



# LOBETHAL COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

*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.*



## Welcome to Kindy 2021

What a busy 3 weeks we have had and so much fun too. We will be attempting to have a newsletter sent home every 3 weeks to keep you all updated with events and our program. Please endeavour to read it and take note of important dates etc.

We will send home notes from time to time and these will be placed into your blue communication bag, so remember to bring it and take it home everyday your child is at kindy, so you don't miss anything important.

Bring on 2021 we are so excited!



## Upcoming Important Dates

**16<sup>th</sup> February** – Pancake day Breakfast - Echidnas

**18<sup>th</sup> February** – Pancake day Breakfast – Geckos

**19<sup>th</sup> February** – Friday Playgroup @ kindy 9.15am-10.45am

**26<sup>th</sup> February** – Friday Playgroup @ kindy 9.15am – 10.45am

**5<sup>th</sup> March** – Friday Playgroup @ kindy 9.15am – 10.45am

**8<sup>th</sup> March** – Adelaide Cup public holiday

**12<sup>th</sup> March** – Friday Playgroup @ kindy 9.15am – 10.45am

**16<sup>th</sup> March** – Echidna Beach Excursion

**18<sup>th</sup> March** – Gecko Beach Excursion



Kindy Invoices have been sent home in the blue communication bags. Please endeavour to have these paid by week 5. If you are having difficulty or need a payment plan, please speak Lee (Director) to a staff member and they will be more than happy to help organise this.

Thanks

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Via Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1702509449877162/about/>

Please note Facebook messaging can be unreliable



## Lee's News

Dear parents and caregivers,

What a wonderful start to the 2021 kindy year all of our Lobethal Kindy children have had. We have seen our children settle, connect and become more familiar with the flow and rhythm of each kindy day.

We have seen children in both groups begin to connect and build friendships with each other. They are beginning to feel more relaxed and at home in the kindergarten environment and are really beginning to steer their learning and our curriculum to follow their ideas and passions.

Kindy staff work extremely hard to balance the learning environment to include child led experiences along with staff planned experiences based on our observations of children's learning and individual goals set. When we have a learning environment that includes both aspects, we see higher levels of engagement, increased wellbeing and learning that is significantly richer.

Unfortunately, our run with dodgy weather continues and as a result last Thursday night's Welcome BBQ was cancelled. ☹️ Hopefully, we will have many more opportunities to connect in the future. We will keep our fingers crossed that we may be able to plan something soon.

Our Annual General Meeting was held last Thursday night and we reflected on the achievements, highlights and challenges of 2020.

We voted in the 2021 Governing Council who will help to steer and drive our improvement priorities throughout this year and work hard to connect and support children, families and staff. We are truly thankful to all of the parents who have volunteered to take on this important role throughout 2021.

Staff will begin planning our highly anticipated beach excursion in the coming days. We will perform risk assessments and send out consent forms and excursion information in the coming weeks. We are working really hard to try and keep the costs of excursions to a minimum. The problem that we have is the high cost of bus hire, which is shared across smaller groups, resulting in a higher cost per head. We are looking at multiple ways to decrease the costs and make it more affordable for families. The best way we have found is to try and get as many children as possible to bring along a supervising adult to join us on the bus ride to and from Normanville Beach and the Lady Bay rock pools. This helps us two-fold. It helps provide excellent supervision for each child, increasing safety, adult to child ratios and enhanced learning outcomes for each child. It also helps with the cost, which is a beneficial for us all.

We hope you all had an opportunity to watch our two-part information video posted and shared last week. This video explains the 'what, when, how and why' behind our kindy program and hopefully will help you to gain a greater insight into what kindy looks like for your child each day.

Please remember that we are here to chat at any time. If you are concerned about your child's development or want further information into any aspect of our program, please contact us and I will make a time to catch up as soon as possible.

We are planning our welcome interviews which will take place on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. These interviews will allow us to share information and set goals for your child's learning throughout term 1 and beyond. These meetings are not compulsory. We will send out invites and online booking information in the coming days.

Thanks for your support of our learning program!

Lee ☺️



**Governing Council 2021****Chairperson:** Kimberley Rodda**Vice Chairperson:** Kait Pfeiffer**Secretary:** Renae Cockrell**Playgroup Representative:** Ellie Bahnisch**General Council Members:**

Stuart Emery

Chantelle Wilson

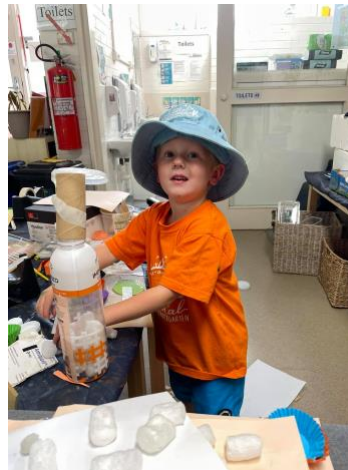
Casey Guerin

Anna Schonfeldt

Kimberley Cepen

Sarah Sproule

Jayne Freeman



## Kindy House Keeping

Kindy Clothing

All our kindy clothing is now available online. Orders usually take a couple of weeks to arrive and you can have them delivered to kindy.

If you would like to order, please follow this link.

<https://lobethalkindy.orders.net.au/>

Remember that your child will also require waterproof pants for bush kindy from next term (and will also use these to access outdoor play at kindy when it is wet) Orders for waterproof pants can be placed with Grubbies kids on facebook, or you can email Jodie [grubbieskidz@bigpond.com](mailto:grubbieskidz@bigpond.com). Please use the code 'LOBEY' for a special discounted kindy price.

QR Code and COVID sign in

We have now received our automatic sanitisation stations and you will find one at the entrance to the verandah. We have placed the QR code above for easy access.

It is compulsory for anyone entering the site to either register with the QR code or with our manual sign in. Please remember to do this every time you enter the gate. We have the QR code in numerous places around the kindy for easy access.

Thank you for your support so far with our COVID requirements.

Which Group is my child in?

Monday/Tuesday – Echidnas



Wednesday/Thursday - Geckos

Beach Excursion Week 8

We love and value our excursions at Lobethal Kindergarten and they are such a big part of our kindy year. Term 1 week 8 will be the first one for the year. We will be travelling by Lofty coaches to Normanville & Lady Bay rock pools for the day. **Echidnas – Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March** and **Geckos – Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March**. We cannot wait. This one is always very popular with parents too.

We will be sending notes home very shortly with more details.

We can't run such wonderful experiences without the help our families and we will be asking for parent/caregivers to volunteer to come along. This year we will be running each groups excursion on separate days which will mean a much higher cost for the transport (\$1500 all up). This means the excursion cost per family will be significant, but please note that we do work really hard to keep the Kindy Fees as low as we possibly can and will not be asking for any more money this term. We are also covering the cost of the "Stretch and Play with Ness" sessions the children are currently involved in once a fortnight.

The bus will have plenty of room for the children and a parent and we are looking at possibly \$20 per seat. But we will confirm this once we do an excursion costing/budget.

Please note that we cannot allow younger siblings to attend as we would require parents to have full attention on their child or any children they are supervising.

See staff if you have any questions and stay tuned for the excursion note.



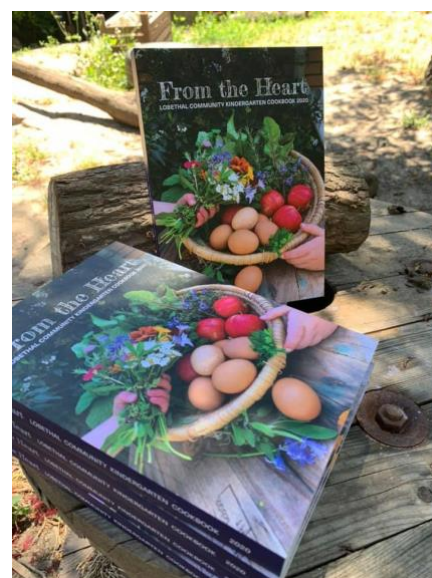
## Fundraising News

**Fundraising**

Fundraising is an extremely important part of the financial support of our Centre, without it we would not be able to run the amazing program that we offer. Funds raised through fundraising are used to purchase quality resources for your children to use and upgrade our grounds and equipment. We are very proud of what we have achieved over the years. Last year's fundraiser was our beautiful kindy cookbook, which has won praise from many people with in and out of our community. If you haven't got your hands on a copy, ask staff or you can grab a copy at the Lobethal Fodder Store who have been very kindly stocking the books for us.

Currently we have our People's Choice Community Lottery, which is being sold only online this time. The ticket sales close on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, so if you haven't already done so grab some tickets by following the link below. We really do appreciate the support we have received so far.

<https://communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au/collections/schools-and-education/products/lobethal-community-kindergarten>



**people's choice**  
COMMUNITY LOTTERY

## SA Health Illness Exclusion Periods

Thank you to families that are keeping their child home when they are unwell. This helps to control the spread of illness and no child likes to be a kindy when they are sick. Below are some really great guidelines for exclusion periods for many of the common diseases.

| Childcare and school exclusion periods                                  |  |  | Childcare and school exclusion periods  |   |   |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| <br><b>Hand foot and mouth disease</b><br>Until all blisters are dry    | <br><b>Head lice</b><br>Until appropriate treatment has commenced                          | <br><b>Influenza</b><br>Until well (usually 7-10 days for children)  | <br><b>Norovirus (if known or suspected)</b><br>Until no diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours | <br><b>Whooping cough</b><br>Until 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment, or for 21 days from the start of any cough | <br><b>Worms</b><br>If diarrhoea present, exclude until no diarrhoea for 24 hours |
| <b>Childcare and school exclusion periods</b>                           |  |  | <b>Childcare and school exclusion periods</b>   |   |   |
| <br><b>Chickenpox</b><br>Until all blisters have dried (usually 5 days) | <br><b>Common cold</b><br>A person with a cold should stay home until he or she feels well | <br><b>Conjunctivitis</b><br>Until discharge from eyes has stopped (unless a doctor has diagnosed non-infectious conjunctivitis) | <br><b>Measles</b><br>Until 4 days after the onset of the rash                              | <br><b>Scabies</b><br>Until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced   | <br><b>School sores (impetigo)</b><br>Until appropriate treatment has commenced   |

**COVER YOUR COUGH**

**STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS THAT MAKE YOU AND OTHERS SICK**

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Or cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow, not in your hands.
- Place your used tissues in the rubbish bin.
- You may be asked to put on a surgical mask to protect others.

[sahealth.sa.gov.au/washwipecover](http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/washwipecover)

**CLEAN YOUR HANDS**  
AFTER COUGHING OR SNEEZING

WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER

OR SANITISE YOUR HANDS WITH ALCOHOL BASED HAND GEL

**Lobethal Community Kindergarten 2021 Term 1 Session Times:**  
**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 8:15am-3:45pm**

| Term 1<br>2021 | Monday<br>ECHIDNAS                                      | Tuesday<br>ECHIDNAS                                | Wednesday<br>GECKOS                               | Thursday<br>GECKOS   | Friday   |
|----------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Week 1         | 25 <sup>th</sup> January<br>STATEWIDE<br>PUPIL FREE DAY | 26 <sup>th</sup> January<br>AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY  | 27 <sup>th</sup> January<br>First day Gecko Group | 28 <sup>th</sup> January   | 29 <sup>th</sup> January                                   |
| Week 2         | 1 <sup>st</sup> February<br>First day Echidna Group     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> February                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> February                          | 4 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Acquaintance Night (info session)<br>7.00-8.30pm   | 5 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Playgroup @kindy 9.15-10.45am  |
| Week 3         | 8 <sup>th</sup> February                                | 9 <sup>th</sup> February                           | 10 <sup>th</sup> February                         | 11 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Welcome Family BBQ 5.30-7.00pm<br>AGM 7.00-8.00pm | 12 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Playgroup @kindy 9.15-10.45am |
| Week 4         | 15 <sup>th</sup> February                               | 16 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Pancake day breakfast | 17 <sup>th</sup> February                         | 18 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Pancake day breakfast                             | 19 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Playgroup @kindy 9.15-10.45am |
| Week 5         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> February                               | 23 <sup>rd</sup> February                          | 24 <sup>th</sup> February                         | 25 <sup>th</sup> February  | 26 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Playgroup @kindy 9.15-10.45am |
| Week 6         | 1 <sup>st</sup> March                                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> March                              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> March                             | 4 <sup>th</sup> March  | 5 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Playgroup @kindy 9.15-10.45am     |
| Week 7         | 8 <sup>th</sup> March<br>ADELAIDE CUP                   | 9 <sup>th</sup> March                              | 10 <sup>th</sup> March                            | 11 <sup>th</sup> March   | 12 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Playgroup @kindy 9.15-10.45am    |
| Week 8         | 15 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | 16 <sup>th</sup> March<br>BEACH EXCURSION          | 17 <sup>th</sup> March                            | 18 <sup>th</sup> March<br>BEACH EXCURSION                                      | 19 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Playgroup @kindy 9.15-10.45am    |
| Week 9         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                                  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                             | 24 <sup>th</sup> March                            | 25 <sup>th</sup> March   | 26 <sup>th</sup> March<br>Playgroup @kindy 9.15-10.45am    |
| Week 10        | 29 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | 30 <sup>th</sup> March                             | 31 <sup>st</sup> March                            | 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> April<br>Good Friday                       |
| Week 11        | 5 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Easter Monday                  | 6 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Last day Echidna group    | 7 <sup>th</sup> April                             | 8 <sup>th</sup> April<br>Last day Gecko group                                  | 9 <sup>th</sup> April                                      |