



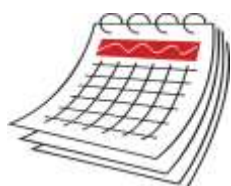
Normanhurst West OSHC

Term 2 2017 Newsletter

Dear NWOOSH Parents,

We hope this past term has been a productive and enjoyable one. The staff have certainly enjoyed the children's company as they continue to grow and develop their skills through the program.

Benjamin and Team



Dates for your Diary

30th June 2017 – Last Day of Before & After School Care for Term 2

3rd July 2017 – Winter Vacation Care Commences

18th April 2017 – First Day of Before & After School Care for Term 2

2nd August 2017 – OOSH Committee Meeting

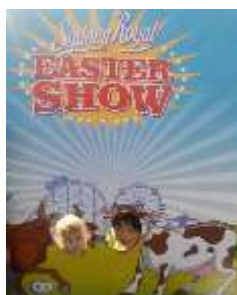
Autumn Vacation Care 17

I hope your children enjoyed the Autumn Vacation Care as much as the team and I did! This included going to new heights in the Tree Tops Adventures Park, with one of the staff joining the skoosh kids high up. With so many excursions and activities, it was hard to pick a favourite! Although, when asking the children for their feedback on their favourite part about the Easter Show, the answer was unanimous, the show bag! This was despite seeing car stunts, dog shows, cattle herding, viewing winning reptiles and many other stalls.

Winter Vacation Care 17

Vacation Care is less than a week away! Our program is available online at the centre's website and bookings can be made through the Web-server. These holidays see an interesting mix of ideas with the children learning Coding, becoming Detectives and learning Ju Jitsu! The Vacation Care program is based on Observations of children's likes and strengths as well as feedback received.

Please also note on the centre website you can view the Risk Assessments for each excursion which are prepared to comply with the Regulations. This allows you to see the prior preparation that is undertaken before each excursion, which includes a visits to the venue to ensure familiarity and to identity any risks.



Easter Show was a hit with some of the children now a permanent fixture!



Looks like the Easter Bunny came to OOSH!

SKOOSH (Year 4,5,6) Program



The Skoosh children relax at Fuoco Café, one of the favourites, as they enjoy their milkshake.

The SKOOSH program for Term 2 has been a real success, especially with the Skoosh only sports program of Parkour! This has proved so popular that the centre is considering running it for Term 3. The children enjoyed the café trips as always, and even making their own crazy caps! Mini-golf proved a lot of fun as everyone was a winner with no score being kept. The program for Term 3 is currently being designed, so any feedback from the children or parents, please pass onto the team. And I'm looking forward to our first Skoosh only Cinema session in the upcoming Vacation Care!

Absence from OOSH



Please let us know if your child/ren will not be attending OOSH. Notifying the school does NOT count as letting us know. You can let us know if your child/ren will be away via phone or email. A Non-Notification Fee may be charged for failing to notify the centre before commencement of the session. This includes morning and afternoon sessions.

Sick

As well as practicing our Emergency Procedures in Safety Week, the children learnt many skills, such as applying Bandages to each other!

If your child/ren has been sick (vomiting) they need to remain at home for 24 hours. This is to ensure that any germs aren't passed on to other children as well as ensure each child has time to cover.

NWOOSH Committee Meetings

NWOOSH is a Not-for-Profit, Management Committee Run, Community based OOSH service and we pride ourselves on being responsive to the community needs. We would love to welcome all families to come along and have a say in our centre! We are always looking for volunteers to be on the Committee, in any capacity! If you would like to be involved, please speak with Benjamin at the centre. The next Committee Meetings will be held next Term on Wednesday nights during Week 3 and 7.



Parking



A reminder to all parents that the School Staff Carpark is for staff only between 8am and 4pm. During these times, could you please park on the street when dropping off or collecting your children from OOSH.

Staffing Changes



If you haven't noticed already, the centre has some new friendly faces that have joined the team in the past term. From a variety of backgrounds which includes studying teaching and dance coaching, the new staff add many skills and experience to the centre. Please make sure you introduce yourselves to our staff as they settle in. Their staff profiles will be up in the bag room/foyer.



Parent / Child Suggestions and Feedback

NWOOSH always strives to provide high quality care for our children that is responsive to the needs and wishes of the community. If you have any Suggestions / Comments or Feedback, we would love to hear them!! Please email these to nwoosh@hotmail.com or complete a suggestion form at our sign in / out desk.

Children's Belongings and Lost Property

Please make sure any items that come to OOSH and clearly labelled with your children's name. This assists the centre in helping return lost items to the right owners. Any items without a name left longer than a week in the Lost Property Cupboard will be disposed of.

A reminder that while it is lovely that children like to bring toys to OOSH, can we please request that these are not expensive as they may get damaged during play at the centre and not too big as any items brought will have to be stored in your child's school bag.

Enrolment Information

With almost half the year gone, we ask that parents please check their details online to ensure they are up-to-date as some of those details could be over 6 months old! Keeping details up-to-date assists in keeping your child safe should the centre need to contact you for any reason but also allows families to stay ahead with important information that is released through the year. Your details can be edited online through the Web-server portal.

Community Corner

Hornsby Shire Council – Hornsby Park Updates

The Council currently provides a website with information on the transition of the former quarry into a park which is due 2023. Information can be found at the following website:

<http://hornsbypark.com.au/>

Hornsby Shire Council – Gengeagala Day

The Council is running a free workshop and talks to get help those interested in starting research into their own family history. This will be held on Saturday 12th August 2017. For further information, please visit the website below:

<http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/my-lifestyle/events/all-events/library-events/hornsby-shire-family-history-group-gengeagala-day-family-history-for-you>



Hornsby Shire Council – School Holiday Walk

The Council has organised a short bushwalk aimed at ages 10 and over, who are interested in a short guided walking during a weekend in the holidays. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/my-lifestyle/events/all-events/bushwalks/echidna-kids-bushwalk2>



Winterfest Sydney 2017

Not sure what to do on the weekends in these upcoming holidays? Interested in entertainment from a different age? Why not try the Winterfest Sydney Medieval Fair? Children can try on helmets, hold shields and swords. Entertainment includes Jousting contests, 'Medieval Kitchen Rules' with cooking from an era gone and even a school to learn how to be a knight! For more information on the festival, please visit the website below:

<http://winterfest.com.au/>

Centre Links:

Out of Centre Activity Forms:

<http://www.normanhurstwestoshc.com.au/2015/02/out-of-centre-activity-form/>



The centre's photo booth morning proved such a hit, it ran three days in a row! Future The Voice contenders perhaps?

We wish families all the best for the continuing term and upcoming holidays.