

THE  
LOOSH  
LOOP  
Edition 23



# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to our Newsletter!

Welcome to edition 23 of the LOOSH Loop! This MAY have been the best month of the year so far! It was really aMAYzing!

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.



## Risky Play Initiative

At LOOSH, we believe that risky play has immense benefits for children's learning and wellbeing.

Please see pages 7 & 8 of the newsletter to read the LOOSH Risky Play Statement, and see how your children can collaborate with educators to make a RISKY play plan!

## 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.



# MAY WRAP UP



This month, LOOSH has been a place for fostering lifelong learners! We've provided a lot of programmed experiences focused on developing children's intrapersonal skills, including self-regulation, digital safety, and learning Auslan signs! Alongside this, May rolled into June across Reconciliation week, where the children took part in communal artworks, sports challenges, and read books all designed to foster their knowledge of First Nations Australians and their appreciation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and practices!

What an aMAYzing month of learning!



# 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 the rest of the Seniors team, educators Niamh, Adam and Noula!



**Niamh**

Niamh has been working at LOOSH for 4 years. Niamh is such an incredible educator, every team wants her. This is why at the start of this year, she made the move from primary to seniors. Niamh is also helping organise a LOOSH garden for the children to build their responsibility and sustainability!



**Adam**

The amazing Adam has worked at LOOSH for 4 years. Spending lots of time in seniors, Adam knows the children in this age group super well! Adam is also studying science and high school teaching, and is therefore a super expert at running science experiments at LOOSH.














**Noula**

Our fabulous educator Noula has been working at LOOSH since 2008. She loves supporting the senior children to enhance their creativity, especially through fashion design. Noula has also been an incredible help programming activities for the LOOSH Rose Cottage excursions!



# July Vacation Care

Enrol now in our Vacation Care program for July 2026. Please email [admin@loosh.org.au](mailto:admin@loosh.org.au) for more information.

6.07.2026	7.07.2026	8.07.2026	9.07.2026	10.07.2026
<b>Make And Wear Day</b>  \$88.00 Charms & Amulets Making Class	<b>Indigenous Art &amp; Jewelry Workshop</b>  \$88.00 NAIDOC Week Art & Jewelry Workshop	<b>Operation Adventure</b>  \$88.00 Nerf Battles	<b>Roar &amp; Create</b>  \$88.00 Visual Arts Class	<b>Lets Get Physical</b>  \$99.00 Excursion - Ninja Parc South Granville
13.07.2026	14.07.2026	15.07.2026	16.07.2026	17.07.2026
<b>Spin Into Action</b>  \$88.00 Beyblade Tournament	<b>Retro Rollers</b>  \$88.00 Bring Your Own Wheels & Retro Arcade Games	<b>Lights, Camera, Action!</b>  \$88.00 Warrior Gymnastics	<b>Motion Masters</b>  \$88.00 RC Race Cars	<b>Chef For A Day</b>  \$99.00 Excursion - Grill'd Masterclass Leichardt
20.07.2026	<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> LOOSH has made a key policy change regarding Vacation Care Bookings. The cancellation period for Vacation Care bookings has been shortened to 48 hours. To cancel your child's bookings without financial penalty, you must cancel within 48 hours from when you booked the session. Once the cancellation period has lapsed your child will be absented and full fees will apply (your CCS percentage will be applied). Please note that LOOSH does not facilitate the swapping of dates.</p>			
<b>Wipeout</b>  \$88.00 Inflatable Obstacle Course				



At LOOSH, we believe that risky play - **play that involves challenge, exploration, and uncertainty** - is an essential and valuable part of every child's learning. It is an important part of a child's physical and emotional development, helping to foster positive wellbeing and healthy growth.

**LOOSH will embrace risk as a part of play**, not eliminate it, fostering independence, resilience, and a lifelong ability to navigate challenges safely.

Our guiding principles of Risky Play are as follows:

## 1. Agency and Autonomy

Educators support children to make their own choices and take ownership of their play, encouraging them to assess risks and test their abilities. This builds confidence, independence, and decision-making skills.



Educators will support our children to develop risk literacy and management skills, helping them learn to navigate challenges independently. Children will be encouraged to engage in risky play that is child-led, goal oriented and focused on growth, rather than reckless abandon.

## 2. Active Supervision

Educators know that active supervision is crucial to ensuring our children's safety and minimising injuries. Our educators maintain proactive and responsive supervision, positioning themselves to anticipate and respond quickly to emerging risks while still giving children space to safely explore and challenge themselves.



Educator support will be provided when needed, without unnecessarily interrupting or shutting down play.

## 3. Safe and Inclusive Environments

Risky play can only occur in environments that are safe. LOOSH will ensure that in all indoor and outdoor environments, any hazards are minimised but opportunities for challenge are preserved. Spaces and equipment are regularly checked by educators to ensure they support safe yet engaging play experiences.



Educators will modify activities to ensure all experiences are inclusive and promote competence and exploration.

## 4. Collaboration

Educators work in partnership with children and their families to develop a shared understanding of risky play and its benefits. Open communication will ensure that expectations and approaches to risk are respected and aligned.





Have you made a **RISKY Play Plan** with an educator?

**R**esources:

What **resources** do I need to help me make this play safe?

**I**am feeling:

What **feelings** are in my body which change how I play safely?

**S**eeing:

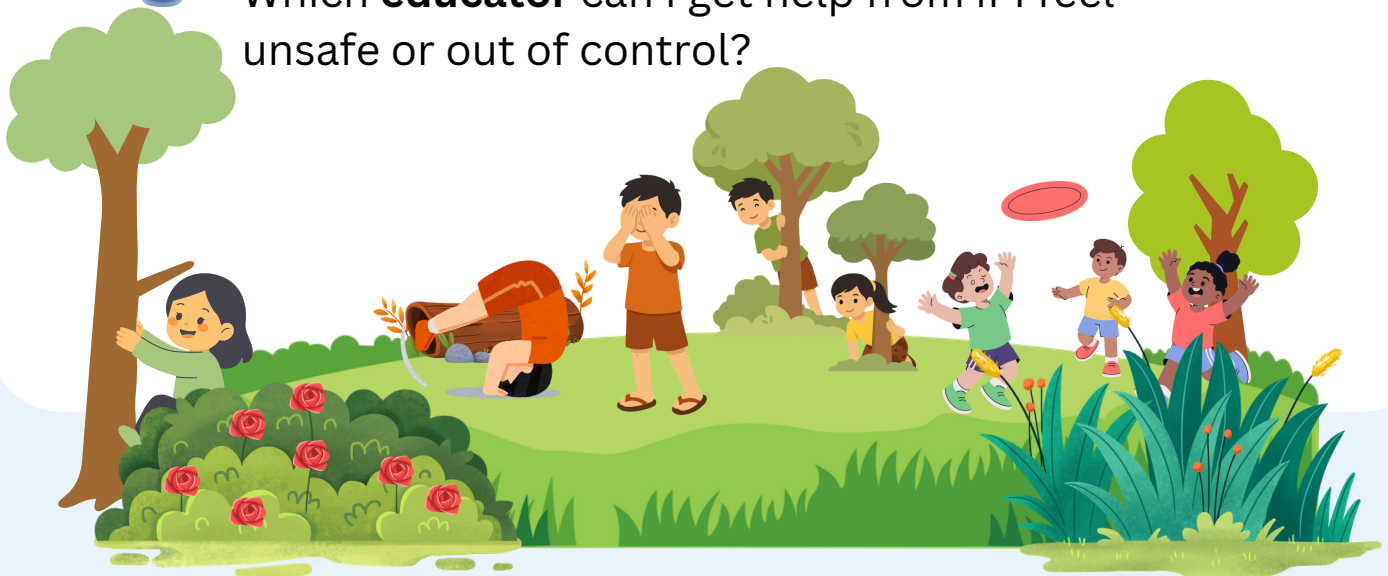
What can I **see** around me that changes how I play safely?

**K**now your boundaries:

What **boundaries/limits** do I need to set to keep myself safe?

**Y**ou can get help from:

Which **educator** can I get help from if I feel unsafe or out of control?



# LOOSH PLANNER JUNE

	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
<b>Week 7</b>	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Week 8</b>	8 Public Holiday LOOSH closed :)	9 Food Drive Parliamentarian Visit!	10	11	12
<b>Week 9</b>	15	16	17 LOOSH Parent Committee Meeting!	18	19
<b>Week 10</b>	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Week 11</b>	29	30	1	2	3 Last Day of Term 2!

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



Elyse, Kindy - Engaging in some finger painting as part of our reconciliation mural!

## OUR SHOWCASED ATHLETE



Alexis, Year 4- Taking a very intense netball shot to secure the win at Bounce!

## OUR SHOWCASED SCIENTIST



Lani, Year 2 - Showcasing all of her strategic thinking in a close competition of chess!

## OUR SHOWCASED PERFORMANCE



Lottie, Kindy - Doing a fabulous charade as a cockroach stuck on its back!

# 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:

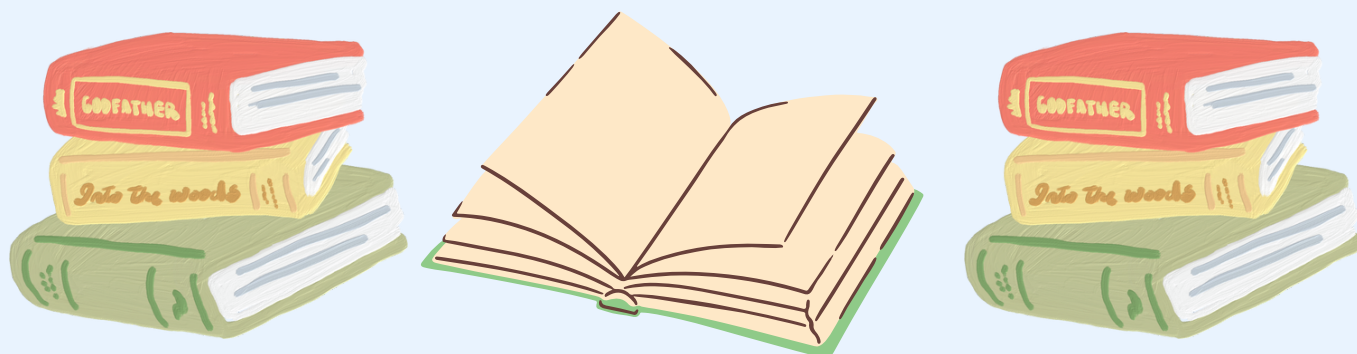
Resources for children and families:

**<https://www.narragunnawali.org.au/reconciliation-parent-and-carer-toolkit>**

***'Welcome to Our Country' picture book series - by Adam Goodes.***

Whilst Reconciliation week has just ended, continuing conversations about Australia's First Nations Peoples supports practices of truth telling and involves everyone in the ongoing process of reconciliation. Not to mention, NAIDOC week is coming up in July!

See above for a series of picture books written by Adam Goodes, which include some First Nations language embedded in the stories! As well, see a reconciliation parent toolkit produced by Narragunnawali to support ongoing learning at home!



# 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.

