

Leongatha Community Preschools

NEWSLETTER



TERM 2, 2020



Term Two—what a term!

How do we sum up Term 2? Words seem inadequate. It has definitely been one out of the box. But through great adversity shines the true depth of character. Our teachers, management, committee and parents have all worked incredibly hard to overcome the challenges put in front of us this term. We have made many changes to how we operate and learnt many new skills in the process. Thank you to everyone involved in our kindergarten, without everyone's support, help, creativity and innovation our response to COVID-19 would not have been as seamless as it has been. Somehow Term 2 is already almost over and what a term it's been! We hope Term 3 will bring with it a greater easing of restrictions so we can start our planned incursions and excursions. Fingers-crossed!

As we move into Winter please pack gumboots as they are easily removed and slippers are great to bring to kinder to stay warm inside.

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 2

- 14 Apr: First week of term
- 22 Apr: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- 1 May: Central Enrolment Opens
- 20 May: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- 9 Jun: Footy Day Jersey Group
- 10 Jun: Footy Day Friesian Group
- 11 Jun: Footy Day Illawarra Group
- 16 Jun: Circus Day Jersey Group
- 17 Jun: Circus Day Friesian Group
- 17 Jun: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- 25 Jun: PJ Day Illawarra group
- 25 Jun: PJ Day Jersey Group
- 26 Jun: PJ Day Friesian Group
- 26 Jun: Last day of term
- 30 Jun: Central Enrolment Closes

Term 3

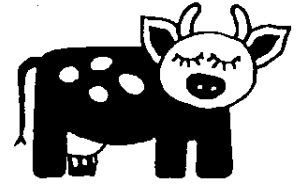
- 13 Jul: First week of Term
- 22 Jul: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- 19 Aug: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- 16 Aug: Fees Due
- 16 Sept: Committee meeting 7:30pm @ Allora
- 18 Sept: Last Day of Term

What's going on?

Bootleg Play School and Remote Learning Packs

Term 1 ended very abruptly for our teachers and children and Term 2 started like no other term our staff have ever had to deal with before. However, they rose to every challenge presented to them, coming up with creative and innovative ways to connect with all our children. They spent hours preparing remote learning packs to ensure all children were able to feel connected to kinder and parents were able to scaffold their child's learning from home.

Bootleg Play School was my personal favourite and I know many others! These movies allowed children learning remotely to physically feel connected with their teachers and kinder. They are a scream to watch and were played a valuable role in our Term 2 program.



Virtual Open Day Tour

COVID restrictions failed to halt our open day plans. Thanks to Andrea Clifford, Kristine, Dianna, Jodie and Carolyn we were able to showcase our kindergartens via a virtual tour.

If you have not had a chance to view our film please view using the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=665539900947930>

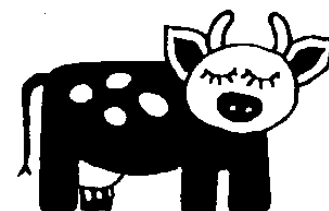


School Photos

Due to the current social distancing restrictions Foons have not sent the Friesian group photos to the kinder for viewing. We anticipate these photos will be sent to the kinder for viewing some time in Term 3. We will also rebook the Jersey and Illawarra photo sessions.



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3 Year Old Enrolments 2021

South Gippsland was included in the first round of funding for three-year-old kindergarten in 2020, this will continue in 2021. All 3 year old enrolments must be completed through the Shire website. Allora Kindergarten will offer 2 groups of three-year-old kinder. The days and times will be confirmed later in the year once the South Gippsland Shire provide us with students numbers.

Please follow the link to start the enrolment:

https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/homepage/323/2021_central_enrolment

If you would like to chat to our 3 and 4 year old Allora Educator contact Kristine on 5662 2547



SOUTH GIPPSLAND
Central enrolment for three-year old
and four-year old kindergarten

CLOSES 30 JUNE



Is your child ready for kindergarten in 2021?

To enrol your child in funded three-year-old OR four-year-old kindergarten for next year, you will need to **register now**. Kindergarten enrolment is centralised through South Gippsland Shire Council. Simply complete a single enrolment form and nominate your kindergarten preferences. Enrolments must be lodged by 30 June.

You can enrol at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment

For more information, please phone 5662 9200 or text your contact details to 0459 079 442 and we will call you back.

4 Year old enrolments commence on the 1st May and close 30th June.

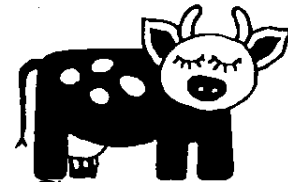
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All 4 year old enrolments must be done through the Shire website. Being enrolled in our 3 year old program DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE ENROLLED IN OUR 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM.

Allora will offer one four-year-old kindergarten group and Hassett St will offer two groups of four-year-old kindergarten.

If you would like to chat to our 4 year old Hassett Street Educator contact Jodie on 5662 2326



Grant from Saputo

Thank you to Saputo who generously donated \$500 to our kindergarten.

What's gone on?



Annual Easter Raffle

Thank you for all our fabulous families for their hamper contributions and raffle ticket sales, we had a whopping 25 prizes! It was a frantic rush at the end of term to distribute the winning prizes to their deserving homes. Thanks to Rene Elliott for all her hard work.

Our top 3 winners were:

1st Prize: Morgan Fisher

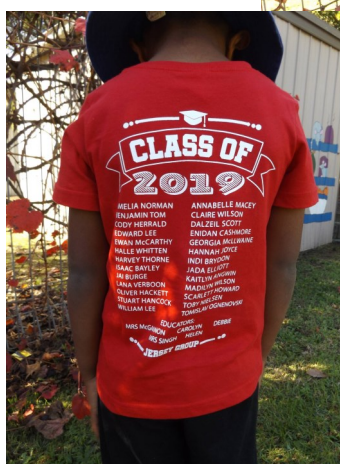
2nd Prize: Kristal Anders

3rd Prize: Tess Baillie



Personalised Jumpers

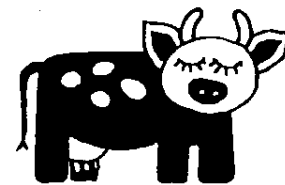
Susan Morrow is in the process of designing the screen-print for the 2020 cohort. Please lookout for a jumper over the break you would like to be printed. The below photos are examples of the 2019 design created and printed by Susan Morrow.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions we will be unable to run our Term 2 Parent Teacher Interviews. We anticipate conducting the interviews some time in Term 3 once restrictions ease. We will advertise parents of the revised date via Flexibuzz.

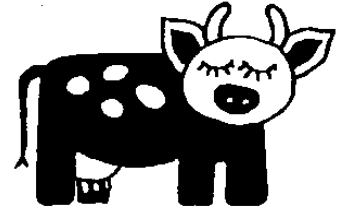
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Footy Day Celebrations



Lunch Box



Rice paper rolls



Ingredients

- 10 sheets rice paper for Vietnamese spring rolls
- 1 portion rice vermicelli noodles
- 1 carrot grated
- 1 zucchini grated
- 1/2 a red capsicum julienne
- 1 ear of corn kernels removed
- 2 spring onions, sliced into small rings
- 1/2 a Lebanese cucumber, cut into lengthways matchstick slices.
- 1/3 cup Vietnamese salad dressing
- Optional: protein of your choice

Method

Step 1: Cook the noodles according to the packet and drain, allow to cool. Chop a few times with kitchen scissors.

Step 2: Combine the carrot, noodles, corn, zucchini, red capsicum, spring onions in a bowl.

Step 3: Add the salad dressing and allow to sit for 1/2 hour or so.

Step 4: Prepare the rice paper rolls by soaking as needed in water.

Step 5: Place one paper on a plate.

Step 6: Add your protein, top with 1.5 tbsps noodle salad mix.

Step 7: Top with two slices of cucumber and roll.

Step 8: Serve with dipping sauce.

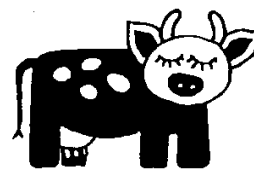
Advertising

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
TREASURER	Brogan Campbell
FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR	Rene Elliott
FUNDRAISING	Rachael Simpson
NEWSLETTER, PUBLICITY AND PROJECT MANAGER	Carly O'Malley
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 Natasha McRae via email on natashamcrae16@bigpond.com to add items to the upcoming agenda.

ALL WELCOME