



COMMUNITY CONNECT

NEWSLETTER FOR EAST GIPPSLAND
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

WELCOME!

This is a weekly newsletter that is being provided for East Gippsland Children, Young People & Families to provide information and ideas for support during social distancing.

EAST GIPPSLAND LEGO LEGENDS

East Gippsland LEGO Legends continues to receive entries from children and young people all across East Gippsland. There has been over 70 entries so far! We have extended the closing date for entries to the 31st May so there is still time to get creative and share your LEGO and DUPLO creations to go in the draw to win LEGO and book packs.

Email or text entries to rachel.bell@savethechildren.org.au or 0409 203 566



Milo, 7 - Mallacoota
'Dragon Castle'

WINNERS OF LAST WEEK'S CHALLENGE

CREATE SOMETHING OUT OF CARDBOARD OR RECYCLED MATERIALS

Thank you to everyone who sent in their wonderful upcycled creations made out of cardboard and recycled materials. Everyone who sent in photos of their creations went in to the draw to win the prize pack and the winners of the Upcycle Challenge are Penny & Luke. Congratulations Penny & Luke!

You will find this weeks challenge on the following page.



Some of the Upcycled Creations

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE TWO: RECREATE YOUR FAVOURITE STORY IN A SONG

This is a challenging challenge this week! The challenge is to recreate your favourite story book in song. For some inspiration and ideas you might like to have a look at this clip of The Lion Inside – Rap Version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7D2nASjCwU>

Send your entries via email or text to;

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Each entry goes in the draw to win the weekly prize pack.

Entries close on Tuesday 5th May



ONLINE RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES

RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

The uncertainty that COVID-19 has brought can be stressful for children.

- [Beyond Blue](#) have a video explaining how to explain distressing news to children.
- [Raising Children Network](#) and [Emerging Minds](#) have developed resources to guide parents on how to speak to children about social isolation and COVID-19.
- [ABC's Parental as Anything podcast](#) episode on speaking to children about COVID-19.
- [The Conversation](#) provides advice to parents from experts and specialists on how to promote hand washing and how much they should tell their children about COVID-19.

EDUCATION RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES:

- [Learning at home](#): Resources and information to support learning and wellbeing in the home. Including [learning resources by year level](#).
- Modern Teaching Aids have curated recommendations for [resources ideal for remote and home-based learning](#). No-cost resources available.
- Highlights Kids offers [activities for children \(6+\)](#) that engage, delight, and foster joyful learning.
- [Children's stories online](#): Reading aloud to children has been shown to improve reading, writing and communication skills, logical thinking and concentration, and general academic aptitude, as well as inspire a lifelong love of reading.
- [Save with Stories](#) on Instagram.
- [History lessons for Children \(10+\)](#): Harness the curiosity and creativity of your middle and high school students with a supercharged social studies curriculum that gets beyond facts.
- [National Geographic Kids](#): Find amazing facts about animals, science, history and geography, along with fun competitions, games and more.
- Check out over 30 Virtual Field Trips [here](#), or search the [Google Arts & Culture Collections](#), or for somewhere closer to home, drop in on the [Melbourne Zoo Live Cam](#) or browse the [State Library Victoria!](#)

You can give your feedback on what would be helpful to you and your family during social distancing here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/88Q3WBB>

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