



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.



NATIONAL 16-22 MAY 2022
VOLUNTEER
Better Together WEEK

National Volunteer Week 2022 Sponsors

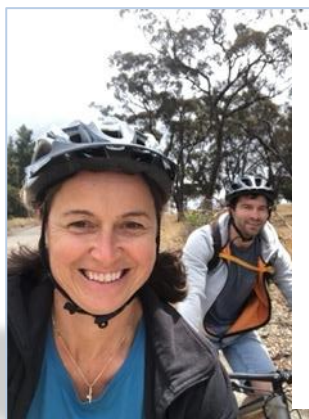


Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you.

We are so grateful to every parent or grandparent for any time they have spent volunteering time with us at kindy, doing washing, gardening, cooking, or local walks, we appreciate every bit of our precious time. The children really enjoy sharing their kindy experience with you also.

Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, **Better Together**.

Later this term Kerry will be taking a week off to participate in the 2022 Operation Flinders Mountain Bike Challenge. She is training hard for her ride which will see her completing 150km on the bike over 3 days in the Flinders Ranges. We wish Kerry every success in competing this challenging ride and in her fundraising for this very worthy cause. If you are interested in supporting, her in her ride please scan the QR code to link to her fundraising page.



Deanna's News

Wow, Term 2 already! I am incredibly happy to announce I've been given the opportunity to extend on my leadership experience here at Lobethal Community Kindergarten. The position will be readvertised next term and if you have any feedback for me, or any areas that you'd like to see me focus on, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat. I am enjoying this learning journey, supported by a fabulous team, families and community; so thank you all!

We pulled together a last-minute incursion in light of having to cancel our Beach excursions. We had Marty McBubble come and perform his Scientific Bubble Show, which was a great extension on our earlier term focus on Bubbles - exploring how they're made, and the equipment required. We had lots of great feedback from children, educators and families and it was a lot of fun to watch.

In week 1, we managed to secure the Lobethal Lutheran bus for our short transition visits to Bushland Park; this was a fantastic opportunity for children to familiarise themselves with the environment, chat through any worries, talk about what exiting opportunities lay ahead for our Bush Kindy adventures, run through our Bush Kindy Guidelines and assess risks discussing the WHY surrounding these rules and guidelines.

Bush Kindy commenced last week; a full week for most of our children and staff which ran very successfully. The consistency and opportunities for extension over 2 days for each group was amazing. Children were happy to settle back into the kindy routine this week nicely. We saw so much resilience, communication, persistence, collaboration, seeking out learning opportunities, questioning and pure joy in discovering natural wonders within the Bush Kindy environment. I have participated in Bush Kindy Programs previously, but this is next level. I want to thank the team for giving me insight into the sheer volume of organisation that goes into this, while they seem to do it with such ease, it is a lot of work and I thank them for their tireless efforts.

We had a very successful Easter Raffle raising a total of \$1058 – thanks to Kim Rodda and Ellie Bahnisch for collecting and putting together the prizes, for Janice who organised the raffle tickets and for everyone who donated and bought tickets.

With a lens on building family connections after previous discussion about the barriers involved, we encouraged families to stay for a chat and play after our first bush kindy sessions, we will continue to encourage this and many more opportunities throughout the year. In Term 3 we will begin some *cuppa and chat* sessions for families after drop offs with coffee, tea and treats in the community garden or inside in our parent wellbeing library.

Kerry is taking some leave to participate in *Operation Flinders*, she has been training incredibly hard; please check out this amazing cause if you get a chance. Janice is also taking some Long Service in weeks 7-10 of term 2 for a well deserved holiday.

As always, thank you for your continued flexibility and support.





Kindy Housekeeping



CARPARK SAFETY

At kindy our children's safety is our utmost priority. With this in mind, we ask that all parents/caregivers remain vigilant and aware when arriving and leaving kindy. Please only park in the designated parking spaces or next to a kerb on Reserve Avenue or Copeland Avenue.

Parking spaces In front of the kindy building are reserved for staff parking to avoid movement of vehicles during the day. Please do not park across the back of staff vehicles in the driveway as vision can be impaired.

Governing Council 2022

Chairperson: Ellie Bahnisch

Vice Chairperson: Kimberley Rodda

Secretary: Chloe Stone

Playgroup Representative: Ellie Bahnisch

General Council Members: Nicole Wingrove, Laura Mordecai, Alessandra Byers, Christine Hatty, Kimberley Cepon, Hope Lindfield, Kait Pfeiffer, Heidi Smith, Tracey Mason, Janelle Jaensch

Library Book Borrowing

We are preparing our library system to be ready by term 3 for the children to be able to borrow books from kindy to take home on a weekly basis. When this is ready, 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.

We will also have our parent library ready for families to access and borrow from our wonderful range of resource books for parents/caregivers.

More information will be available by the start of Term 3, but in the meantime if you have any suggestions of books that would make a great addition to our parent library, please let us know by writing them in your child's communication book.

KINDY FEES

Term 2 Kindy fees will be due again in week 4. Invoices have been placed in your blue communication bag. Please endeavor to pay your fees on time or see Deanna or a staff member if you need to organize a payment plan.

The kindy relies heavily on fees to run, and without fees and fundraising we would not be able to run the amazing program we have.

Thank you to everyone who has paid fees and supported our fundraisers. We truly appreciate it.

Can you help?

If you can spare an hour or two anytime, we have quite a few jobs that require attention. Any help would be greatly appreciated and will help us maintain our kindy and the garden to keep it a beautiful learning space for our children and families.

Some jobs needing attention: gardening including weeding and trimming, digging over the community garden beds, spreading mulch in the community garden, pressure clean the front area. There will also be washing from time to time left at the entrance for any willing volunteers to grab.

Please see staff if you can help. We will be forever grateful for any help



Lobethal Kindy is a nut free Zone.

Please do not send any nuts to kindy as we have some children with severe reactions to various nuts.

How to contact us

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Messaging through Class Dojo

Please note that Facebook messaging can be very unreliable, and messages are quite often not seen.

Our SMS numbers are not monitored constantly and therefore we may not respond to a text promptly.

At Bush Kindy you can access staff on their phones with the numbers in the bush kindy handbook, please remember these are staff private numbers and are only to be used for emergency contact at Bush Kindy. (Answering machine is not checked in Bush Kindy week) Thanks.

Bush Kindy 2022

Week 2 marked a very important milestone in the kindy journey for our 2022 children. We began our Nature Connect Program – Bush Kindy. This program was started in 2015 after staff visited New Zealand and they became inspired by Forest Kindy programs that ran there. It has evolved and continues to evolve and has become a very important part of each child's learning at Lobethal Kindy.

At Bush kindy we are explorers, adventurers, scientists, mathematicians, engineers, writers, learners, illustrators, artists, readers, story tellers. We play, walk, run, test theories, notice, climb, jump, chat, discover, wonder, construct, balance, formulate questions, hypothesise, increase physical and emotional resilience, improve strength and stamina, deepen relationships with each other and the environment, build our vocabulary, extend our capacity as inquisitive learners, laugh, and have lots of fun. No wonder we are exhausted at the end of the week.

This year our Nature Connect Program will run in Term 2 only, but our children will access 2 consecutive days every fortnight. We believe this will enhance their learning and provide more opportunities for continuation of learning and follow up.

Every one of our children settled extremely well into the first week of their Bush Kindy and to see them already embracing the environment has been heart-warming. There will be some ongoing projects and research over the term, and we would love you to talk to your children about what they have seen and done at Bush Kindy.

We are very excited to see where this term takes our learning.



Volunteering at Bush Kindy

Thank you to our lovely parents who have so far volunteered to help at Bush Kindy. We welcome as many helpers as possible to assist in making this a wonderful learning experience for our children. I think every parent/grandparent who has so far helped over the years would agree that they also learn a lot and have a fabulous experience and create lasting memories with their child.



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



Dates to Remember

Looking Ahead Important Dates to Remember

Term 2

Bush Kindy

Both kindy days on every even week.

Dress like a Pirate Day

Week 5 – Dress like a Pirate Day, supporting kids with Brain Cancer

Pupil Free day – Thursday the 2nd of June

Term 3

Patch Theatre Excursion

Echidnas Tuesday the 16th of August

Geckos Thursday the 18th of August

Kindy Photos

Echidnas Tuesday the 30th of August (to be confirmed)

Geckos Wednesday the 31st of August (to be confirmed)

Term 4

Kindy Concert

Kindy end of year concert @ Centennial Hall 6pm

Echidnas – Tuesday 22nd November

Geckos – Thursday 24th November

Community News

Lobethal Community Playgroup

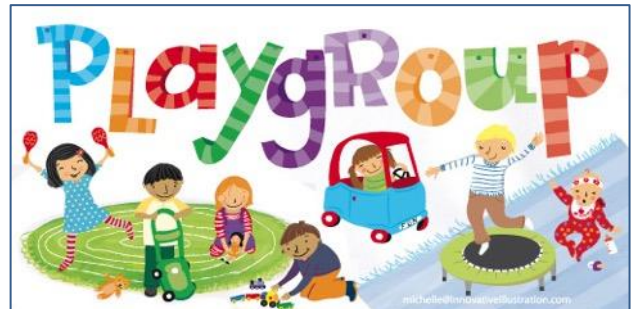
Lobethal Community Playgroup is a playgroup that is held at Lobethal Kindy. Every Friday of the term. 9.15-10.45am

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) 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.



DONATE TO MY PIRATE DAY TREASURE CHEST!



THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT



PIRATE
DAY



More information to follow.

We will be raising money for The Kids Cancer Project on our Dress like a Pirate Day. Come dressed as a pirate and bring a gold coin along to help raise funds for this very important cause.



School Tours



Friday 1st April 9.30am
Monday 9th May 9.30am
Thursday 26th May 9am
Thursday 9th June 2pm
Friday 29th July 9.30

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

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Term 2 2022	Monday ECHIDNAS	Tuesday ECHIDNAS	Wednesday GECKOS	Thursday GECKOS	Friday
Week 2	9 th May Bushkindy	10 th May Bushkindy	11 th May Bushkindy	12 th May Bushkindy	13 th May
Week 3	16 th May George and Emily visit Child session 3:00-3:45 Educator session 3:45-5:00	17 th May	18 th May	19 th May Visit to Springhead 9:00-11:00 Governing Council 7pm – via zoom	20 th May
Week 4	23 rd May Bushkindy	24 th May Bushkindy	25 th May Bushkindy	26 th May Bushkindy	27 th May
Week 5	30 th May	31 st May Pirate Day - Kids Cancer Project	1 st June Pirate Day - Kids Cancer Project George and Emily visit Child session 3:00-3:45 Educator session 3:45-5:00	2 nd June PUPIL FREE DAY – NO KINDY	3 rd June
Week 6	6 th June Bushkindy	7 th June Bushkindy	8 th June Bushkindy	9 th June Bushkindy	10 th June
Week 7	13 th June PUBLIC HOLIDAY – QUEENS Birthday	14 th June	15 th June	16 th June	17 th June
Week 8	20 th June Bushkindy	21 st June Bushkindy	22 nd June Bushkindy	23 rd June Bushkindy Governing Council 7pm – Venue TBA	24 th June
Week 9	27 th June George and Emily PARENT information session – time and location TBA	28 th June	29 th June	30 th June	31 st June
Week 10	4 th July Bushkindy	5 th July Bushkindy Last day T2 Echidna group	6 th July Bushkindy	7 th July Bushkindy Last day T2 Gecko group	8 th July