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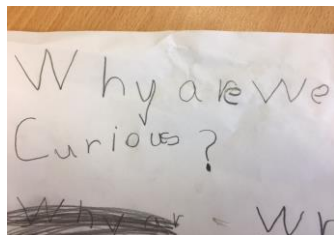
NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK!

Science is an important area of the Australian Curriculum and a focus for our Play Workshops at LECS. Children show curiosity, commitment and collaboration by exploring and experimenting with science concepts and materials. To celebrate National Science Week this week, there has been an increased focus on science in our Play Workshops. Below are some photos of children engaging in different science play.

LECS was successful in receiving a National Science Week grant that was used to create science investigation boxes. These boxes were launched this week by our Year 2 Leaders. They used the boxes to lead preschool children through different science play experiences.

While National Science Week is a great opportunity to reflect on the amazing science work our children do, it is important to remember that science play occurs all through the year.

Regards
Principal Mitchell



REMINDERS

Tuesday 22 August

Karobean 1 Dress-Up as a Book Character Day

Wednesday 23 August

Book Week Parade @ 9am - Children come dressed up as book character and parade in K-2 Playground

Whole School Gathering (Karobean 2 & Anuna Hosting) @ 9.15am – Everyone welcome!

Cupcake Day @ 3pm – Support the RSPCA by buying a cupcake for \$2 in the K-2 Playground

Waste-Free Wednesday

Multicultural Playgroup at LECS @ 9.30am

PARENTLINE ACT

SUPPORT FOR ACT PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Parentline ACT is a not-for-profit organisation offering a free confidential telephone service for parents and families in the ACT and surrounding area.

Calls are answered by professionally trained workers who can help with information and support.

Phone: 6287 3833

Visit: <http://www.parentlineact.org.au/>

“Whatever landscape a child is exposed to...that will be the sort of gauze through which he or she will see the world” Wallace Stegner

K–2 SWIMMING LESSONS

WEEKS 8 AND 9

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children have the opportunity to participate in daily swimming lessons for two weeks this term, from **Monday 4 September to Friday 15 September**.

You must register your child for swimming via the Royal Life Saving ACT schools' programs website.

Notes were sent home with your child last week. They have also been emailed home to families and posted on our school's website. These notes contain information regarding how to register your child for swimming and the registration code you need to register online.

In addition to registering online, families need to complete and return a *Swimming Permission Form* and an *Excursion Medical Information Form* to LECS Front Office, in order for their child to participate.

Please see Kâren or Mandy if you need forms.

Payment for swimming is made directly to Royal Life Saving ACT at time of enrolment.

If you experience any difficulty enrolling online, please contact Royal Life Saving ACT directly on 6260 5800.

INDIGENOUS LITERACY FOUNDATION

ANNUAL BOOK SWAP

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) will be holding its annual **Book Swap in Week 7** of this term which is *Literacy and Numeracy Week*, Monday 28 August – Friday 1 September.

We participate in the Book Swap to raise funds for the ILF and celebrate our love of books.

We have started receiving donations of books from families. Thank you to those who have already contributed. We are asking LECS families to bring in books they no longer need, and place them in the marked box in the Atrium.

During *Literacy and Numeracy Week*, the books will be displayed in the Atrium and families can take a book for a donation to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. All funds raised will go to the ILF.

For more information on the great work that ILF does, please click on the link below:

<http://www.greatbookswap.org.au/>

Hannah Freyne

Community Engagement

LIFELINE BOOKFAIR

HELD OVER 3 HUGE DAYS!

FRIDAY 8 – SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Lose yourself at Canberra's biggest book fair!

Check out the huge range of books, movies, music, games, comics and more, at the usual low prices.

Dates: Friday 8 - Sunday 10 September 2017

Venue: Exhibition Park

Special guests Ray Martin AM and Allan Sparkes CV OAM will be at the *Bookfair* on Saturday 9 September to do book readings throughout the day.

Entry is by gold coin donation

For more information, including opening hours, please visit Lifeline Canberra's website www.act.lifeline.org.au/item/bookfair

2017 SCHOOL SATISFACTION AND CLIMATE SURVEY

The School Satisfaction and Climate survey was recently emailed through 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.

The key ACT results from the 2016 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.gov.au) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2016 School Board Report.

P&C NEWS

After-dark event - Men's only session on 'Emotion coaching for kids' & 'Dads' craft

**Friday 25th August; 6pm to 7.45pm
at Lyons Early Childhood School**

At the request of Dads the P&C have asked the UR Fab team to come back for an informal MEN'S ONLY session. Jo Gray will speak about using 'The five steps of emotion coaching' for your kids. We hope Dad's, Grandads or any male guardian will come along to listen or ask questions.

For the kids (while the men are busy):

- Make a Father's Day Craft - Framed plaster drawing or hand print - \$10 max each
- Watch a movie (G)
- Bring PJs/snuggly blanket/sleeping bag

For all:

- Healthy snacks provided
- Pizza (subsidised) at 6pm - \$2 per person
- BYO water bottle

PLEASE RSVP numbers to lecsbandc@gmail.com or the Facebook Group for:

1. Pizza dinner
2. Number of Father's Day crafts and your child's age

Father's Day Craft - Framed plaster drawing or hand print - \$10 max each

Suitable for any age. Different size frames will be available for different ages; large frames \$10, smaller frame cost TBA.

Mums are needed for help, incl for single 'dad' families.

The UR FaB Team & emotion coaching

The UR FaB (Understanding and Responding to Feelings and Behaviours) PROGRAM at LECS talked about using emotion coaching for your kids. Emotion coaching is helping children understand the different emotions they experience, why they occur, and how to handle them. This can generally help children to feel emotionally supported and reduce challenging behaviour.

Regards,

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