



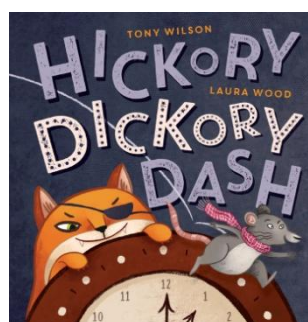
# Larool Loop....



Larool Pre-school, our community: a place of laughter and joy, of friends and memories...

## From the Directors Desk

We have had a busy term full of learning and discovery!



The Wombat and Koala children were delighted to be part of the National Simultaneous Storytime! The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) choose a picture book annually, written and illustrated by an Australian

author and illustrator to be read simultaneously around the country. 'It is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book.'

This year the book was **Hickory Dickory Dash**, written by Tony Wilson & illustrated by Laura Wood.

The Wombats thought the book was so fantastic they followed up with another story written by Tony Wilson the very next day - 'The Cow Tripped Over the Moon'.

If you ever have any questions, suggestions, compliments or complaints please pop into the office and have a chat, phone or send me (Monique Olthof- Director) an email: [laroolpreschool@optusnet.com.au](mailto:laroolpreschool@optusnet.com.au)

If you do have an accounts/fees question though please email Melinda Valis (Administration Manager): [larool-accounts@optusnet.com.au](mailto:larool-accounts@optusnet.com.au)

*Monique*

## Upcoming Events/ Dates to Remember

**Last Day of Term 2**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**First Day of Term 3**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Hearing Tests**  
**\$35 per child**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

**Information & permission slips to come!**

**Events for Term 3 - Dates TBC**  
**Grandparents & Special Persons**  
**Afternoon**  
**Father's Day Stall**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Larool Disco 2-4pm**

## I am in Preschool

I am not built to sit still,  
keep my hands to myself,  
take turns,  
be patient,  
stand in line,  
or keep quiet  
all of the time.

I need:  
motion, novelty, adventure,  
and to engage the world  
with my whole body.

**Let Me Play**

(Trust me, I'm learning!)



# Quality Improvement

Each year as part of our National Quality Standards, the educators collaborate to assess our performance in delivering quality education and care, recognise and celebrate our strengths and assist us to develop a continuous plan for improvement.

Some of the areas we have highlighted as part of improvement plan are:

- Challenge our practices as professional educators through reflection and active discussion with each other
- Planning for excursions outside the gate such as the park or Larool creek!
- Further develop our music program for the enrichment of the children's learning and development
- Support and empower the children to use questions for learning and inquiry

If you have any comments about our strengths or areas to plan for improvement please let us know- you can email Monique [laroolpreschool@optusnet.com.au](mailto:laroolpreschool@optusnet.com.au) or pop a note in our 'office' box in the Hub.

Services are assessed and rated against 7 quality areas of the National Quality Standard:

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| <b>1 Educational program and practice</b><br>Your child is supported to participate in play and learning | <b>2 Children's health and safety</b><br>Your child is protected from illness and hazards   |
| <b>3 Physical environment</b><br>Your child plays in a safe and well maintained environment              | <b>4 Staffing arrangements</b><br>There are enough qualified staff to give your child the attention they need                                       |
| <b>5 Relationships with children</b><br>Your child is made to feel supported and welcomed                | <b>6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities</b><br>Local community involvement and respect for the beliefs and values of families |
| <b>7 Governance and leadership</b><br>Your child is cared for in a positive and well managed environment | Want more information? Go to:<br><a href="http://www.startingblocks.gov.au">www.startingblocks.gov.au</a>   |



## Management Committee Update...

On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to provide you with a quick update on where things are at in Term 2. As you may know the committee's role is to govern the organisation for the following 12 months.

Currently much of the Management Committees time (and prior committee's time) has been focused on negotiating with Hornsby Shire Council to secure a lease agreement with the pre-schools best interest in mind. We are very close to having an executed agreement and submitted our signed documents to Hornsby Shire Council in April for final review.

Going forward and in order to make informed decisions that reflect the pre-school community and culture we want to open the lines of communication with parents by offering a communication box where you can provide feedback and suggestions (anonymously if you wish). It will be checked before the committee meetings (twice a term) and discussed at this forum.

Please note that giving anonymous feedback means the committee can't follow up with you should we have further questions regarding your suggestion. So please leave your name if you are happy for us to contact you.

Also feel free to contact the committee via email [laroolmgmt@optusnet.com.au](mailto:laroolmgmt@optusnet.com.au)

Kind Regards,  
Annie Russell  
President  
Larool Management Committee





## Our Philosophy

At our last staff development day we came together to discuss and revitalise our philosophy for Larool. So here it is! Please feel free to comment.....



Play is the  
highest form  
of research

Albert Einstein

## Did You Know?

Most of the children's learning and develop occurs mainly during play! Children are naturally curious to learn - children play to learn and learn through play. Providing them with opportunities to play facilitates exploration and discovery as well as the development of problem solving, reasoning and negotiation skills. These lay the foundation for the development of social skills, literacy, numeracy and a love of learning!

'Play provides the most natural and meaningful process by which children can construct knowledge and understandings, practice skills, immerse themselves naturally in a broad range of literacy and numeracy and engage in productive, intrinsically motivating learning environments.'  
(p.21, Walker, 2007)



## ***SPLAT Chat-***

### **Larool Social Committee Update**

If you would like to help out the SPLAT committee at any stage throughout the year (even if it is just once or twice), please join their closed Facebook group called "SPLAT Committee - Larool Pre-school Thornleigh" so you can keep in the loop!



**SAVE THE DATE**

**LAROOL DISCO**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

## ***Increasing Your Child's Intelligence!***

***By Danielle Mantakoul***

There's not too many of us that aren't interested in making our kids smarter. But many of us make the mistake of believing it's time consuming when in fact it can simply be a matter of making some things a part of their everyday. Here I have listed ten very easy strategies you can implement to help increase your child's intelligence. As you read through these, I have no doubt that you will find you are already implementing some of these strategies.

1. Every time you ask your child to do something explain why. Parents who explain to kids why they want them to do something, help to increase their understanding of living skills and consequence.
2. Share your own experiences with your children. "When I was little like you, I lost a favourite toy too and what I did was...". This helps to show your child that you went through similar experiences, and that you are ok for having been through them. This develops emotional intelligence and coping skills.
3. Verbalise what you are doing. "I am looking for the fruit shop so I turn here, look for the sign that says Paul's Fruit Shop, then find a park and make sure I take in my shopping list".
4. Encourage them to question and problem solve by sharing everyday living problems with them. "Those flowers are too expensive, I don't have enough, what should I do?"
5. Let them fail and highlight their successes. Failing leads to new improved ways of doing things. Highlighting success, leads to pursuit and a desire to further practise that skill, after all, it feels great to be good at something, and makes us want to become even better at it.
6. Provide opportunities for them to engage in their interests. When we are interested in what we are doing, we are more receptive to learning. Books are a simple and easy way to do this.



7. Give them increasing responsibility. This ensures you are continuously opening up new challenges to them. With new challenges comes new skills.
8. Researchers have found that physical activity increases brain power, so ensure your kids are active on a regular basis. A great way to do this is to make it part of their routine. Extracurricular activities will help you here such as soccer, gymnastics, tennis or swimming, even regular visits to the local park all provide your child the opportunity to get moving.
9. Ensure your child has access to open ended toys that encourage them to develop out of the box thinking. Dress ups, playdough, blocks and drawing activities all provide endless possibilities.
10. Share the world with them. Where are you taking them? What experiences are you exposing them to? Parents play a big part in shaping their child's environment, and this environment can certainly impact on their learning.

Psychologist Howard Gardner highlighted to the world that there are different types of intelligence, and that everybody is great at something. You can read more about Howard's 9 different intelligence types in his book "Frames of Mind – The theory of multiple intelligences".

## Sustainability Spot



Have you seen our recycling station? As well as feeding our compost and worms with food scraps, we recycle paper, cardboard and plastic bottles in our recycling bin and reuse squeeze yoghurt lids for craft.

We now also recycle snap lock bags, cling wrap and thin foil-like plastic packets from chips and crackers through REDcycle. We use the local REDcycle drop off points at local Woolworths and Coles stores.

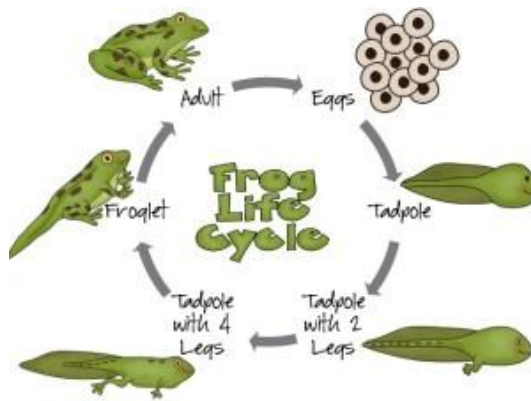




## Our Tadpoles

The children have loved learning about the life cycle of a frog and watching our tadpoles grow and change!

We have now said goodbye to our 'froglets' as they venture back to the pond at Mrs Meadows house where the cycle will start all over again!







Finally.... we love to hear your feedback, the good and also the not so good.

You can call, email, speak with the Director or your teachers, make an appointment, write a note or drop an anonymous note into our office box– we appreciate the time that our families make to give us feedback and we take it all on board. [laroolpreschool@optusnet.com.au](mailto:laroolpreschool@optusnet.com.au)

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## OUR COMMUNITY

Larool Pre-school is committed to contributing to our community.

# ALLEN & SHEPPARD



## Selling or Renting Your Property? We want to help you and Larool Pre-school

Allen & Sheppard are a proud sponsor of Larool Pre-school. As part of our ongoing support of the Pre-school and those associated with them, we wish to extend this **offer**:

For every home listed and sold with Allen and Sheppard Real Estate, referred to us by or listed and sold by either a past or present Larool family, **Allen & Sheppard will donate a further \$500** to the Pre-school and a further **\$500 will be given in free advertising** for the property.

Alternatively if a referral is made to manage a property for rent, we **will donate \$250** to the Preschool and manage the property for the first **3 months free of charge!**

For any real estate advice, please don't hesitate to contact James Sheppard 0404 863 233 (Father of Rose Sheppard Koalas Room Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday)



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