



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 the land together.*



WE WILL MISS YOUR SMILING FACE!

Last week was Lee's last week with us at Lobethal Kindy. We are going to miss her so much and will be counting down the days until her return in 2022. 6 months and counting.

Upcoming Important Dates

- 14th June (Monday)** – Public Holiday
- 24th June (Thursday)** – Gecko's Bush Kindy
- 28th June (Monday)** – Rescheduled Echidna's Bush Kindy
- 29th June (Tuesday)** – Last day term 2 Echidnas
- 1st July (Thursday)** – Last day term 2 Geckos
- 19th July (Monday)** – First day term 3 Echidnas
- 21st July (Wednesday)** First day term 3 Geckos
- 22nd July (Thursday)** – Bush Kindy Geckos
- 26th July (Monday)** – Bush Kindy Echidnas



Can you help? Please.

We have a number of jobs at kindy that we just can't get to on a regular basis if you can spare an hour or two during or outside kindy hours and are able to help with any of the following jobs please speak to a staff member.

- Weeding the front garden bed
- Weeding the kindy outside area
- Oiling the decking on the board walk
- Our vertical garden needs some major TLC. Oiling, reconnecting irrigation and replanting plants. This requires a rather large ladder

Echidna Group Bush Kindy

Please note change of date for the Echidna Group's Bush Kindy. Due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to change the date of our last Bush Kindy for Term 2. Instead of Monday the 21st of June it will now be held on Monday the 28th of June, Week 10.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Lee's News

Dear parents and caregivers,

It is so unusual to be writing my final newsletter note to you for 2021. The role as preschool director has been such an important part of my life for the past 17 years, so moving on and taking on another role will take some getting used to! That being said, the opportunity for me to support others across the state and continue to build my skill set is exciting and beneficial for all. My secondment into this role enables such a wonderful and unique opportunity for our staff team to evolve and grow in such a meaningful way. I am so excited for what the next 6 months holds and how our exceptional staff team will continue to lead and grow to ensure that our children will have the best and highest quality learning experiences available.

The announcement on Friday 4th June 2021, confirming our new staff team for the remainder of 2021 provided us with comfort as it allows our children the chance to continue to develop the building of trusting and genuine relationships. We are thankful for the support of our Education Director; Tim Wilson is helping make this continuity of staffing possible.

Our 2021 staff team from week 8 term 2 is as follows:

Name	Role
Kerry Harten	Acting Director
Kiri Dolman	Full-Time Preschool Teacher
Ailsa Zadow	Preschool Teacher (Universal Access) Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Janice Jenkin	Early Childhood Worker/admin support
Nic Wood	Early Childhood Worker/ PKC and Preschool Support
Mel Randall	Early Childhood Worker- relief/Preschool Support
Vanessa Curry	Finance Officer

We used our Pupil Free Day on Wednesday the 9th of June to look at our Quality Improvement Plan and examine our practices and progress against our goals. This will help us check in on our progress and see what we are seeing the children say, do and hear as a result of our actions and plans. We also plan to use this day to continue to plan the rest of the year's experiences and learning opportunities, including finalising excursions, concerts and events. We will provide termly planners at the start of each term to assist with forward planning.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we have had to change our dates and days for bush kindy and excursions for multiple reasons. As you can imagine, this is tricky for everyone, and we try our hardest to ensure that we give families and children as much notice as possible when these unavoidable changes occur.

Thank you all so much for allowing me to work with your children and be one of their partners in learning. It truly has been so fun and an incredible honour that I never ever take for granted. Early childhood is such a precious gift and such a vital and formative time, and it should be treated with the respect it deserves. It is fleeting, it is magical it is the basis for everything our future holds. Thank you once again for allowing me to play a part in your child's magnificent journey.

Please enjoy every minute of your child's time at kindy and remember to tell our wonderful staff how you think they are going. Providing feedback and love is such a wonderful way to continue to grow and evolve...oh and remember to give our lovely Janice some extra love and support as she continues on her amazing journey to a full recovery. ♥♥♥

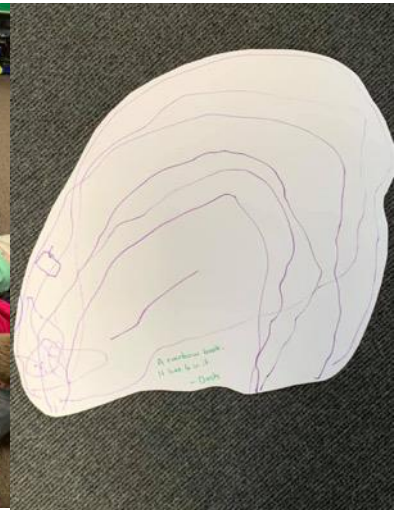
Thanks for everything and keep on supporting your child to shine!

Lee ☺

At rest time last week, the children were challenged to close their eyes and think of a story that had something to do with number. We have been reading two of our favourite books lately – Too Many Pears and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Both of these books have a number focus.

The children had to work next to their friends on a huge piece of paper to represent their story and number through drawing.

Have a look at some of the wonderful, creative ways our children are representing their knowledge of number.



Kindy House Keeping

Thank you

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 Cepon

Sarah Sproule

Jayne Freeman

Next Meeting 5th August, 2021

A massive shout out to the amazing Ellie Bahnisch (Playgroup Coordinator) for her organisation and implementation of such a wonderful event for the opening of The Community Garden. The Community Garden is a reflection of Ellie's hard work, commitment and strong community spirit. On behalf of the Lobethal Kindergarten and Governing council, we are all full of love and gratitude for all you have done and continue to do for our beautiful playgroup and community. We feel very lucky and blessed to have you! ❤️❤️❤️



Community News

Building Resilience in children

We are developing a parenting program to help parents understand and build resilience with their children, including how to involve them in bushfire preparations. It will be run in Term Three at the Torrens Valley Community Centre.

We are seeking feedback and suggestions on the program content. If you would you like to help shape the content at both sessions below please call 8389 1711 to register your interest.

22 June and 27 July, 6.30-8.00pm
Torrens Valley Community Centre
45 Albert Street Gumeracha
Light meal provided



Are you experiencing financial hardship?

Support is available for Adelaide Hills residents

- Supermarket and fuel vouchers
- Assistance with essential bills
- No Interest Loans
- Free financial counselling
- Access to Food Pantry membership

The Hut will be providing appointments for assistance at Torrens Valley Community Centre on Wednesday 9th June

To book an appointment please call 8339 4400 or email hayley@thehut.org.au

Additional assistance is available for people who have had reduced or lost income due to COVID-19



1 Euston Road, Aldgate
Open Monday-Friday 9.00am-4.00pm
Call 8339 4400
www.thehut.org.au

Sparkling Under the Stars

LOBETHAL COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN PRESENTS *a night in white* with Will Goodings at Nether Hill Farm
October 16, 2021

SAVE THE DATE!!!! YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS ONE.

Sparkling Under the Stars is back for 2021

Our major fundraiser is back this year. **Save the Date** for an amazing night of fun, delicious food and dancing.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

This event has proven to be a popular evening in the past years, and we are so excited we can once again present this event to you.

“Sparkling under the Stars at Nether Hill Farm” – mark it in your diary now and watch out for tickets going on sale. They will sell fast.

Advertising opportunity
 CURRENTLY SEEKING SPONSORS FOR

Sparkling Under the Stars

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CALL 8389 6321 FOR MORE INFO

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Lobethal Community Playgroup

Lobethal Community Playgroup is a playgroup that is held at Lobethal Kindy. Every Friday of the term. 9.15-10.45am

Playgroup is for children up to the age of 5 years to attend with their parent/carers. It is a welcoming, friendly and safe place to meet other families in the area and for your children to socialize and interact with others.

Your wonderful Playgroup coordinator is Ellie and she always has something new and exciting to share each week.

For more information you can join the Facebook group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/250699825125146/about>

Or just drop in on a Friday to find out more

Everyone is welcome.

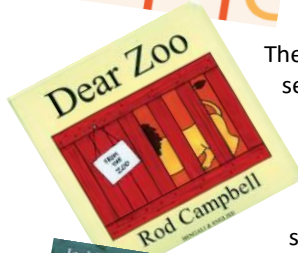




Term 2 PreLit learning

This term we have introduced the PreLit program. This program is designed for children to help develop the foundational skills that will support their ongoing literacy development in a sequential and ordered way. This program follows a scope and sequence that develops one skill and then builds into the next.

There are two components to implementing this program in the kindy setting.



Component 1: A Book focus: So far this term we have spent time focusing on 3 books. These include Dear Zoo, Too Many Pears, and The Very Hungry caterpillar. Through these stories we have started to look at the structure of books and building our understanding of stories and print. We have explored the titles, front covers, authors, illustrators, the words, the way the words are written, the direction of print, and building our vocabulary through exploring our understanding of words within the stories. The children love to listen to stories, however they continue to build on other skills as they analyse and express their understanding of what they are seeing and hearing. The shared conversations between the children and the way in which they build each other's understanding through sharing their knowledge has been incredible. By revisiting the book and story multiple times across two to three weeks has allowed children to notice the finer details in the story and the illustrations, things that we have never ever noticed before.

Component 2: Phonemic awareness: the phonemic awareness component begins to build a clear understanding and meaning of basic literacy skills in short explicit learning activities and conversations. These begin with supporting children to gain an understanding of the concept of a spoken word and how we use words to talk to each other. This builds to helping children know that oral sentences can be broken into word units. Through this activity we have fun breaking up sentences and counting words. The next session leads us into recognising that words can be spoken or written and then we move onto the concepts of a written word. This includes supporting children to recognise that letters written in a specific order create words. After this we move onto exploring the idea that spoken words can be written down and we can then read them back. This is fun as children explore making their own sentences and having the teachers write them and read them back to them. From this area we start to really break down the words. We look at long and short words before we then play with syllable counting. These short and explicit teaching moments within the day have been playful and fun. While all children develop these skills at their own pace, they continue to build the foundations for ongoing literacy learning, and so far we have had lots of fun playing with words.

