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P.O.L.D - Parents of Little Diggers.

QA6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities.

QA6.1.1 Families have opportunities to be involved in the services and contribute to service decisions.

On the 9th of March we had our AGM which was followed by a general meeting.

Congratulations to our continuing POLD committee for 2020. **Megan Bergan** - President, **Karen Leonard** - Treasurer, **Grace Ranger** - Secretary with Core members **Brooke McGovern**, **Mary Cross**, **Tara Morris** and **Sarah Chamberlain**.

Discussed at the Meeting... Reviewed our Philosophy, Quality Improvement Plans, Fundraising ideas... some of these plans have progressed and some had to be put on hold due to the current situation...CONVID-19.



Little Diggers Preschool and Child Care Centre representing Early Childhood Educators, Mothers and Grandmothers.

Each for Equal – Generation Equality.

Happy **International Women's Day 2020** to all you amazing ladies across our shire On behalf of George and the CD teams. **You all are very special! G**



A Taste of Harmony - celebrating our diversity.

LO1.3c children and families share aspects of culture with other children and educator. The children also used their self-help skills to prepare the vegemite sandwiches.



* Important dates coming up...

We are taking each day as it comes, keeping things as normal as possible within our service.

April - Friday 10th Monday 13th Easter Break.

Little Diggers will be closed.

* P.O.L.D. Easter Raffle

Three Prizes... \$1 each or 6 for \$5
Tickets back by Wednesday 8.4.20

Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 9th of April 2020

Get your tickets here...
you have to be in it to win it.



Thank you to Natalie, Grace, Karen, Sarah, and Khans IGA for their contributions towards the Raffle.



At this time we are focusing on being grateful for what we have and spreading the kindness.

You may have heard a bit about COVID-19

In accordance with normal protocols... Adults and children who are unwell should remain at home until symptoms resolve, and see a doctor.

Practising Good Hygiene - Maintaining good hygiene standards is an important way to reduce the risk of acquiring and spreading respiratory infections. **Hand washing with soap and water** is the single **most effective way to reduce the spread** of germs that cause respiratory disease. **Cough / sneeze into our elbow**. **Drink water** - room temp / warm. **Look after yourself**, build up your immune system - and **keep well**, both physically and mentally.



Doing the pepper experiment to show how using soap and water keeps the germs away.

Thank you for working with us at this time, together we can get through this.

QA2.1.2 Health practices and procedures - Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented and QA2.2.2 plans are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practiced and implemented. For children LO3.2j show increasing independence and competence in personal hygiene, care and safety for themselves and others.



Source - Health.nsw.gov.au



Clean your hands



Cover your coughs and sneezes



Stay at home if sick



Our new hand washing song... using soap and water...
Sung to the tune of Frere Jacques

Tops and bottom

Tops and bottoms, Tops and bottoms

In-between, In-between

Washing all the germs away, Washing all the germs away.

Squeaky clean, Squeaky clean.



A story about social distancing.
By Kim St Lawrence.

Our messages have been shared at home. 😊

QA6.2.3
Community engagement and building relationships.
Yuwaalaraay Language and Culture
with
Walgan Brenda and Aunty Liz.



Learning about the emu - dhinawan and the kangaroo - bandaarr.



* Note - Sessions are on hold until further notice.

Learning the names of animals in Yuwaalaraay and creating a collage.



Learning to count 1 – 10 in Yuwaalaraay.

Learning that the Dad emu looks after the nest and chicks.

Connecting with nature... gathering natural materials to add

Revisiting the meaning of our Totem Pole.



to another collage.



The **Paint The Ridge REaD Dhinawan** is giving a big shout out to everyone.

Where ever you are and whoever you are with, you can still **Talk, Read, Sing and Rhyme** and if you are isolating there are different ways to keep connected and communicate with each other.

The PTRR Dhinawan is also **sharing a link** that you may be interested in...

connecting with our local community and the stars above.

Through Our Eyes - Dhinawan 'Emu' In The Sky with Ben Flick <https://youtu.be/LzFYFutiwoA>



***From the Children...**



Children have **connected with our community** with pictures and maps.



They have also **worked collaboratively**.



"One by one by one" that's how you get it done.



We have been **working in the garden**, preparing the ground planting, seeds and caring for them as they grow.

The rain has made a major difference to our garden and everything is starting to sprout, check it out.

Connecting with this learning we introduced **Dirt Girl**. With the rain came **frogs** and **insects** which have been of great interest to the children.





We have **set up some bits and pieces** getting ready for our mud kitchen to arrive. We have been **implementing the water container** (with measurements - STEAM), teaching how to use water sustainably and making sure everyone gets some, which is very relevant at this time. **Thank you Mark Holland and Joseph Kranz** for sourcing and adjusting the height of our spool table, it is just right.