

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.

Key Word Signing

Late last term staff attended a Key Word Signing workshop along with some parents and other educators.

We are now regularly using a few signs in our daily routines. These will increase over the year.

In each newsletter we will try to introduce our families to some very useful signs.

This week you will be able to share some important feelings with your child at home.



TERM 2 EXCURSION

Our excursion this term is Friday the 15th of June, 2018. Due to the increase of bus hire costs we have had to reconceptualise our plans. We have asked for feedback on Facebook and are now currently finalizing plans for the Day.

Notes will be sent home this week and will need to be returned to kindy asap to ensure the day runs smoothly.

We will be heading to Chalks Camping Ground in Mount Crawford Forest for a day of "Forest Kindy". The day will run from 9.00am to 2.00pm and we will be starting our day around a campfire in the camping grounds.

More information will be available in the consent and note sent home.

Thanks

KINDY FEES

Term 2 Kindy fees are now due.

Please endeavor to pay on time as your fees are a very important part of us being able to run our wonderful program.

We are more than happy to set up a payment plan if needed. See Lee if you need assistance.

Thank You.



IMMUNISATION RECORDS

As per DECD directive, If your child is not up to date with their immunisations and there is an occurrence of a vaccine preventable disease at the service, then your child will be asked to stay away from the service for a period of time, known as an exclusion period.

A letter will be sent home this week explaining this and asking for you to show proof of immunisations or advise us that your child is not immunised.

Please see Nic or Janice and they can update our records accordingly.

Lee's News



Here's why there is no Lee's news this week !

Where is Lee when she is not at kindy? Many of you may have noticed that Lee has had to spend lots of time off site lately. As much as her passion is being hands on with the children, she is a lady who is wearing many many hats! Not only is she the director here at Lobethal Kindergarten, a wife and mother, but she also has many other positions which are vying for her time at the moment. Lee has recently submitted her final study requirements for her Graduate diploma in strategic leadership. Lee is involved in mentoring other kindy directors, a role which will see her visiting Leigh Creek with Janice & Nic early next week. We have been invited to present at the Nature Play SA conference this week, where Lee will be supported by Kerry & Janice on Wednesday, and Nell & Nic on Thursday. Lee, Kerry & Nell will be presenting at the ECTA conference in QLD later in June. Lee has various partnership commitments which involve meetings away from the center, as part of her role as partnership chair she is convening these meetings and developing PD sessions involving leaders from across kindergartens, primary and high school sectors in our partnership. Our ongoing involvement in the STEM lead learning project over 2017/2018 will continue to see all staff involved in providing site visits and mentoring to other sites through to the end of this year.

We are very lucky to have a stable core staff team and have welcomed several regular relief staff who support and backfill our teachers and ECWs as required. This regular relief pool has allowed these staff to feel a sense of belonging as well as build ongoing reciprocal relationships with the children. Thank you Ailsa, Dinah and Lea for slotting into our team so seamlessly. We look forward to your input into our program.

It's time for a return
to childhood, to simplicity,
to running, and climbing
and laughing in the sunshine,
to experiencing happiness
instead of being trained for a
lifetime of pursuing happiness.
It is time to let children
be children again.

L.R. KWOST





Kindy Housekeeping



Waterproof clothing is important at Bush Kindy and Kindy. Ensure pants are pulled over boots to avoid water entering the boots.

Please also ensure your child has full length socks under their boots to avoid friction burns from the boots. Also send a beanie along for cold ears.

Library Book Borrowing

Our Library borrowing has now been moved. This will help make it accessible to you at the beginning and end of the day.

We would really like all families to take advantage of our library borrowing system, even if you visit other libraries regularly, it is still important to your child's literacy development to access many areas of book borrowing. This helps your child to develop an early love of literacy and a wonderful way to share this experience with your child.

Please see staff if you need assistance and remember to take the book with you as you leave in the morning. Books left in the lockers have been damaged or misplaced over the years, so we ask you to help us care for them.

Happy Reading!



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 :-)



School Tours



Mon 28th May	10:00am & 2:00pm
Tue 29th May	5:30pm
Fri 8th June	2:00pm
Wed 13th June	9:30am

Come and find out more about our programmes and see classes in action.

Please call the school to make a booking on 8389 6419.

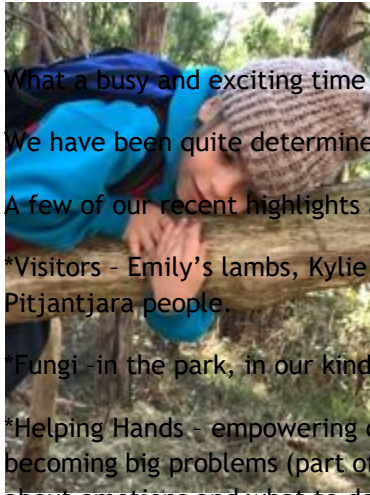
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Frog's News...



What a busy and exciting time the Frogs children have had lately.

We have been quite determined to show our student teacher, Kylie, just what emergent curriculum really looks like!

A few of our recent highlights and interests:

*Visitors - Emily's lambs, Kylie's turtle, and our last session with Henry and his family as they shared artefacts from the Pitjantjara people.

*Fungi - in the park, in our kindy yard and at Bushland Park. Next week we will start growing our own mushrooms!

*Helping Hands - empowering children to know who to go to when they have a problem and how to stop little problems becoming big problems (part of our Keeping Safe Curriculum - this will be supported next week with a short you tube clip about emotions and what to do when you are feeling angry or overwhelmed) Check out our display to see who your child thinks they can go to for help.

*Motion and gravity and cause and effect - lots of experimenting with see saws, levers, chutes and pipes, and paper planes

*Tinker table - this has been hugely popular, and we have been amazed at children's persistence, problem-solving and adept use of tools. If you have any interesting, dead, appliances suitable for pulling apart please bring them in!

*Mini-beasts - snails, slugs, and critters

Tilly and her friends are currently planning a Pyjama party for our next nasty weather day at kindy. This is a great example of children's voice in our program. We will be encouraging the children to turn this into a fundraiser (gold coin donation) for the Pyjama foundation which supports literacy learning for children in foster care - this is one of the ways we are helping our children to see themselves as global citizens - thinking globally and acting locally. There are also plans afoot for children to act as citizen scientist reporters for Wildlife Australia magazine (this will give them a voice about what they observe at Bushland Park)

We were so proud of how well the children coped with the change of route visited us at Bushland Park. Educators could see first-hand the intellectual problem-solving that was happening. Our little people just shone as perfect

Until next time,

Keep smiling,

Nell



Bugs News....

You may have seen our new 'Interoception nest' at kindy. This is a space for children to go when they feel they need a little bit of space, some quiet time away from others or just some time to contemplate the world alone. Our children helped us to create some agreements about this space and it has already been well used (there is some further information about Interoception on display near the 'Interoception nest').





Meet Harry and Sally! These are our special dolls that support Staff to recognise and acknowledge kind behaviour at kindy. We have been focusing on being kind to each other and as a staff team we have been trying to 'catch' children taking part in kind acts. Harry and Sally support staff during group experiences. They want to sit and cuddle with children who are being kind to the teachers and showing good listening skills. We want to extend Harry and Sally's role in noticing kindness and ask them to be ready to award children 'kindness awards' across the day.

We all have the right to feel safe! Child protection curriculum.

We have already touched on discussions around feelings and emotions. However, in the coming weeks we will be delving deeper into our feelings. Looking at how our body responds when we are happy, sad, angry, scared, worried etc. We want to support children to recognise the body language and non-verbal cues of others that express their feelings and encourage them to respond in a positive way. We will also be discussing children's networks of support, they will be asked who they can go to when they are feeling unsafe, scared or worried. We will encourage them to think about who they can seek help from at kindy, when they are home and when they are out in a public space.

We have shared a short YouTube clip (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=RVA2N6tX2cg>) with the children and had discussions about what happens to our bodies when we feel angry. We have also talked about some spaces and strategies that might support them to calm their bodies and minds. We have created a calm basket that will be on the shelf near our Interception Nest.

During week 4 the bugs group took part in 'National simultaneous story time', This is an initiative promoted by the Australian Library and information association (ALIA) with the aims of promoting reading, literacy, recognising the fun of books and promoting Australian authors. We decided to support his initiative this year to help our children connect and recognise that this is something bigger than just our kindy or our community. It involves the whole of Australia! We explained to our children that all over Australia, children would be listening to this story at the same time as they would. They helped to count down on the clock so we started at exactly at 11am.

Kerry



Fundraising News

Peoples Choice Community Lottery

All books are due back by 16th June, 2018

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their books. Please remember all books are due back 16th of June, 2018. Tickets are \$2 each and the Lottery has a huge amount of amazing prizes. Kindy receives 100% of the money to go towards our fundraising for 2018.

Please put your tickets in a safe place as we are responsible for all tickets allocated to kindy.

We also have access to online ticket sales and this is already active. Follow the link below and share with family and friends. Any online sales are a bonus to our paper ticket sales. And every little bit helps.

<https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/lobethal-community-kindergarten>



A big thank you once again to Kristie Coulter (Bane's Mum) for staying at kindy and covering the rest of our new books. She has done an amazing job and we are now able to make these books available for you to borrow. Thanks so much Kristie!

You may have noticed our "Nest Chair" in the quiet area near the office. It is rather large, but extremely comfortable and popular. We need to say a massive thanks to Simon Jaensch (Brodie's Dad) who just happened to be around in Mount Barker when Lee put out a call to pick it up. Thank goodness for Simon, who had to dismantle it to get it into Kindy and so kindly put it back together again. Thank you Simon, you are a champ.



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Next meeting Monday 18th June, 2018

Includes compulsory RAN training