

# HEADS UP!

A Weekly Update from Lyons Early Childhood School



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### LOOSE PARTS PLAY

Loose Parts Play is a significant component of the teaching and learning program at LECS. You will hear from your child about the excitement and challenge of engaging with the large variety of materials on offer. Loose Parts Play is a highly intentional learning time. Children are intentionally taught the dispositions of collaboration, commitment, craftsmanship, curiosity, communication, compassion, confidence and creativity in multiple ways. The Australian Curriculum and Early Years Learning Framework are also taught through Loose Parts Play. For example, the kindergarten children used Loose Parts across a number of weeks last term to experiment with force and motion as part of the science curriculum. A typical session begins with a group introduction to the learning intention, then the teacher prompts discussion and action around the learning intention as children use Loose Parts. The session ends with a group reflection.



If your child comes home and talks about Loose Parts Play have a discussion about not only what they did, but what they learnt from engaging in the play.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEEK 3

Across the year, Aimee, Sharon and I have been engaged in intensive teacher coaching training. As part of this we will be out of the school on Thursday and Friday of week 3. Sophie from Ainslie School will be coming to LECS for the two days as Acting Principal. Our year 2 teacher, Suze will be acting as Executive Teacher. I have complete confidence that Sophie, Suze and the rest of the team will keep the school running smoothly in my absence.

Regards

Principal Mitchell

## REMINDERS

**Monday 6 August**

**Kenny Koala (K-2) visit @ 11.30 – 1pm**

**Wednesday 8 August**

**LECS P&C Committee meeting @ 7.30 – 8.30pm**

**Thursday 9 August**

**Excursion notes & payment due for Coinda Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve excursion**

**Saturday 11 August**

**LECS P&C Weekend Social – Family Board Games Night @ 4pm**

## SAVE THE DATE

**Monday 13 August**

**Kindergarten Health Checks**

**Thursday 16 August**

**Coinda Excursion to Tidbinbilla @ 9.30am**

**Saturday 18 August**

**LECS P&C Weekend Social**

**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**



## KIDS' MARKET

### We are preparing for a Kids' Market at LECS in Term 3

Your P&C is holding a Kids' Market on Saturday 22 September from 10am to 2pm.

Public entry to the event will be free. We are offering an opportunity for local Canberra families to sell baby & kids items with profits going to stall holders.

Registering for a stall space requires a \$10 donation to our P&C.

Register at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/Q4Q8T>

We need volunteers to help the day run smoothly and bakers to contribute to our very popular cake stall.

Register at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/DRE9H>

## P&C SURVEY

Whilst the frosty winter has arrived, your P&C has been brain-storming how we can be the P&C you need!

Following a catch-up with Mary, this year we are committed to building a sense of community (not just fundraising). The P&C has prepared a short survey to provide you with the opportunity to have your say!

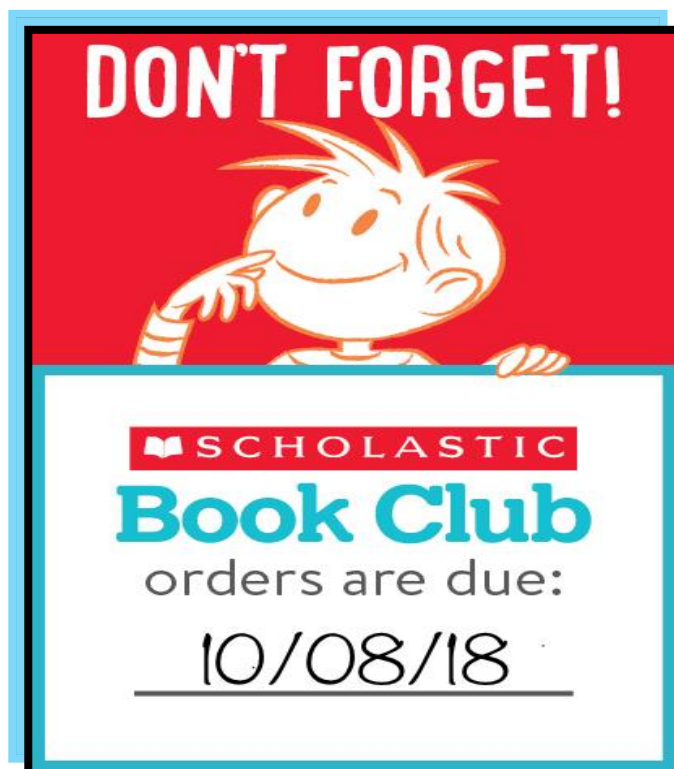
We are looking for your opinion, new ideas, and feedback. Please take 4-5 minutes to complete the survey. And by filling in the survey, you are in the running for a prize!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSJLFNZ>

## LECS P&C Committee

[lecsbandc@gmail.com](mailto:lecsbandc@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LECSPandC/>



## 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

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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_.



## Multicultural Playgroup

WCS has a new multicultural playgroup in the Woden Valley where children up to 5 years old can come along, play and make new friends!

There will be exciting activities such as:

**Songs · Games · Crafts · Multicultural events · Library**

**Where: Lyons Preschool @ 12 Ulverstone Street, Lyons**

**When: Every Wednesday from 9:30am to 11:30am**

**During school term - Bring a piece of fruit to share - Gold donation**

**Contact:** Call Muataza on 6234 6850 or email [muataza.alwali@wcs.org.au](mailto:muataza.alwali@wcs.org.au)

Please visit our facebook page for more updates <https://facebook.com/WodenCommunityService/>

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and  
SCALE MODEL  
EXHIBITION  
AUGUST 4-5**

**Fun for the whole family!**  
Come and see the huge range of model train layouts, miniatures and dolls houses. Drive trains, watch submarines in the pool, ride the miniature steam train and merry-go-round. Sausage sizzle, hot dogs, cakes, music, Devonshire Tea, art and so much more!

Adults \$10 Children over 5 \$5 Seniors \$6 Family \$25

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