to meet with teachers about children's growth this semester. A focus of teachers will be **growth mindset**.

It is in early childhood that children can be taught a "growth mindset".

Growth mindset, according to Professor Carol Dweck of Stanford University, is the idea that a child understands that their talents and abilities can be developed through effort, good teaching and persistence - as opposed to a fixed mindset where ability is fixed and unchanging. A growth mindset provides children with the motivation, resilience and grit for tackling challenges.

The importance of developing a growth mindset for young children cannot be understated as future learning success depends on it.

How can you encourage growth mindset in your child?

**1. Use the 'yet' word**

- I can't do this....**yet**
- This doesn't work...**yet**
- I'm not good at this...**yet**
- I don't know how to....**yet**

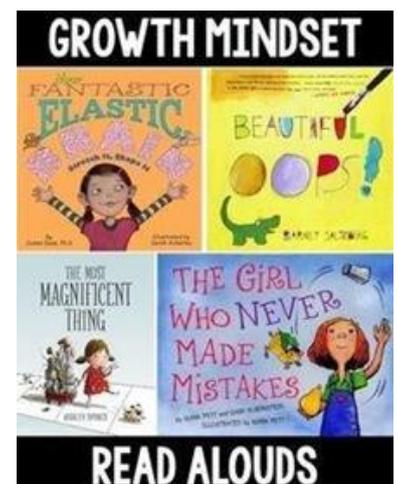
Parents and teachers can support young learners with this encouraging little word and guided questions that can lead children beyond "I can't."

**2. Share with your child these key ideas about learning:**

- Everyone makes mistakes.
- Making mistakes give us an opportunity to do things differently and to learn.
- Practice makes better.

**3. Use these strategies at home:**

- Model resilience and problem solving strategies
- Give children opportunities to solve problems on their own when appropriate
- Encourage children to ask a friend to help before seeking an adult's assistance



## REMINDERS

**Thursday 21 June**

**Reading at Home Information Session in Merindah (LECS library) @ 8.30 – 9.30am**

**Wednesday 27 June**

**School Reports Home to Families**

**Karobean 1 Excursion to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve @ 9.30am – 1.30pm**

**Thursday 28 June**

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

## OUR AMAZING BOOK FAIR RESULT!

Thank you to all who purchased books from the LECS Book Fair. We sold books to the value of **\$2100.**

**This means that we now have over \$600 to spend on new books for our school.**

The Book Fair will be held again next year.

Thank you for your support.

**Aimee**

## LAST DAY TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

# Last Chance to Order Photos

Unfortunately due to an unexpected change, Grin and Bear It has decided to close its doors. After nearly 10 years of photographing children in the Canberra region we are really going to miss it.

**Grin and Bear It photos taken this year or in previous years are only available to purchase until 15 June 2018.**

If you are unable to access your photos email us with your child's name and class at [info@grinandbearit.com.au](mailto:info@grinandbearit.com.au) and we can help.

Thank you for inviting us to photograph your children and families. We have loved every minute.

## COMING UP NEXT THURSDAY 21 JUNE

### READING AT HOME INFORMATION SESSION FOR EAL/D (ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR DIALECT) FAMILIES

#### Does your family speak a language other than English at home?

Please come along to an information session being held for families in our community that want to know more about the way we approach the teaching of Literacy skills here at Lyons Early Childhood School.

We will explore the different approaches to the teaching of essential reading and writing skills within a play based curriculum. There will be a particular focus on those children and their families for whom English is an additional language. There will be opportunities to ask questions and gain some helpful tips to help your child continue their learning at home.

The focus for this session will be the unique learning styles and needs of EAL/D children but all families are welcome!

**Please come and hear all about the amazing learning that is happening here at LECS.**

**When: Thursday 21 June 2018 8.30-9.30am (Morning Tea to follow)**

**Where: Merindah (the Library at Lyons Early Childhood School)**

Please RSVP to [Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Aimee.Hunter@ed.act.edu.au) or complete the slip below and return it to the LECS Front Office by Monday the 18 June 2018.

Aimee Hunter  
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I/ We \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Information Session for EAL/D families on Thursday 21 June 2018 at 8.30am.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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## **P&C COMMITTEE**

### **KIDS' MARKET**

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

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

### **PLEASE, NO CLOTHING: ONLY TOYS**

We are also asking businesses within our school community for donations for a Raffle on the day. Please email us on [lecspandc@gmail.com](mailto:lecspandc@gmail.com)

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

More info to follow...

## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Some families received an entertainment book in their child's bag last week in order to look through at their own leisure. If you would like to purchase these books please follow the instructions on the envelope otherwise hand them back at reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **LECS P&C Committee**

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