

Leongatha Community Preschools

NEWSLETTER



TERM 4, 2020



Term Four—The end is near!

Term 4 has been super busy! Our educators have been constantly adapting and modifying the program due to COVID restrictions. These restrictions meant we were unable to enjoy our planned incursions and excursions, but this didn't stop our educators organising many special days. We celebrated Halloween, continued our yoga and book gifting program and the children have been enjoying their transition into school. As the term concludes the children will end the year with a Christmas concert, end of year party and clean up day.

As we move into Summer the weather is heating up, don't forget to keep a hat on and apply sunscreen before your children leave for kinder.

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 4

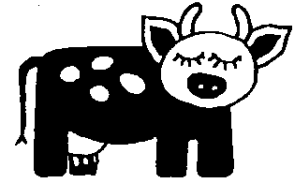
- 5 Oct: First week of Term
- 29 Oct: Halloween @ Allora Illawarra Group
- 29 Oct: Halloween @ Hassett St Jersey Group
- 30 Oct: Halloween @ Hassett St Friesian Group
- 25 Nov: AGM via Google Meet
- 2 Dec: Silver Group Christmas Concert
- 4 Dec: Gold Group Christmas Concert
- 8 Dec: Jersey Group Christmas Concert
- 9 Dec: Friesian Group Christmas Concert
- 9 Dec: Handover meeting @ Allora 7:30 pm
- 10 Dec: Illawarra Group Christmas Concert
- 18 Dec: End of Term 4

Thank you

A big thank you to our committee members and to our parent helpers who have given their valuable time to help make 2020 a wonderful year.

Lastly, a massive thank you to all our wonderful educators, support staff and management for giving our children an incredible fun-filled year! Good luck to all the children heading off to 4 year old kinder and prep next year.

What's going on?



School Transition 2021 Film:

Photo and Video USB:

Families familiar with Leongatha Community Pre-schools would be aware of our end-of-year photo disk. Because this year has been incredibly different due to parents not being allowed into the facility for the majority of the year. Hence, we have decided to be a little different as well.

We ordered personalised USB's earlier this term and will place the Christmas concert, special day videos and photos of you child on each USB. We hope you enjoy the footage and photos and it makes you all feel a little more connected to the kindergarten.



2021 uniform available for purchase:

We have t-shirts, jumpers and hats available to purchase at both Allora and Hassett St kinder in sizes 4, 6 and 8, in the colours shown in the photograph.

Hats \$15

T-Shirt \$12

Jumpers \$17

Thanks to Susan Morrow from Inked Up 0400 199 983 for screen printing our jumpers. During the year Susan will screen print our Year 4 apparel with the class list and educators to celebrate their final year of kinder for an additional cost.



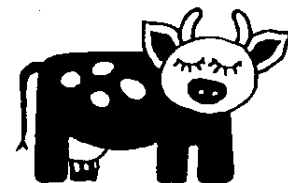
We understand and appreciate how frustrating this year had been and we are doing our best to help your children get as much from their kinder year as possible. Our educators are busy writing transition statements, you will be given your child's statement shortly.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to have our usual School Transition Night Information Session, therefore we have filmed the session instead with Helen Singh. The film will be published on our Facebook page shortly. The educators will send out the URL via Flexischools.

Christmas Raffle:

Thank you to everyone who has placed donations into the Christmas donation box. Please remember to have raffle ticket books and money returned by the 11th of December. We will announce winners via the Flexischools





What's gone on?

All Weather Screens at Hassett St

Our veranda area at Hassett St has had the All Weather Screens installed and it looks fantastic. The stackable doors have created an indoor/outdoor area for the kindergarten, enlarging our educational space and allowing us to cater for greater diversity and inclusion in our programs. Thank you to the Gardiner Foundation, South Gippsland Shire and Saputo for their generous donations.

Friendship Garden at Hassett St

Our new friendship garden at Hassett St is almost complete. We have planted a large Native Frangipani, laid pavers, put an arch with a native wisteria growing over it, installed a bench seat made from recycled plastic, put in a solar powered water feature and potted up some sensory pots. The children love the new area, they have enjoyed creating the space for future kindergarten children to use. Thank you to the Electrical Trades Union and Fonterra for generously donating the funds.

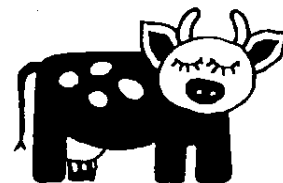
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2020 AGM

Thank you to everyone who participated in our AGM via Google Meets on Wednesday 25th of November.

We would love to welcome all our new families and committee members for 2021. Our handover meeting will be held on the 9th of December, 7:30pm at Allora Kindergarten.

Our 2021 Committee Members are:

Co-President: Arielle Murray

Co-President: Carly O'Malley

Secretary: Andrea Clifford

Vice Treasurer: Nicky Anipene

Project Officer: Carly O'Malley

Fundraising Co-Ordinator:

Fundraising: Genevieve Ellt

Fundraising: Amanda Zukovskis

Newsletter: Genevieve Ellt

Publicity: Carly O'Malley

Meals on Wheels: Rebecca Carmody

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General: Brogan Campbell

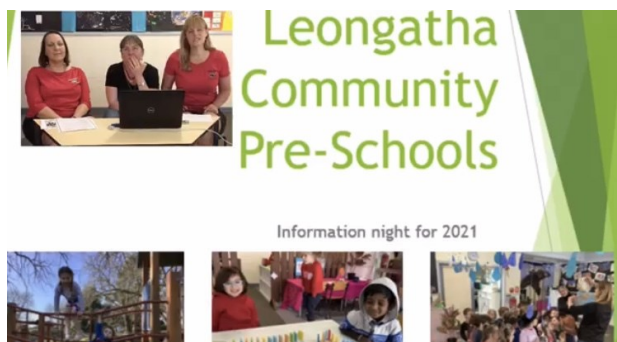
General: Tenielle Bentley

The role of Fundraising Co-Ordinator is still vacant. If you are interested please contact Arielle on 0490 219 972. Thank you for everyone's support and thank you to our ongoing committee members continued support.

Information Night Film

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to hold our 2021 Kindergarten Information Night in person. Thank you to Jodie, Kristine and Helen for filming their presentation at Hassett St. This provides invaluable information to both new and current families.

The presentation was published as a private video on our Facebook page. All parents were emailed the URL to view the film which also contained the PowerPoint presentation.

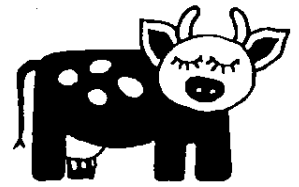


Gingerbread House Fundraiser

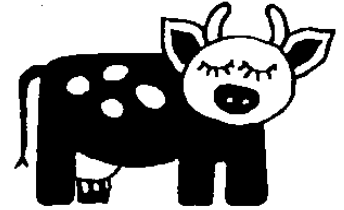
Thank you to everyone who support our Gingerbread House Fundraiser. The houses are now available for collect at Hassett St and Allora.



What's gone on?



Lunch Box



Cheese and Vegemite rolls



Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups self-raising flour
- 1/2 cup wholemeal plain flour
- 80 g butter
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese
- 1 tbs Vegemite
- 1 tbs Milk

Method

Step 1: Preheat oven to 200°C.

Step 2: In a medium bowl, combine both flours and butter.

Step 3: Using your fingertips, rub the butter through the flours until you have a bread-crumble consistency, then add 3/4 of the cheese combination and milk and work into a dough ball with your hands.

Step 4: When these ingredients are combined, lightly flour your kitchen bench and gently push the dough out into a rectangle, approx 1 cm thick.

Step 5: Spread Vegemite evenly over the top of the dough and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Step 6: Roll the dough into a long rope shape, rolling it away from you. When you have a rope of dough, cut it into eight equal rounds and place them on a lined baking tray.

Step 7: Brush with milk and bake for 20 minutes then remove from oven and cool on wire rack.

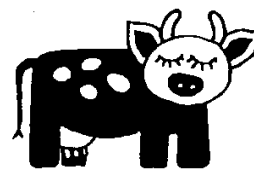
Advertising

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