

Leongatha Community Preschools

NEWSLETTER



TERM 1, 2020



Welcome to the 2020 Preschool year at Leongatha!

Our 3 Year Old and 4 Year Old kinder programs are off to a great start. All the children are settling in nicely and we are sure they are looking forward to the Easter break.

A big thank you to all parents for your continued support of our programs and fundraising activities. We are unable to run such an amazing program without your support

Before we break for Easter, there are still a week left to **SLIP, SLOP, SLAP!** Apply sunscreen to your child before starting the day and keep a roll on sunscreen in their bag for reapplication. A suitable hat is also required.

Please keep a spare change of labelled clothing in your child's bag in case they have an accident or get wet!

2020 Calendar...

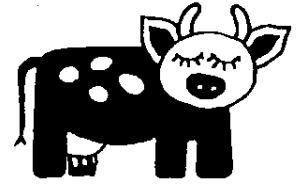
Term 1

- 28 Jan: First week of term
- 14 Feb: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- 21 Feb & 10 Mar: Speech screens
- 6 Mar: Fees Due
- 11 & 12 Mar: Dental screens
- 20 & 27 Mar: Kinder Photos @ Hassett St
- 13 Mar: Easter Raffle tickets due back
- 18 Mar: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- 23 Mar: Annual Easter Raffle Drawn
- 25 Mar: Friesian and Silver group collect Bun Orders
- 26 Mar: Illawarra group collect Bun Orders
- 27 Mar: Jersey and Gold group collect Bun Orders
- 25 & 27 Mar: Hassett St park excursion CANCELLED
- 27 Mar: Last day of term

Term 2

- 14 Apr: First week of term
- 22 Apr: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- May: Illawarra Kinder Photos
- 1 May: Central Enrolment Opens
- 8 May: Fees due
- 20 May: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- Late May: Mossvale Park Excursion
- 17 Jun: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- 28 Jun: Last day of term

What's going on?



Boxes and Reverse Garbage

If you have any boxes at home please bring them into the kindergarten, the children love to make amazing buildings and other creations with them. Please make sure anything you bring in is clean.

Also, any kitchen items are always welcome. The children love to use them in our sand and mud kitchen.



Telstra Employee Wanted

Are you a Telstra employee or do you know someone who is? We need you so we can access the Telstra Kids Fund which is only available to Telstra employees working in Australia.

If you can help us please contact Carly O'Malley on 0407 867 873 or email omalley.carly.l@edumail.vic.gov.au



Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels assists the elderly and those with disabilities by providing them with nutritionally balanced meals.

As part of our community service our parents are asked to volunteer to deliver lunchtime meals to residents in Leongatha.

The roster is usually one week per a term.

If you would like to volunteer your time please contact Casey Bateman on 0411 226 411.



Flexibuzz

Flexibuzz is a free app to download. The preschool uses the app to communicate with our families. We send out the newsletter, general updates, reminders, events and much more.

We kindly ask that you download the app, register a free account then find and tick the preschool either Allora or Hassett St. When you are ticking the preschool boxes please make sure you tick on 'General' and the specific group/s that apply to your family.



What's going on?



Annual Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone for your support, your generous hamper contributions and Easter raffle tickets managed to raise \$1164.10.

The raffle will be drawn on **Monday, 23rd of March**



Bakers Delight– Bunraiser

Thank you for returning your Bunraiser orders we raised \$660.

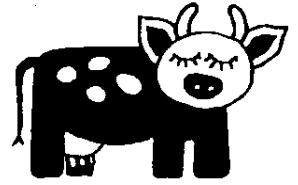
25th March: Friesian and Silver Group pick up

26th March: Illawarra Group pick up

27th March: Jersey and Gold Group pick up



Join us on Facebook for up to date news and information.



Dough Raiser Program

Leongatha Community Preschool is fortunate to belong to the Dough Raiser Program at Bakers Delight Leongatha.

The way the programs works:

Each time your family makes a purchase at Bakers Delight, simply tell the staff you are from Leongatha Community Preschool and they will donate 5% of your purchase to our kindergarten.

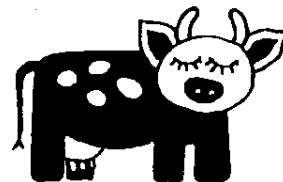


T-Shirt and Jumper Screen Printing

Susan Morrow will again screen print T-Shirts and/or jumpers for the children. She is in the process of putting together the design, we will send out a message on Flexibuzz, in pigeon holes and Facebook once she is ready to take orders. In the mean time it would be advisable to look out for a windcheater in preparation for the screen printing.



What's going on?



She spoke about being responsible for setting boundaries to create a secure and stable environment. Too often a child's voice or opinion is equal to or even takes over from that of his/her parents, usually in the pursuit of the child's happiness. However, this style of parenting is confusing for the child and may cause anxiety and behavioural problems in the future.

Helen spoke about how the things we say to our children and the things children say to themselves can support and develop: kindness, self-esteem, positive reinforcement, resilience and perseverance.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

"Look at all your hard work."

"Good for you, don't give up."

"You did that even though it wasn't easy or fun."

"It is so kind/helpful/loving when you do that."

"It's ok that it's not perfect, you've done your best effort."

POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS FOR CHILDREN:

- ⇒ I can do this
- ⇒ I am brave
- ⇒ I am strong
- ⇒ I am smart
- ⇒ Everyone falls, I can try again
- ⇒ I can ask for help
- ⇒ I am safe
- ⇒ I am loved
- ⇒ I can ask for help
- ⇒ I can share my problem

Visit from the Minister

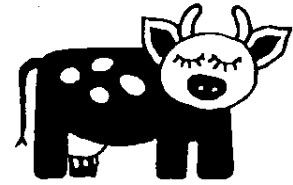
South Gippsland Shire is one of six shires selected for the early roll out of 3 Year Old kinder. At Allora we have two 3 Year Old groups completing 5 hours a week. Minister Jane Garrett visited Allora kindergarten on the 14th of February to see how the roll was going and talk to staff, children and parents.



Emotional Empowerment Parent Information Night

As part of our School Readiness funding we will be presenting parent information nights during the year. Our first parent night was on Emotional Empowerment, it was presented by the very informative and practical Helen Singh.

What's going on?



COVID 19

2021 Enrolments

3 and 4 Year Old Enrolment will open on the 1st of May. The enrolments will once again be managed centrally by the South Gippsland Shire via their website. We will post a reminder on our Facebook page and through Flexibuzz closer to the 1st of May. Our 4 Year old program will remain the same. As we are part of the roll out for funded 3 Year Old we are currently assessing what our program will look like for 2021. We currently have our Silver group on a Wednesday and Gold group on a Friday for 5 hours each. Unfortunately due to the COVID 19 we are unable to organise an Open Day. If the current bans continue into the future, we are looking at possibly producing a short film of our facilities to be put on the website and Facebook.

Central Enrolment link is:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment



We will be guided and comply with the policies outlined by The Department of Education and Training. The policy was sent out via Flexibuzz which is our primary mode of communication with parents on the 17th of March. Please upload the App, if you haven't already, so we have fluid means of communication between the Kindergarten and home. We will update you via Flexibuzz when new information is issued.

Excursions for Term 1 have been cancelled. We have many exciting events planned for Term 2 but we will have to wait and see how the effects of the guidelines will impact upon these events.

2020 Fees

4 YEAR OLD = \$1140.00 OR \$285.00 PER TERM

3 YEAR OLD = \$380.00 OR \$95.00 PER TERM

FRIDAY 6TH March

FRIDAY 8TH MAY

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

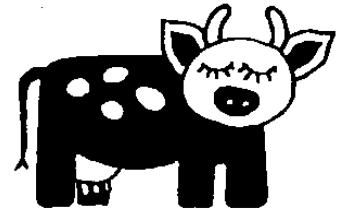
DIRECT DEBIT NAB LEONGATHA

LEONGATHA COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL CENTRES INC.

BSB: 083 735

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 559073745

Lunch Box



Zucchini slice

Ingredients

5 Eggs

150g (1 cup) self-raising flour, sifted

375g zucchini, grated

1 large onion, finely chopped

200g rindless bacon, chopped

1 cup grated cheddar cheese

60ml (1/4 cup) vegetable oil

Method

Step 1

Preheat oven to 170C.

Step 2

Beat the eggs in a large bowl until combined. Add the flour and beat until smooth, then add zucchini, onion, bacon, cheese and oil and stir to combine.

Step 3

Grease and line a 30 x 20cm lamington pan. Pour into the prepared pan and bake in oven for 30 minutes or until cooked through.



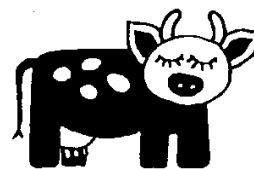
Advertising

This page is dedicated to advertising local businesses.

Advertise your business in our newsletter for \$10 per newsletter or \$50 for the year. The advertisement is usually about the size of a business card and is put at the end of the newsletter.

All proceeds go towards our fundraising efforts. If you are interested, please contact Sue Bolge leongatha.preschools@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

No advertising of any kind is to be placed in the children's pockets or pigeon holes at any time.



2020 Committee Members

CO PRESIDENT	Arielle Rawson
CO PRESIDENT	Paula Abernathy
SECRETARY	Natasha McRae
VICE TREASURER	Brogan Campbell
FUNDRAISING	Renee Elliott
COORDINATOR	
FUNDRAISING	Rachael Simpson
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MEALS ON WHEELS	Casey Bateman
GENERAL (IGA)	Lauren Rawson
GENERAL	Caitlin Burge
GENERAL	Jess Fry
GENERAL	Tenielle Bentley
GENERAL	Terresa Bennett

Committee of Management

2020 Meeting Dates

12th of February

18th of March

22nd of April

20th of May

17th of June

22nd of July

19th of August

16th of September

21st of October

25th of November—Annual General Meeting

9th of December—Handover meeting.

Wednesday nights 7:30pm at Allora Kinder

Please contact Tash McRae via email on

natashamcrae16@bigpond.com to add items to the upcoming agenda.

ALL WELCOME