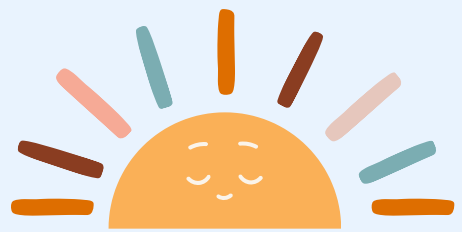


THE LOOSH LOOP

Edition 27



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER
2026

Welcome to our Newsletter!

Welcome to edition 27 of the LOOSH Loop! Somehow, we have finished Term 3 already. Only one term to go in the 2026 school year!

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.



Vacation Care Reminder

Vacation Care is right around the corner! If your child is booked in to attend Vac Care, please ensure they bring:

- A water bottle
- Morning tea, snacks and lunch - **LOOSH will provide afternoon tea only.**
- Weather-appropriate clothing (e.g. jumper or sun-safe clothing)

Please ensure that no food containing peanuts, tree nuts or nut products is brought to LOOSH.

To help with our lost property system, please label all belongings with your child's name.

We can't wait for a super fun school holiday!!

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 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.





LOOSH

Philosophy



Leichhardt Out of School Hours Care (LOOSH) is a community-based, not-for-profit incorporated association governed by its members and led by dedicated educators. We strive to provide a safe, inclusive environment where every child feels a sense of belonging and is supported to develop confidence, independence and wellbeing through play and meaningful relationships. We also recognise the important role we play in supporting families by providing high-quality education and care that enables parents and carers to participate in work, study, training and community life.

At LOOSH we ...

Create a child safe environment



At LOOSH, we are committed to providing and maintaining a child-safe environment where every child feels safe, respected, listened to, valued and empowered to reach their full potential. Children's safety, wellbeing and best interests are at the heart of everything we do and are the primary consideration in all decisions, actions and interactions. We actively partner with children by listening to their views, respecting their rights, and ensuring their voices, needs and experiences are considered and taken seriously.

Value the role of play



At LOOSH, we believe that play is fundamental to children's learning, development and wellbeing. Guided by this philosophy, we provide a diverse range of spontaneous and planned experiences that foster curiosity, creativity and exploration. We encourage children to develop new skills, ask questions, solve problems, and confidently express their ideas, opinions and interests.

Value inclusion



At LOOSH, we are committed to inclusive practices that ensure every child has equitable opportunities to participate, learn and thrive. We recognise and value each child's unique identity, strengths and lived experiences, and work in partnership with children, families and relevant professionals to provide responsive, individualised support. Through thoughtful planning, meaningful adjustments and flexible practices, we minimise barriers to participation and create an environment where every child experiences a strong sense of belonging, is empowered to participate confidently, and is supported to achieve their full potential.

Promote agency and autonomy



At LOOSH, we value children's agency and autonomy, recognising them as capable and active participants in their own learning. Children are encouraged to make choices about where, how and with whom they play as they move freely between indoor and outdoor environments. We provide access to a rich variety of open-ended resources and experiences that inspire curiosity, creativity and exploration, while supporting children to develop independence, build positive relationships and safely recognise, express and regulate their emotions.

Value partnerships



At LOOSH, we believe that positive partnerships with families and the broader community are fundamental to supporting children's learning, development and wellbeing. We foster open, respectful and collaborative relationships built on trust, recognising families as children's first and most influential educators. By working in partnership with families, schools and relevant professionals, we promote continuity of care. We value open communication and actively seek opportunities to listen to, consult with and involve families in decisions that contribute to their child's wellbeing and development.

Strive for continuous improvement

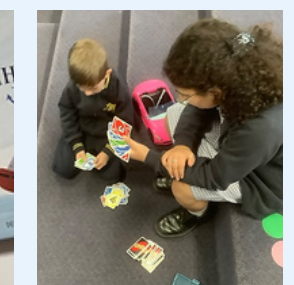
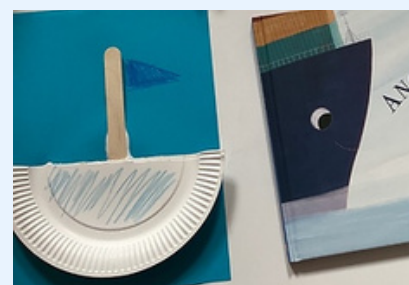
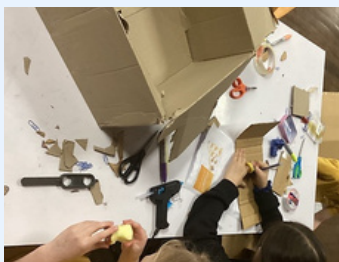
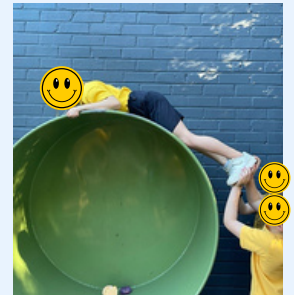


At LOOSH, we recognise that education and care is a continually evolving profession, and we embrace opportunities to learn, reflect and grow. We are committed to continuous improvement through ongoing critical reflection, professional learning and collaboration, recognising that best practice has a direct impact on the children in our care. By regularly evaluating and refining our practices, we strive to provide high-quality education and care that responds to emerging research, legislative requirements and the changing needs of our children, families and community.

SEPTEMBER TERM WRAP UP



This month at LOOSH has been all about collaboration! We have been so impressed with the way children of all year groups have come together to complete activities and teach one another. This has been successfully facilitated through planned experiences like the Seniors x Primary sports club and managing the LOOSH garden! Alongside this, children have been incredible about organising their own collaborative learning opportunities, with joint building projects, large scale crafts, sports games, and board game tournaments being very popular across September. What a lovely way to end Term 3!



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PUBLIC SCHOOL

Spring Fete

2026

**THANK YOU!
LOOSH**

**LEICHHARDT PUBLICSCHOOL
is INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL for
your support of our 2026 FETE**

*The sun was shining, the community
came together, and there was plenty
of fun, food and good times had all
around.*

*Your amazing contribution made the
event a huge success for both the
school and the local community!*



SEPT-OCT VACATION CARE PROGRAM



September/October Vacation Care

28th September 2026 - 12th October 2026

Enrol now in our Vacation Care program for July 2026. Please email admin@loosh.org.au for more information.

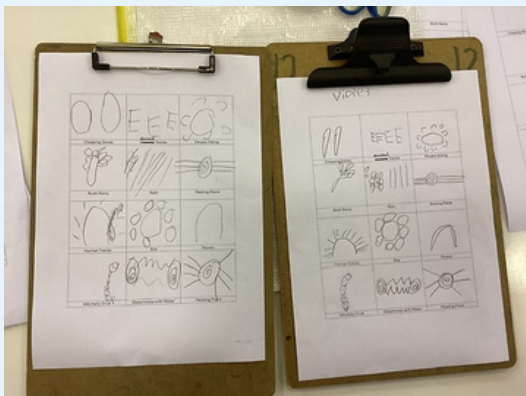
28.09.2026 Speedway Adventure  \$88.00 Go Karts	29.09.2026 Farmhouse Fun!  \$88.00 Animal Farm	30.09.2026 Get Moving  \$88.00 Samurai Encounter	01.10.2026 A World Of Colour  \$88.00 Art On Canvas	02.10.2026 Into The Wild  \$99.00 Excursion - Sydney Zoo
05.10.2026 LOOSH Closed for Public Holiday	06.10.2026 Game On!  \$88.00 Inflatable Hungry Hungry Hippos	07.10.2026 Country & Western Day  \$88.00 Live Country Hoedown and Band	08.10.2026 Run The Rainbow  \$88.00 Colour Run	09.10.2026 Masterpiece Day  \$99.00 Excursion - Topcoat Plaster Painting
12.10.2026 Pizza Palooza  \$88.00 Pizza Van				

LOOSH GOALS AND PROJECTS!

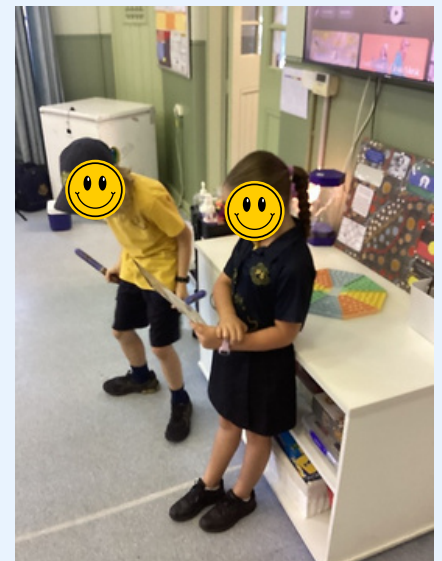
At LOOSH, we pride ourselves on striving for continuous improvement. For this reason, LOOSH are constantly updating key documentations such as our Quality Improvement Plan and our Reconciliation Action Plan!

For our service, there is nothing more important than child, family, and community feedback! So, we are including one goal from each of these documents within our newsletter for families to read.

If you or the children have any feedback, please email us at admin@loosh.org.au, or feel free to discuss this with an educator at the gate!



RAP Update: Renew & Refresh!



We have adjusted our Reconciliation Action Plan format to be more accessible to families. In this new format, LOOSH has identified 8 key areas within which we can better embed reconciliation into our practices.

Our new RAP is available at the gate for you to read through!

In the coming weeks, we will be refreshing and publishing our Narragunnawali RAP, which will be digitally accessible to all families.

We will inform families of when this is published via Kinderloop!

LOOSH includes this goal in our QIP to introduce children to social justice causes relevant to their local communities. Children can therefore learn to be actively informed citizens at LOOSH. By opening these events to families, we can further our impact and engage in wider-community initiatives.

LOOSH is addressing this goal through:

- Creative Arts Night
- Biggest Morning Tea
- Community Pantry Food Drive

QIP Goal 6.1:
‘To implement more large-scale community-based fundraising events for families to attend.’



Each year during May, LOOSH runs a Biggest Morning Tea! This event raises funds for the Cancer Council, who do important work in cancer research and prevention education. Across the past 5 years we have run this fundraiser, we have raised \$3750 with the help of the fabulous LOOSH families!



Each year, LOOSH runs a Creative Arts Night, during which we display a wide-range of the children's artworks for families to come and view.

The past three years, these events have been fundraisers for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, providing funds to support literacy equality. Our Creative Arts Night this year happened earlier this week! Please enjoy some photos and a summary on the next page!



This year, LOOSH got involved in the local Community Food Drive initiative. Donations of essential toiletries and non-perishable food items went towards helping those in need within our local community. Our efforts were even recognised by Kobi Shetty, local MP for Balmain!

CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT 2026!



Thank you to all those who attended Creative Arts Night on Tuesday, and an extra big thank you to all the children who produced fabulous artworks for the show! We absolutely loved viewing all the art, including beautiful still-lives, abstract pieces, sculptures, and character portraits. Creative Arts night is always a highlight of the LOOSH calendar year, as we get to show off the children's incredible creativity and talent. Alongside this, we greatly appreciate all donations made by families towards the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. This year, we raised over \$500, a new Creative Arts Night record!

Congratulations to our Creative Arts Night 2026 winners, Charlotte H, Percy B, and Colin A, whose art works can be viewed below!



Charlotte H (Yr 3) - 'Coloured Balls'



Colin A (Kindy) - 'Tails, Sonic, and Knuckles'



Percy B (Yr 2) - Treehouse Sculpture



LOOSH PLANNER SEPTEMBER

	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
	28 First day of Vac Care!	29	30	1	2
	5 Public Holiday! LOOSH Closed	6	7	8	9
Week 1	12 Last day of Vac Care!	13 First Day of Term 4!	14	15	16
Week 2	19	20	21	22	23
Week 3	26	27	28 World Children's Day!	29	30

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



Lily, Yr 1 - Making a bracelet using a traditional weaving technique!

OUR SHOWCASED ATHLETE



EJ, Yr 4 - Absolutely tearing up the field in a game of touch footy!

OUR SHOWCASED SCIENTIST



Finley, Yr 3 - Helping plant our LOOSH garden and learning about gardening!

OUR SHOWCASED PERFORMER



Dylan, Yr 3 - Providing a thoughtful TED talk on ancient Greek mythology!

FAMILY CORNER

LOOSH educators come across many useful resources. We would love to share helpful resources to families as an extra support.

Cognitive flexibility, or flexible mindsets, are essential in ensuring children can be adaptable, collaborative, and creative. Recently at LOOSH, we have found children across all year groups are struggling to balance their play ideas with the thoughts and ideas of others, as well as adapting to changing circumstances.

Below are two resources which provide an outline of what cognitive flexibility is and it's benefits, as well as some activities and resources which can be utilised at home to support children's development of cognitive flexibility.

Cognitive Flexibility Fact Sheet and Lesson Plans:

<https://eceresourcehub.org/ece-resource-hub/core-skills/regulate/cognitive-flexibility/>

Activities for Flexible Thinking (All ages):

<https://mentalhealthcenterkids.com/blogs/articles/flexible-thinking-activities>



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 Chewing Gum Reminder

At LOOSH, we do not permit children to bring and use chewing gum. This is for a multitude of reasons, including safety while playing, minimising the risk of children sharing food, and keeping the LOOSH environment clean.

Importantly, this decision also aligns with the LPS regulations surrounding the children using chewing gum.

Whilst we are sure most chewing gum is brought to school without family knowledge, LOOSH staff would very much appreciate if families could remind their children not to bring chewing gum to school or LOOSH!



