

VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our first edition of *Voice of the Village* for Term 3! This is a huge few months for FOTV so we really appreciate your support and engagement with all our work - and with our newsletter and other communications.

As I hope you are aware, we are weeks away from the biggest fundraising event we've ever attempted - our 2023 FOTV Family Play Day! We've been so busy planning all manner of things for this really fun afternoon. The success of the event depends on our community supporting it, so please start talking about it in your online and face-to-face chats, spread the word and bring lots of friends and family with you on the day! We'll soon be sharing a link with you to pre-purchase your Unlimited Games Band, which means you can go crazy the whole afternoon on all the fun games we've organised for the event.

Don't forget to purchase your K-9 students a ticket for their Silent Disco session on the afternoon of our Family Play Day too! [Click here to buy!](#)

Next week, on Thursday 3 August at 7:30pm, we have our Term 3 General Meeting. Agenda and pre-read material will be sent out early next week - please pop the date in your calendars to attend. Steph will be doing her Principal's Update, a NSW Health staff member will be informing us about a new program being implemented at LLV in 2024, Ken & Thuy will provide some insight into their first few weeks running The Bitter Pea by Cafe Feoh - and much more! We hold our GMs online to make it as easy as possible for you all to take part - we look forward to seeing you on our screens

It's a busy weekend ahead with LLV dancers performing on the Concert Hall stage at the Opera House, Stage 3 having their ice skating social and LLV families walking or running for sick kids and their families at Ronald McDonald House. Go well, Villagers!

Lisa

President | Friends of the Village



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all welcome!



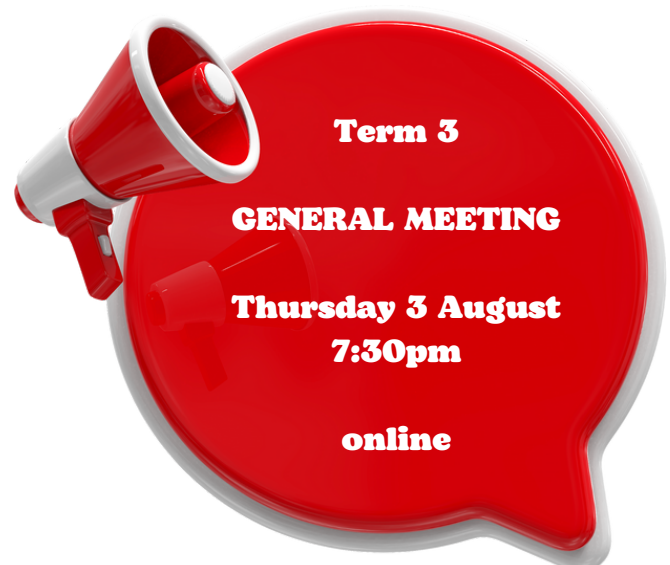
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FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE

SILENT

Disco

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
LLV GYM

PART OF THE 2023 FOTV FAMILY PLAY DAY

BOOK NOW

FOR LLV STUDENTS ONLY

K-2: 2-3PM | 3-6: 3:30-4:30PM | 7-9: 5-6PM

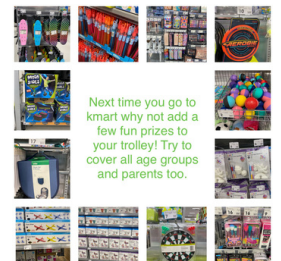
FUNDRAISING & EVENTS WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Want to help but don't have time to volunteer?

Our 2023 FOTV Family Play Day is our most ambitious fundraising event yet! If you'd like to help us, but find yourself a bit time-poor, you can buy us things!

We need gift vouchers for prizes at our FOTV Family Play Day! Next time you're shopping, consider adding on a gift voucher that you can donate to FOTV as a prize. The gift vouchers can be generic or you can choose a business - groceries, books, fashion, you name it - that you think Villagers would appreciate receiving!

We would also love to receive games that we can use for prizes - you can add one to your trolley next time you're at Kmart or similar and let Kat know - she'll be so happy to hear from you and will arrange collection with you. Email her at fundraising@llv.community.



online auction

Although not until Term 4, we're also working on our 2023 Online Auction. Last year, we were so lucky to have so many wonderful prizes donated by our community, so once again, we're asking you to get in contact if you have something suitable for auction, or if you'd like to purchase something to donate. Hot ticket items last year included holiday houses, experiences, theatre tickets, chocolate, alcohol and beauty treatments! The 2023 Online Auction will be run in the lead up to the festive season, so keep it in mind for your gift giving...

fundraising@llv.community



An all-time favourite returns in 2023! We are once again partnering with the wonderful **Gingerbread Folk** to have a delicious, festive fundraiser at the end of the year. The kits are the best on the market and are produced by an ethical and sustainable family business based in the Blue Mountains. They make a beautiful gift and are a great family activity! Stay tuned for pre-sales and more information soon...

SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP UPDATE



call out for second hand goods

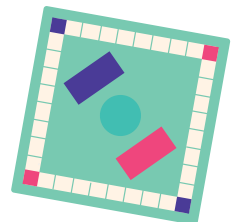
GOOD QUALITY ONLY

We're collaborating with the Fundraising & Events Working Group and staging a mammoth pre-loved goods stall at the upcoming event of the year, the 2023 FOTV Family Play Day!

This is a fantastic way to recycle and reuse items while fundraising for our school.

We want your **good quality** clothes, books, homewares, games, musical instruments and toys!

There will be a collection point in the top foyer **from Week 3 (31 July)** and we'll be clearing it twice a week so it doesn't become an eyesore! Please be conscious of placing your items neatly in the containers - and don't forget we'd love your paper grocery bags as well!



THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Want to know of some upcoming ways that you and your family can get involved in the community with causes that you feel passionate about?

This Weekend!

RACE FOR SICK KIDS

Walk or run for sick kids and their families staying at Ronald McDonald House

Sunday 30 July 2023

What a fun way to spend some time together meeting new and current friends whilst experiencing the stunning Sydney Harbour views and making a difference to families going through very challenging times.



[MORE INFO](#)



[Join the WhatsApp Group here](#)



OTHER OPPORTUNITES

Let us know of any upcoming events or ways your family have been serving the community that might be good to share with others! Email Monique [here](#)

SOCIALITES**WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Stage 3 SOCIAL

SUNDAY 30 JULY | 1:00-4:15pm

Ice Skating at Macquarie Centre

Embrace the cold! Stage 3 kids & families / carers are invited to show us your moves and twirls at the Sunday Mega Skate session at Macquarie Ice Rink.

Please rsvp by 'buying' a free ticket via the floktu link below, just so we can get an indication of numbers. You can purchase your actual tickets from the ticket booth at Maquarie Ice Rink as usual.

Public prices for the Mega Skate session are:

- Kids (5-15 years old) \$25 including skate hire
- Adults \$27 including skate hire
- No entry fee for non-skaters

Mega Skate ticket includes unlimited skating from 10:45am-4:15pm. While we're suggesting that LLV Stage 3 join just for the afternoon session, from 1pm - 4:15pm, you can get there much earlier if you want to.

Adults & siblings are very welcome to come & skate too, or grab a coffee and have a chat to other parents & carers in the bleachers to the left hand side of the rink (opposite side to the shoe hire).



I WANT TO
ICE SKATE!

SKI TRIP



The previously sold out Ski Trip now has a few places available! The Ski Trip has been organised by Stage 2, 3 and 4 Socialites, but anyone is welcome!

The trip will be at Ski Rider, a great place just 10 minutes from the lifts. The price includes a hot buffet breakfast with fruit, yoghurt, pastries and cereals and a delicious buffet dinner and dessert every night. It also includes a shuttle bus which runs throughout the day.

DATES

Starting on the 24th September. You can stay as long as you like. Ski Rider are offering 5 nights for the price of 4, so most people will probably stay for 5 nights. This is the start of the September school holidays.

COST

Nightly Cost: \$328.80 for a twin plus \$53.60 for each child. This ends up at \$436/night for a family of 4, or \$348/night if you stay for 5 nights (this is a very good price and includes a 20% discount for our group).

INCLUSIONS

Cooked breakfasts and dinners each night and shuttles to and from the ski slopes throughout the day. The lodge is 10 minutes from the lifts.

Please join the Ski Trip WhatsApp Group to find out about availability and bookings.



I WANT TO SKI!

MUSIC WORKING GROUP UPDATE

DIAM continues to provide extra-curricular music tuition and ensemble opportunities for LLV students. Diego has put together some information on the various offerings DIAM is providing at our school. He is very pleased to be partnering with FOTV for the 2023 Family Play Day - and we look forward to hearing some amazing PLAY-ing on the big day!

WHAT'S ON

DIAM/LLV

2023 Programs and Events

WWW.DIAMMUSIC.COM.AU/LLV.HTML



PROGRAMS OFFERED
Please find all the information for the following programs, all billing is on a term by term basis.

COSTS FOR ONE-ON-ONE INSTRUMENTAL TUITION:
One-on-one tuition for the following instruments:
Trumpet | Trombone | French Horn | Euphonium
Flute | Violin | Viola | Cello | Double Bass |
Saxophone | Singing | Drums/ Percussion | Piano
Guitar
***All instrumental tuition depends on demand

BANDS, ENSEMBLES AND MUSICAL THEATRE
DIAM offers options for the students to enjoy playing music together with their Friends. COST \$15-\$18+GST per rehearsal depending on the program and demand

Beginners Band
Intermediate Band
Advanced Band
Rock Bands
Guitar Ensemble (\$21+GST)
Strings Ensemble
Musical Theatre




MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

THE JOY OF MUSIC LEARNING AT YOUR OWN PACE, WHERE EVERY STUDENT GETS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE.

I am delighted to be running the LLV music program, DIAM (Diego Ibarra Academy of Music) is a music school that strives towards fostering musical enjoyment and building character in children through music.

DIAM prides itself on delivering well organised, exciting music programs with clear communication with all parties.

Please find below more information about DIAM's programs and events for 2023. (Please bear in mind that some information contained in this document may change based on demand)

Diego Ibarra Duarte
Director



NEW 2023 EVENTS AND PROJECTS

PERFORMING IS THE ESSENCE OF MUSIC

WHAT'S ON FOR 2023?

The following are the DIAM Yearly Events for 2023.

All events will be displayed in the yearly calendar sent to all the families in the music program

STUDENTS CONCERT EVERY TERM (Next one on Sun 5 Nov at LLV)
BATTLE OF THE BANDS Sun 3 Dec at LLV
ORCHESTRAL CONCERT Sun 10 Sep along with the 2023 FOTV Family Play Day
ADDAMS FAMILY SHOW Friday 24 Nov, Sat 25 Nov and Sun 26 Nov
DIAM COMPOSITION AND RECORDING/PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE PROJECT (INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS, ENSEMBLES AND ROCK BANDS) at any time a student/band wants to compose, record and produce their own music



MUSICAL THEATRE

(THE ADDAMS FAMILY)

ADDAMS FAMILY SHOW FRIDAY 24 NOV, SAT 25 NOV AND SUN 26 NOV AT LLV

Do not miss this unforgettable performance of LLV DIAM students co-produced by DIAM and LLV

Special thanks to Stephanie McConnell, Kim Sheehy, Deb Smithers, Sahin Bostanci, FOTV and the entire LLV community.



TRAINING AND CONCERT BAND PROGRAM

BOOST YOUR PASSION AND CONFIDENCE

Cost: (\$15-\$18 per 1 hr rehearsal depending on numbers, currently at \$15) Let the fun continue by playing brass and woodwind instruments with friends and peers.

Beginners Band (0-1yr experience) Wednesday 7:30 @ LLV
Intermediate Band (1-3yrs experience up to Grade 3 level) Friday 7:15am @ LLV
Advanced Band (Grade 3 level onwards) Thursday 7:30am @ LLV

To sign up go to www.diammusic.com.au/llv



DIAM EISTEDFODD MUSIC COMPETITION

DIAM would like to encourage artistic craft and discipline within the students by inviting them to participate in this musical competition which will be divided into instruments: Piano, Classical Guitar, Singing and Rock Bands (Guitar Ensembles and Electric Guitar TBC)

Each instrument will be divided into levels: (Preliminary- Grade 3) (Grade 4- Grade 7) Rock bands and ensemble would have no levels.

Each instrument and band will have an adjudicator, an experienced and accomplished performer/pedagogue to guarantee objectivity in the awarding. Each student will get a certificate award regardless of their result.

Date: -Saturday 11 and 18 November
Prize: \$150 WINNER IN EACH INSTRUMENT/LEVEL \$300 WINNING BAND
Requirements: Each student has to perform 2 contrasting pieces.
The students will be judged on their joy, technique, expression and posture NOT on how many mistakes they make.
Entry Fee: \$45 plus GST per individual category, \$30 plus GST per band member.




ROCK BAND PROGRAM

FEEL THE ENERGY OF ROCK MUSIC!

DIAM offers the fun of having a Rock Band, performing at exciting events every term including Battle of The Bands!

Rehearsals: 1 weekly, Monday @ LLV before school, Saturday @ Lane Cove (Unit 1, 43 River Road West, Lane Cove NSW 2066)
Price: \$30-\$15 + GST per rehearsal, depending on student numbers, max. 6 per band) all sessions charged in advance per term
Requirements: Commitment to the events and rehearsals within reasonable circumstances.

To sign up go to www.diammusic.com.au/llv



DIAM COMPOSITION AND RECORDING/MUSIC PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE PROJECT

(INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS AND ROCK BANDS)

DIAM is calling to all our young composers within its students and DIAM rock bands to learn how to record, and the ins and outs of music production assisted by a professional sound engineer to give DIAM students the entire composing, recording and producing experience.

Price: \$85 plus GST per hour, there will be different amounts of hours required depending on the songs and some extra hours if interested in learning about mixing and mastering all different packages fees will be confirmed ASAP).

Fees will include the time spent recording PLUS the time it takes DIAM's sound engineer to promptly mix and master the songs/pieces.



P&C FEDERATION NSW NEWS

NOMINATE NOW FOR THE P&C FEDERATION ANNUAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS



Shine a spotlight on the exceptional contributions of P&C Associations, individual members, community volunteers and principals by nominating them for the Annual P&C Federation Volunteer Awards.

This year's award winners will take home a trophy and certificate, while the P&C Association of the Year will also receive \$1000 prize money.

This year's categories are:

P&C Association Member of the Year
Community Volunteer of the Year
P&C Association of the Year
Principal of the Year

To nominate or find out more visit the [P&C Federation website](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USE IN EDUCATION ENQUIRY



The P&C Federation recently made a submission to a Federal Government inquiry into the use of generative artificial intelligence in education. The submission was partly shaped by input from NSW parents and is available on the P&C Federation website. [Read more](#)

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NEWS



Have your say on the future of public education in NSW

Don't miss the chance to have your say on the draft plan released by the NSW Department of Education. Parents and carers can visit the Department's website to view the plan, and provide feedback. [Read more](#)

Consultation ends 25 August 2023

Communicating with parents and carers

Your voice matters! Parents and carers of NSW public schools are invited to provide their insights on how schools communicate with them. [Read more](#)

Future Teacher Scholarship

Unlock a bright future for your child with the Future Teacher Scholarship by the NSW Department of Education. Financial support, invaluable experience, and a guaranteed teaching position in a NSW public school await. [Read more](#)

Infrastructure Traineeship for Year 12 school leavers

The NSW Government's Infrastructure Traineeship is perfect for Year 12 students interested in developing their professional skills in the infrastructure industry, as well as having the potential to make a difference to communities across NSW. [Read more](#)



The Bitter Pea

BY CAFE FEOH

It's been a wonderful start for our beautiful, new school cafe - The Bitter Pea by Cafe Feoh! Thank you for all your positive and supportive feedback which has been overwhelmingly an expression of delight over the delicious food on offer!

Ken & Thuy have been working hard with Munch Monitor to get the ordering logistics smooth and efficient. When an order is missing, the most common reason is because the customer has not completed the check out process properly, so please make certain you have received an email confirmation in your inbox when placing your orders. Ken & Thuy will always make up an order for a student and get in contact for payment if necessary. Please note that all primary (K-6) lunch orders are taken to their learning spaces - only high school (7-12) students should be collecting orders from the cafe.

If you'd like your student to be able to use the Snack Money option on Munch Monitor, please make sure you have added a current, clear photo of them on their profile and selected the amount of money you'd like them to be able to spend. Students can then pick up an ID tag from the cafe which will be connected to their Munch Monitor account. Cafe staff can quickly scan their tags to find their account and use the Snack Money to pay - or they can pay with cash or card, of course!

Ken & Thuy have kindly agreed to say a few words at next week's General Meeting, so put Thursday 3 August 7:30 in your calendar and hop online to hear more cafe news!



Ken & Thuy outside Cafe Feoh on Pacific Highway, Lindfield



VOLUNTEERING AT THE BITTER PEA BY CAFE FEOH

Please consider becoming a cafe volunteer at our school! To ensure the success of our new cafe, we need helping hands each day 11am-1:30pm. You'll even get lunch and coffee in the cafe after your shift.

Please sign up using this link:

[**I WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE BITTER PEA!**](#)



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= faster
service



Book Club

One of the ideas we've long bounced around at **Friends of the Village** is BOOK CLUB! So, it was with much enthusiasm that we embraced the call out from Vidya Madabushi, parent of Taal (S3) and Kit (S1) and published author, to create a FOTV Book Club!

There seems to be huge interest in Book Club, with almost 80 people joining the WhatsApp group. Thanks to our VP Danya for setting that up and creating a poll for us to choose our first book! At Vidya's suggestion, we perused the Miles Franklin Longlist for 2023 and voted overwhelmingly for Lindfield local author Shankari Chandran's *Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens*.

On Thursday 20 July, a group of about twenty literary lovers gathered at Rashmin in Roseville to enjoy a delicious banquet of Indian Nepalese dishes. We were delighted and honoured to have the author in attendance. It was a special experience to be able to talk to Shankari about her powerful novel and to learn a little about her creative process. She was so generous and open with us all and only a few days later, we were all delighted to hear that *Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens* was awarded the 2023 Miles Franklin Literary Award. Congratulations, Shankari!

It was also wonderful to have the opportunity to meet many new friends from the Village. Everybody is welcome to join our Book Club! We've chosen *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams as our second title to read with a tentative meeting date of Sunday 17 September 5pm - so hop into our [WhatsApp group](#) and introduce yourself and join the discussion!

"I guess there are never enough books."

JOHN STEINBECK



2023 FOTV Fundraising Goals



\$70 000

Student Learning Support Staff



\$5000

Artist-In-Residence



\$5000

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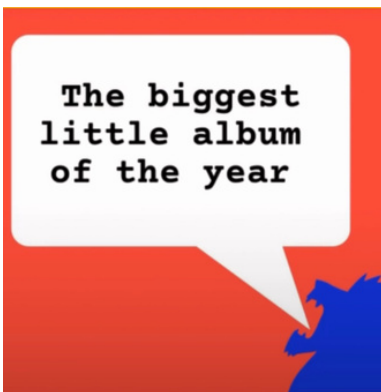
From Our Community



Tiptoe Giants just released a new album!

Small but Mighty is an album of music, mantras, poems, and meditations to uplift spirits and celebrate that big things happen when little ones learn to embrace emotions, unlock courage, celebrate self love, wonder in nature, and practice resilience, healthy habits and mindfulness.

Tiptoe Giants also recently released a collaboration with the much loved Aussie singer-songwriter, Josh Pyke. The song, *Little River Runs* is a delightful cumulative folk song about how everything in nature is connected.



Tiptoe Giants is an ARIA-nominated kids' band with a strong LLV connection! Lee King is a parent (Stage 1 & 2) and Meg Lipworth is a DIAM band conductor! Together with Vanessa Couper, they have a mission to create fun, contemporary and wholesome music for families to share, exposing children to a range of musical styles that develop how to THINK, FEEL AND GROW as individuals and within communities, and EMPOWERING children to find the little giant within themselves.

Check out their new album, and all things Tiptoe Giants [here](https://www.tiptoegiants.com).

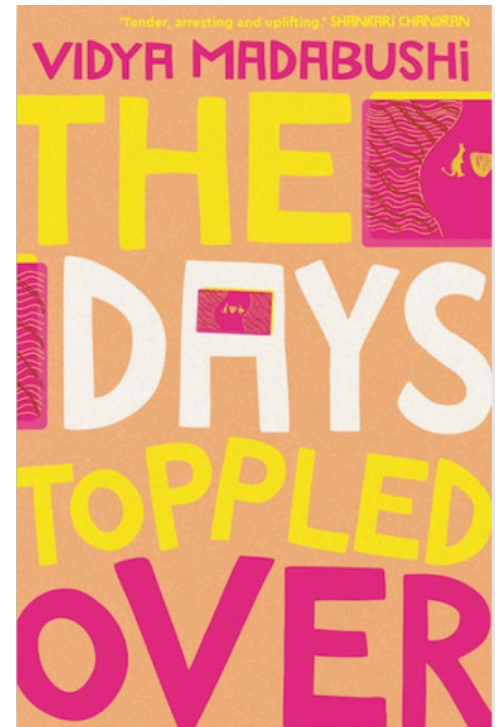


[tiptoegiants.com](https://www.tiptoegiants.com)

From Our Community

Vidya Madabushi is an Indian writer living in Sydney. She has an MA in Creative Writing from the University of Sydney, and her first novel, *Bystanders*, was published in India in 2015. *Bystanders* was shortlisted for the Tibor Jones South Asia Prize, and a previous version was longlisted for the Australian Vogel Award. In 2018, Vidya received the Writing NSW Grant for Fiction for the creation of this novel. *The Days Topped Over* is her Australian debut.

Set between Bangalore and Sydney, *The Days Topped Over* is a powerful exploration of mental health, family and the lives of international students in Australia. With a rich sense of place, a memorable cast of characters, and a good dose of humour, it illuminates how we all need friends and contact with other humans – and how these simple things can result in transformation.



It's intelligent and warm, and punchy where it needs to be.

THE GUARDIAN

Tender, arresting and uplifting.

SHANKARI CHANDRAN

2023 Miles Franklin Award Winner



Vidya is also a proud Villager, parent to Kit in Stage 1 and Taal in Stage 3 - plus her husband Jason Bernal is on staff (English, of course!) at LLV. Vidya was instrumental in setting up our burgeoning book club... we might need to add *The Days Topped Over* to our list of titles to read! Congratulations to Vidya on the publication of her second novel and all the excellent reviews it is attracting.