

THE  
LOOSH  
LOOP  
Edition 22



# NEWSLETTER

APRIL  
2026

## Welcome to our Newsletter!

Welcome to edition 22 of the LOOSH Loop! After an exciting and restful holiday, we are so excited to see all the fun Term 2 brings.

We have designed this newsletter not only as a way to showcase all of the wonderful things your children have been doing at LOOSH, but to provide you with important information about what is going on at LOOSH.



## Food Drive

LOOSH is proud to be taking part in a Community Food Drive this month. The Community Pantry provides food and essential toiletries to community members.

This will be taking place between the 4<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. To support, please donate non-perishable food items or unused, wrapped toiletries to the LOOSH gate!

## Special Arrangements

If your child is attending a lesson, please ensure you have submitted a special arrangement form no later than 1:30pm the day of an ASC lesson or the day before for a BSC lesson. Please scan this QR code to reach the form.



## Absences

Children can be marked absent via the OWNA app, emailing [admin@loosh.org.au](mailto:admin@loosh.org.au) or contacting us via 0404 137 500. We want to ensure the safety of your child; the school does not pass on absences.



# *LOOSH Acknowledgement of Country*

LOOSH stands on the Traditional lands of the Wangal and Gadigal Peoples of the Eora Nation. We respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians as holding the vast array of memories, traditions, and cultures of this land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to any Indigenous peoples who attend, work, or use the LOOSH space. LOOSH acknowledges Indigenous children as future leaders, and understands our responsibility to support all children's development and wellbeing in a culturally respectful manner. Alongside this, LOOSH works to protect the natural environment of our space, in order to take care of and show respect to Country. We are deeply thankful that we are able to learn, grow, and play on Wangal and Gadigal lands, and understand our responsibility to do so in a way which forges reconciliation.



# APRIL TERM TIME WRAP UP



This month, LOOSH has been loving hearing the children's ideas and feedback on our program. We have started a new voting system for children to pick which activities they want to participate in at LOOSH, which has led to some awesome learning opportunities. So far, these have included an incredible glowstick disco and an intense dodgeball tournament. Alongside this, senior children have loved competing in a weekly Friday trivia contest, and the primary children have been super engaged in learning a new Auslan sign each week!



# APRIL VACATION CARE WRAP UP



Dare we say, April Vacation Care may have been the most fun Vacation Care program we have ever seen! The children LOVED engaging in physical on-site activities such as bubble soccer, a silent disco, and a colour run. Alongside this, children got creative making pottery, and used their STEM skills in an engineering workshop. They met some cuddly friends during an on-site petting zoo, and drove some awesome go-karts. Children also went on two exciting excursions, including visiting the Hyde Park Barracks, and watching the newest Super Mario Movie. It's going to be tough to beat in July!



# MEET THE TEAM!

With so many new faces at LOOSH, we thought it would be great to use this space in the newsletter to introduce you to some of our staff!

This week, meet educators Peter, Grace and Sarah!



Peter has worked at LOOSH for 7 years! Across his 7 years at LOOSH, Peter has worked in all three program areas. Because of this, Peter now works as a floating coordinator, where he jumps between teams to offer ideas and advice!

**Peter**



Grace is one of our incredible coordinators at LOOSH! She has worked here for 3 years, and is probably a very familiar face for a lot of families. Grace currently floats between different program areas to give everyone her incredible expertise!

**Grace**



Sarah has worked at LOOSH for a year and a half. Sarah is a very busy bee, currently supporting families as a LOOSH administrator AND working with the Juniors children. If you've sent an email to LOOSH this year, chances are Sarah has assisted you!

**Sarah**



**KOBI SHETTY MP**  
MEMBER FOR BALMAIN

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# COMMUNITY PANTRY DONATION DRIVE

Drop off donations to LOOSH 101/103 Norton St. Leichhardt  
by 22<sup>nd</sup> May

All donations go to Kobi Shetty MP's free  
community pantry, supporting local people doing it  
tough.



# LOOSH PLANNER MAY

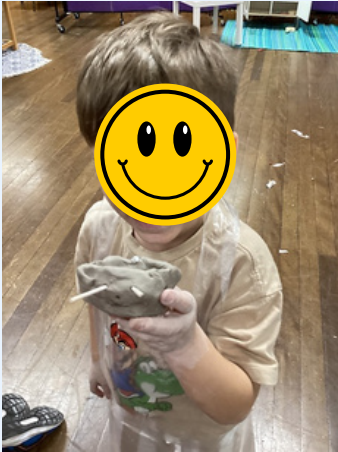
|               | monday                                   | tuesday | wednesday                                | thursday                     | friday                                        |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Week 2</b> | 27                                       | 28      | 29                                       | 30                           | 1<br>Public Holiday<br>LOOSH closed :)        |
| <b>Week 3</b> | 4<br>Food Drive<br>Begins<br>Collection! | 5       | 6                                        | 7                            | 8                                             |
| <b>Week 4</b> | 11                                       | 12      | 13                                       | 14<br>Biggest<br>Morning Tea | 15                                            |
| <b>Week 5</b> | 18                                       | 19      | 20<br>LOOSH Parent<br>Committee Meeting! | 21                           | 22<br>Food Drive<br>Parliamentarian<br>Visit! |
| <b>Week 6</b> | 25                                       | 26      | 27                                       | 28                           | 29                                            |

For daily updates and information on our day-to-day programming, please check out KinderLoop and OWNA.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The interests, passions and skills of children at LOOSH are incredibly diverse. In this spotlight section, we highlight children who are excelling at art, sport, science, and performance each month!

## OUR SHOWCASED ARTIST



Quinn, Kindy - Making an awesome clay walrus during vacation care!

## OUR SHOWCASED ATHLETE



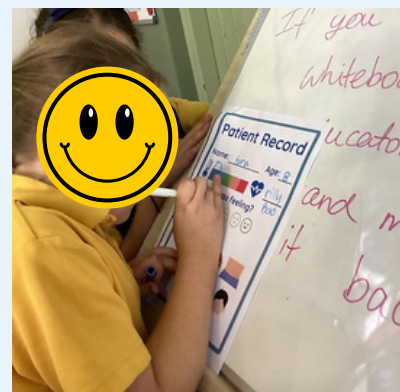
Cooper, Year 6- Winning NBA coach of 2026 teaching his peer to shoot a basketball!

## OUR SHOWCASED SCIENTIST



Clara, Year 2 - Learning about the biology of lambs during the VacCare petting zoo!

## OUR SHOWCASED PERFORMANCE



Lottie, Year 2 - Keeping perfect patient records during some doctor dramatic play!

# FAMILY CORNER

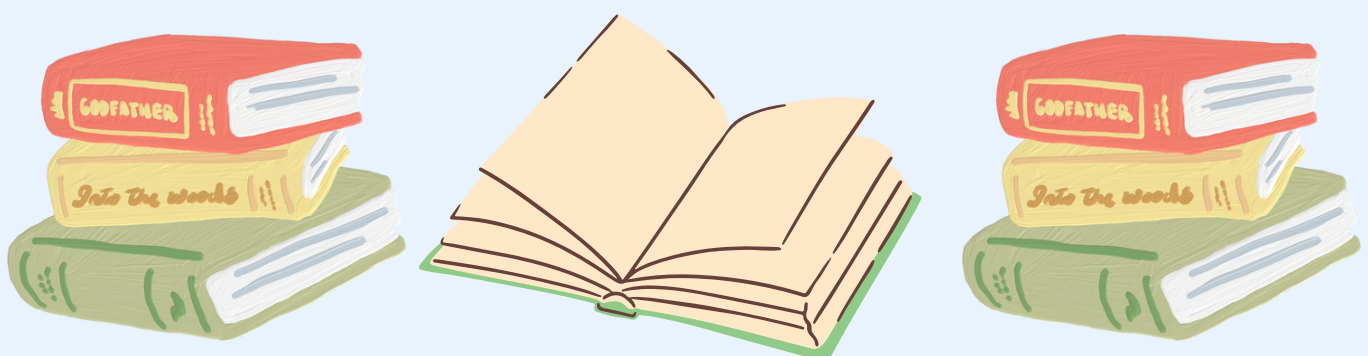
LOOSH educators come across many useful resources. We would love to share helpful resources to families as an extra support. Below is a fabulous resource we wanted to share with you:

Resources for children and families:

**<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>**

***'Chicken Clicking' - by Jeanne Willis.***

Keeping children safe online is everyone's responsibility! The Esafety commissioner provides free webinars to support families in managing screen time, digital chatrooms, and AI use. For a more child-friendly resource, please see the 'Chicken Clicking' picture book, which explores what happens when a chicken makes friends using an iPad. This book can be borrowed from Leichhardt Library!



# OTHER REMINDERS

## Multicultural Programming Ideas

LOOSH is always on the lookout for new programming ideas, especially ones which celebrate the diverse cultures of the children and families who attend LOOSH!

If there is a cultural activity, recipe, tradition, or holiday which your child or family engages with or celebrates at home, we would love to hear how we could incorporate it at LOOSH!



## Early sign out forms

If your child attends Before School Care and are in years 4 to 6 at school, they are eligible for early sign out. This means that they can be signed out from LOOSH at 8:40 or as soon as there is an LPS teacher on duty. Please scan the following QR code to complete the Early Sign Out permission form for your child. If your child had early sign out in 2025, we will still need you to complete a new form.



## LOOSH Technology Reminder

In line with the LOOSH Safe Use of Digital Technologies and Online Environments Policy and Procedure, as well as the LPS and the Department of Education guidelines, children cannot use personal mobile devices at LOOSH. We have also extended our policy to withhold the use of smart watches by children.

Please assist us to keep children at LOOSH digitally safe by ensuring they leave their devices at home or in the school office. If children bring devices to LOOSH, they will be asked to put them in their bag or be kept in the office until collection.

