

# LOBETHAL COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

*We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Peramangk people and we recognise their connection with the land. We will help care for and respect this land together.*

## New Resources

We have been busy buying lots of new resources for the kindy. You will notice them around being used very enthusiastically by children and staff. Some items include our new Lego table (massive winner with everyone), new Lego, room partitions, new home corner chairs & wooden tea sets, new games, clear painting easels, magnifying glasses, marble run, blue tooth headphones, construction kits, so many books and so much more.

These all come with a huge cost, we cover these cost with our fundraising and we are so lucky that our fundraising efforts have reaped great rewards in the last few years. So thanks for supporting the fundraising at our centre as you can see it is so beneficial to your children.



## Last Week of Term (Week 10)

Please note that on the last week of term 2 Staff will be off site. We will be undertaking the writing of our application for Excellence. We have organized an amazing and very capable relief staff to cover those of us that are off site.

Teaching staff - Ailsa Zadow will be with you all week.

Frogs will also have Dinah Lance and Bugs will have Hannah Guest.

Support staff/ECW - Mel Randall will be with you all week.

Frogs will also have Ness Curry & Sally March and Bugs will have Kylie Kleemann and Lea Mouat. The children are very familiar with all our relief staff and have built wonderful relationships with them already and we know they will enjoy spending the week with them.

## Kindy Costs

Please note that all families should have their Term 2 Kindy Costs invoice.

If you have not paid this terms kindy costs they are now overdue. Please endeavor to pay asap or see staff if you need a payment plan. We are always happy to help. Thanks



## Governing Council 2018

Chairperson - Cath McEwen (Frogs)

Vice Chairperson - Jess Boyle (Frogs)

Secretary - Lea Mouat (Frogs)

General Members:

Sarah Schultz (Frogs), Hailey Moroney (Frogs), Olivia Green (Frogs), Tabitha Baschiera (Bugs), Janelle Jaensch (Frogs), Kait Pfeiffer (Frogs), Alycia Gardner (Bugs), Kayla Stamper (Bugs), Jayne Freeman (Frogs), Kirsty Peel (Bugs), Lisa Golding (Bugs), Leanne Clarke (Frogs)

Next meeting Term 3, week 3.

## Lee's News



Dear parents and caregivers,

As the cold and chilly weather has hit, so too has our determination to continue to provide quality learning environments and experiences for your children.

The cancellation of last Friday's excursion was a tough one. As director and a site leader, it's a constant battle around juggling the risk and benefits of a situation that you love, and value compared to children's health and wellbeing. It really is a no brainer though, the health and wellbeing of our children always has and always will come first. Whilst I am sad that we didn't get to go and experience forest kindy, I am still hopeful that we will access Chalks Campground or somewhere similar next term. We are also looking at running in-session excursions along with our Friday excursions to further enrich our children's kindy experiences. We will keep you posted on our plans with this early next term.

We have been busy presenting and sharing our story at the Nature play SA back to back conferences at the end of May. The feedback and responses received since presenting at these has been incredible with lots of further opportunities to work together with them on some projects in the future. We are finalising our presentation for the ECTA conference at the end of this week. Kerry, Nell and I will be travelling to Brisbane for an overnight stay and presenting at the conference on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

On a personal note, my work around implementing the STEM LL strategy has been exhausting, all-consuming but nonetheless rewarding. It is a constant battle to ensure that you are providing innovation and a clear and sustainable pathway for those embarking on their nature play journey; balanced with the strongest of desires to continue to implement and contribute to the program we have here. As much as I'm enjoying it, I am happy that soon we get back to our regular teaching program and staff. I am so thankful for the wonderful relief staff we have had come and fill the gaps, covering the range of off site commitments from all staff.

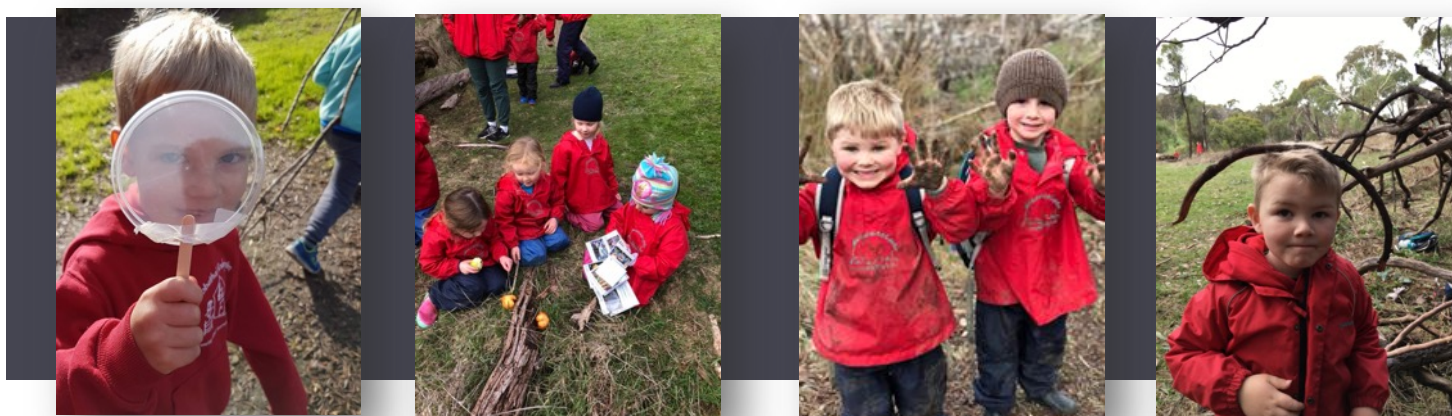
Our excellence application is beginning to take some shape. We have decided to try and measure the impact our work has had on our community and the community of learners across the state. We have distributed a survey to all of the participants we have delivered PD to over the years and asked for parents to comment on the impact our work has had on their nature connections as a family.

We hope to get some significant responses from these surveys which will be used to measure the impact our work has had on our community and on our system on a state-wide, national and international level. If you haven't completed our survey and wish to do so, please, please do so this week.

Next week, all regular teaching staff will be off-site, pulling together our application for excellence. We have ensured that Mel and Kylie will still be here and the lovely Ailsa will be working as teacher across both groups, with Dinah working alongside her with the Frogs group and Hannah with the Bugs. We also have Sally and Lea working to support the program and children.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our program.

Lee ☺







## Kindy Housekeeping

### Future enrolments

Do you have or know of a child turning 4 years old in the next few years? If so now is a great time to pre enrol them into pre school. Knowing the future enrolment numbers for our centre enables us to predict our future staffing allocations and the direction of our centres plans.

It is never too early to pre enrol your child.

Forms are located next to the sign in or see staff for further information.

## ENROL NOW IN PRESCHOOL

Going to preschool helps your child to learn new things, make friends and develop confidence.

Children who turn 4 before 1 May can start preschool at the beginning of the year before they start school.

Families are encouraged to enrol for 2018 and beyond.

For more information

[www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au)

Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and  
Child Development

## Community News

Welcome back to Lobethal Community Kindy Playgroup for Term 2.

**We are continuing our focus on Messy and Sensory play. We meet FORTNIGHTLY Fridays at the Kindy 9:30 - 11am.**

**Here are the dates we are meeting for playgroup this term 11/5, 25/5, 8/6, 22/6 and 6/7.**

**Check out our Facebook page for the regular updates on what Messy and Sensory play is planned for the fortnight.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/250699825125146/>

**Why is sensory play important for young children's learning and development?**

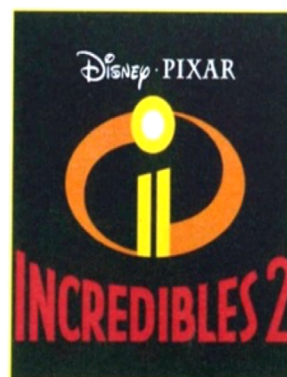
**"Messy play is great for children's development. It allows them to explore their senses, be creative, work on fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and so much more! Messy play can also calm anxiety. It can also help children regulate their emotions and express their feelings." From Transforming ECE FB**

**Come along with wet weather gear (Muddlarks) and spare change of clothes in winter, as children will be getting wet, muddy and enjoying sensory play!**

**We look forward to seeing you at our playgroup soon, Claire Pym :-)**



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LOBETHAL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FUNDRAISER

**SUN 15 July 2.30 pm**

Tickets available **NOW** from the front office

**\*\*\*ALL TICKETS - \$12\*\*\***

"Lobethal Primary School is currently reviewing its uniform policy, dress code and supply model. We would like to invite and encourage all prospective new families to provide their input to this review by participating in the following survey :

<https://goo.gl/forms/sLMmtfHspd1k5BxE3>

The survey will be open until Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June."



## Fundraising News

### People's Choice Community Lottery

Thank you to everyone who supported the lottery. What a fantastic effort. We do still have 4 full books and 3 part sold books that will need to be sold. If you can help please see Janice. Remember 100% of sales comes back to Kindy to purchase resources for all our children.



Thank you to our lovely mums who have taken home washing this term. We know it is very difficult to get your own washing dry let alone wash and dry ours. So please know we really appreciate it.

To all our Bush Kindy helpers, we appreciate you spending time with us at Bushland Park and hope that you had as much fun and the children have had with you there. Thank you.



Congratulations to Sarah and Patrick Schultz on the safe arrival of Little Nora. Emmy was so proud to show her off last week.

### Major Fundraiser for 2018

This year's major fundraiser will be a Dinner/Dance once again, following the success of our last two Red, Roast & Rhythms evenings.

This year we are mixing it up a little. We have a brand new amazing venue - Nether Hill Farm, Kenton Valley. We have been very fortunate to obtain this venue and are very excited.

We are also holding the event later in the year

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Save the Date & book those baby sitters!

JD & the Crabs will once again have the dance floor rocking and our guests will enjoy a wonderful spit roast meal and dessert as well as cheese platters to start.

We will again be hand picking an assortment of Adelaide Hills wines for you to enjoy as well as beer, cider and soft drink.



With all this comes a new name

*"Sparkling under the Stars @ Nether Hill Farm"*

How can you help!



- Get a group of friends together to attend the night.
- Donate items for our auctions/lucky squares/raffles
- Ask family and Friends to donate items/services
- If you have a business you can help by sponsoring the event (see staff for more details if you are interested).
- Spread the word. Tell everyone. Once all the details are finalized we will start to promote the event. Facebook sharing is a fantastic way to spread the word far and wide.

This is going to be a fantastic evening and we are all very excited.

REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE. 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018

