



# LOBETHAL COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER



*We would like to acknowledge The Peramangk People as the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today. And pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people that are present. We recognise their connection with the land and we will help care for and respect the land together.*

Following on from our visit to the CFS Op Shop and our donation to the CFS, Lobethal CFS approached us and asked if they could bring in a truck and some of their team to visit the children as a thank you for our donation. Of course, we said yes. They were so generous with their time and delighted the children with their sirens and water hoses. Every child was able to use the hose and jump on the truck. It is fair to say that every child had their day made. Thank you Lobethal CFS for keeping us safe and for visiting us.



### Upcoming Important Dates

- 25<sup>th</sup> October Monday – Dancify 9.30am
- 26<sup>th</sup> October Tuesday – Grandparents/special persons afternoon tea
- 28<sup>th</sup> October Thursday – Dancify 9.30am
  - Grandparents/special persons afternoon tea
  - Governing Council Meeting @ 7pm at Kindy
- 1<sup>st</sup> November Monday – Dancify 9.30am
  - 2022 Kindy Information evening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November Tuesday – David Spiers MP, Minister for Environment and Water visiting Kindy
- 4<sup>th</sup> November Thursday – Dancify 9.30am
- 8<sup>th</sup> November Monday - Dancify 9.30am
- 11<sup>th</sup> November Thursday – Dancify 9.30am



Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who walked to Lobethal Primary School with us over the last couple of weeks. Local walks with all our children would not be possible without you help.

And a big thank you to our lovely parents who take home our washing when needed. It is so nice to have a lovely clean bag of washing returned to kindy.





## Kerry's News

Hello Everyone.

It's been a great start to term 4 and we hope you all enjoyed your holidays.

We are well into our term 4 learning program and last week we enjoyed our outdoor kindy days. These days were great fun with lots of food, outdoor fun and waterplay. We only came inside to use the bathrooms and also when we practiced our invacuation. We had the local CFS officers and fire truck come to visit us on Tuesday and Thursday of week 2. This was fabulous as we got to find out about the truck, the uniforms and the fire hoses.

This week we will start our Dancify sessions with Heidi. These are great fun and we learn some pretty cool dances, plus we love Heidi! You may see some pretty cool moves practiced over the next few weeks. These dances will all come together on our concert night. Our concert prep is about to be in full swing. You will probably hear your children singing away at home, as the songs may end up stuck in their heads at the end of each day. Over the next few weeks we will be practicing our songs, working on the signs and actions and preparing our props. An exciting time of the year!

We are looking forward to Grandparents and Special Friends Day this week. The children will be doing some cooking in preparation and helping to make our space tidy for our special visitors.

This week we will be celebrating International Children's Day across the week, introducing and discussing different cultures and where our family comes from. We have a world map outside on the verandah and if you could write down some information about your family heritage/culture that would be great to support us with our discussions.









You may have noticed that we have had a couple of extra adults on site in the past few weeks. We currently have Alexandra, a Masters Teaching Student, from UniSA with us. She will be on placement for the first 4 weeks of term. We also have Amy with us one day a week this term. Amy is a TafeSA student, studying her Certificate 3 in Early Childhood Services. We would like to welcome both of our students and look forward to supporting them on their learning journey.

Next Tuesday afternoon we will have the Hon. David Spiers MP, Minister for Environment and Water visiting us. He will be coming to see what we have been doing regarding sustainability and we hope the children will be able to share some of these things with him.

As the end of year comes closer we are currently finalising this years PQIP learning in Literacy and Numeracy, and looking forward to next year, where we have already started our planning and preparations.

As of December 11<sup>th</sup> 2021, our current Excellence rating will expire and if we wish to continue we need to reapply and go through the interview and assessment process. Over the past 2-3 months staff have been working at pulling together our new application for Excellence. This is an extensive document that shares our journey over the past 3 years and has included much of the work we have done to support our families and community through the bushfires and then Covid-19. We have our interview booked in for Friday November 5th with an outcome expected late December.

Kerry

Term 4 2021	Monday ECHIDNAS 	Tuesday ECHIDNAS 	Wednesday GECKOS 	Thursday GECKOS 	Friday
Week 1	11 <sup>th</sup> October	12 <sup>th</sup> October Lobethal primary school visit -pines play 12-1	13 <sup>th</sup> October Lobethal primary school visit -pines play 12-1	14 <sup>th</sup> October	15 <sup>th</sup> October
Week 2	18 <sup>th</sup> October photos	19 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October photos	21 <sup>st</sup> October	22 <sup>nd</sup> October Playgroup 9.15-10.45
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Week 4	1 <sup>st</sup> November Dancify 9:30	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> November Dancify 9:30	5 <sup>th</sup> November Playgroup 9.15-10.45
Week 5	8 <sup>th</sup> November Dancify 9:30	9 <sup>th</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> November	11 <sup>th</sup> November Dancify 9:30	12 <sup>th</sup> November Playgroup 9.15-10.45
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Week 9	6 <sup>th</sup> December	7 <sup>th</sup> December	8 <sup>th</sup> December	9 <sup>th</sup> December	10 <sup>th</sup> December End of Year Pack Up

**FUNDRAISING**

Every year we have participate in the Peoples Choice Community Lottery and have had great success selling tickets.



This time around due to COVID the lottery is only available online and not by selling paper tickets. Tickets sales end on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021.

We would love all our families to help support our first fundraiser for 2021 by purchasing some tickets. The link is below to the Lobethal Kindy page.

Thanks so much in advance for supporting our fundraising and your child's kindy.

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

**TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

All children have now drawn their picture that will feature on our kindy tea towel. The tea towel is now being designed and once we have the completed design to show you, we will be asking for your orders.

Most of you have indicated how many you would order but when the order form comes out we will need definite numbers before they print them.

We can not wait to see them and the children's drawings were amazing.

## KINDY HOUSE KEEPING

**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

Next meeting Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
October @ 7pm at KindySUNSMART PRACTICES AT LOBETHAL KINDY

Lobethal Kindy has just renewed our SunSmart Membership. Being SunSmart means a balance between sun protection to lower the risk of skin cancer and sun exposure for the production and maintenance of vitamin D. Ultraviolet (UV) radiation is both the major cause of skin cancer and the best natural source of vitamin D. Vitamin D is essential for the development of strong bones and muscles.

Overexposure to UV radiation from the sun causes skin damage, with childhood and adolescence being critical times when this exposure is more likely to contribute to skin cancer later in life. Babies and children are often at kindergarten during the peak UV times during the day, making it essential for us to not only have practices in place to protect the children in our care, but also to educate and role model the importance of sun protection.

As SunSmart Early Childhood Centre we have policies and practices in place that reduce the risk of skin damage and skin cancer amongst children and educators at the centre. Cancer Council SA recommends implementing a sun protection policy during terms 1, 3 and 4 (or from 1 August through to 30 April for those centres who don't operate on school terms) and when the UV radiation level is 3 and above at other times.

Please ensure your child wears clothing that protects their skin, for example t-shirts and longer sleeve garments. Please do not send your child in shoestring or singlet tops. They will also require a SunSmart hat every day they attend kindy. You will also find sunscreen at the sign in for you to apply if you haven't done so already at home in the morning. Staff will then work with the children to reapply throughout the day.

## CAN YOU HELP?

**Can you trim a hedge?**

We have a hedge along our side fence near the park that is in desperate need of a trim. If you can help please see staff and we would be forever grateful and point you in the right direction.

Thank you in advance.

Do you have any pine offcuts that we could use for our wood work table?

We are always after soft wood for our children to create with our woodwork tools.

If you can help please let staff know or just bring the wood to kindy at drop off or pick up.

**Our Outdoor Kindy Flatbread Recipe**

1kg Flour

1 Sachet yeast

640ml luke-warm water

Salt



1. Mix flour, yeast and water. Knead for 5 minutes and leave to rise for 45 minutes.
2. Divide into 16 pieces and flatten into ovals and leave for another 10 minutes.
3. Place on the camp-fire grill and cook a few Minutes each side until they puff up.
4. Brush with garlic oil, salt, oil and crushed rosemary.



Community Walks – Exploring where we live

We have visited so many wonderful places and businesses in our community and our children are really enjoying meeting the people on our Main Street and finding out what they do and how they use sustainable practices in their business.

Our visit to the Dentist was very informative and so much fun. We were shown so much and learnt a lot too about caring for our teeth and gums. The staff there were so kind, and the children were even allowed to have a go in the dentist chair. We saw x-rays of teeth and took home a little goodie bag full of things to care for our teeth.

We visited the CFS Opp shop and Lobethal Community Kindergarten staff were thrilled to present the Lobethal CFS Opp Shop with a \$75 cash donation from the money we raised from our Crazy Hair Day events which were inspired by our visit to the Hairdressers. Our team greatly values the incredible work of the CFS and its volunteers to support our community. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser, it was certainly a very fun way to raise money for an extremely important cause.

At the Butcher, Ashley met us & chatted about his shop, and what people can buy. He let everyone come in & look at the meats & products. We learned that he sells Duck fat to make the best roast potatoes. He explained that sausages do not come from sausage dogs.... Or tigers, like our children thought. They are made from beef off cuts.

Ashley also talked to us about his sustainability practices. The off cuts are sent to a processing plant at Keith to make fertiliser for the grass, & a different processing plant to make into pet food.

Before we left, Ashley gave the small group of children a taste of the ham he sells.

These are just a few of the places we have visited so far. It has been a very busy few weeks Exploring where we live.



## What's Happening at Kindy?

### End of Year Concert

Echidnas – 16<sup>th</sup> November Geckos – 18<sup>th</sup> November

Every year we celebrate our wonderful year at kindy with a kindy concert. The children get to share their favourite kindy songs and perform the dances they have been taught in their Dancify sessions. It is a memorable night for our families and children.

This year we will once again be using the Lobethal Centennial Hall for our concerts.

On the day of the concert, we will walk to the hall after lunch for a rehearsal so our children will become familiar with the stage and the back of the stage area. We will be asking you to pick up your child from the hall after kindy.

You will then need to bring your child back to the hall from 5.30pm. (not before as staff will be preparing and eating their tea) Children will be signed in at the back door of the hall. Only children will be able to go beyond this door. Once the concert is finished you can collect your child from the same door and staff will ensure they are signed out to a parent.

We will be sending out more information regarding Covid restrictions and ticketing sales etc. in the next week or so.

We cannot wait to share this memorable event with our families.



### Minister for Environment and Water Visit

We are very excited that we will be having a visit from David Spiers MP, SA's Minister for Environment and Water on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

We invited Mr Spiers to come and see us at Lobethal Kindy to discuss the Environment and Sustainability and to show him the processes we already have in place. We are hoping the visit will lead to working with his department on a project or helping our future directions as a kindergarten.

We just know our children will make him very welcome and show him our current practises. We have no doubt our children will impress him with their knowledge and care for our environment.

### Screen Time and Keeping Ourselves Safe Online

As part of the *Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum* learning this term we have also explored how to keep ourselves safe when online and engaging with technology. We discussed how when using tablets, phones and computers, or watching television, there were important things to remember to keep ourselves safe.

As a group we watched a video of the book ***Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5*** being read, which came from the e-Safety Commissioner site. The five rules in the story were:

1. **Be kind and take turns**
2. **At dinner time, no screen**
3. **Use it only in shared space**
4. **Ask before you use it**
5. **No taking screens to bed**

There is also an Early Years Online Safety for Under 5's which provides practical advice and strategies for parents and carers.

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Download the eSafety Early Years booklet

[Safety-Early-Years-booklet \(PDF, !](#)

Order the eSafety Early Year:



Community News

**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 ([ellie.bahnisch@playgroupsa.com.au](mailto:ellie.bahnisch@playgroupsa.com.au)) 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.



**Grow Free Cart and Community Garden**

Please remember to check the grow free cart to see if there is any fresh produce available for your family.

This time of year is also a great time to start sharing you surplus fruit and vegetables. Just pop them in the cart and our community members will enjoy the benefits.

There is also a facebook group for the Community Garden. Follow the link and keep up to date with news and grow cart produce shares. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2779648455589248>

The children have been helping to plant lots of different herbs along the walk way also and we cannot wait for these to grow so our families and community can use them regularly.





**Snapshot from our outdoor kindy days.**  
Finding hidden Numicon, making flat bread and toast, making Rainbow Serpents, following maps, digging rivers and so much more. We had the best time.