



Normanhurst West OSHC

Term 4 Newsletter

Dear NWOOSH Parents,

How quick the year has gone by and now we are in our last term of OOSH for the year. We hope you have returned refreshed from the holidays and look forward to seeing you during the Term.

Benjamin and Kelsie

Vacation Care Spring 2015

It seems only yesterday that we were having fun with the children in our Spring Vacation Care Program, my time has flown. It was a very successful program with the children enjoying activities from cartoon drawing, to learning about different cultures on our international day to the very popular Big Blast. This excursion was actually booked after I heard children mention this wonderful place down in Brookvale.

We are thoroughly looking forward to the upcoming Summer Vacation Care!

16 th December 2015	Last day of school and Before and After School Care
17 th December – 23 rd December 2015	NWOOSH Open for Pupil Free Days / Vacation Care
24 th December – 3 rd January 2016	NWOOSH Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
4 th January - 25 th January 2016	NWOOSH open for Vacation Care
26 th January 2016	Centre Closed for the Australia Day Public Holiday
27 th January 2016	School Returns and Before and After school care resumes

2016 Enrolment

2016 Enrolment for existing families will be commencing in Monday 26th October, Week 4, of this term. An email will be sent to parents with information on cut off dates. Information on how to enrol will be accessible on our website. If you have any queries regarding the Enrolment Process, please speak to Benjamin or Kelsie.

Touchscreen

A reminder to all parents that you need to sign your child/ren in and out of NWOOSH, using our touchscreen. Please make sure you have your Log-in Details and Password ready when picking up/dropping off your child/ren. As the electronic roll is a legal document, no children are allowed to touch or access information on the touchscreen. If you are unsure of how to use the Touchscreen, please ask our friendly staff to assist you.

Allergies, Asthma and Anaphylaxis

At our centre we do have children attending that have been diagnosed with various allergies. We would appreciate it if you could not pack any products or food containing Nuts or Eggs for your child when attending care. At OOSH, we do not allow the sharing of children's food as a way to manage any cross-contamination risk. The children are reminded of this during attendance at their session.



Some of the children joust in Sumo Suits at Big Blast during VC



We had a visit from Robot Riot where we used robots for soccer competitions and robot battles



Children participate in the Mummy Wrapping Challenge as part of the 'Egypt' activity in International Day.



If your child becomes diagnosed with an allergy or asthma, you must provide a copy of the management plan from your doctor as well as any required medication to the centre before your child can attend care again. This is to ensure the safety of the children attending the centre. As the management plan is a legal document, it must be signed and dated by your doctor.

To further ensure the health and safety of your child, if your child is currently diagnosed, you will be required to complete a risk minimisation plan with myself or Kelsie. This shows the steps taken by the centre to reduce the likelihood of the allergy/asthma occurring. If you have any further queries about the plan, please feel free to speak to me about it.

Bookings

We are pleased to inform families that there are places available for all sessions for care. If you wish to amend your bookings, please make your way online to the Webserver. This can be accessed in the parent menu under the heading 'Before & After Bookings'. Please note that online bookings for casual sessions close by Midday the business day beforehand. If you wish to book a casual

session after this cut off time, please email or phone the centre.

NWOOSH Committee Meetings

NWOOSH is a Not-for-Profit, Management Committee Run, Community based OOSH service, 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 Meeting for this Term will be held on Wednesday night during Week 7.

Out of Centre Activities

As the term gets under way, many out of centre activities have started to commence (e.g. band, dance etc). In line with Regulations, OOSH staff are unable to release your child to another activity without written permission. As such, if your child has an out of centre activity, please be sure to complete and email the appropriate form available on our website <http://www.normanhurstwestoshc.com.au/2015/02/out-of-centre-activity-form/>

Staffing Changes

You may have noticed some new faces at OOSH, and some familiar faces are missing! This past term we have said farewell to both Lorik and Tim B as they move on to further their careers. Both staff members were an integral part of our team and will be sorely missed. We wish them both the best in their future endeavours; Lorik in HR Management and Tim B Arts.

We also welcome our new Assistant Coordinator, Kelsie, to the Team! We are

very excited to have her with us and she brings a wealth of experience through her Master's degree in Teaching, Bachelor of Inclusive Education and Disabilities studies and her time working in OOSH.

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.

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.

SKOOSH Program

We are pleased to announce a trial of the SKOOSH Program during term time, which involves having either an incursion or excursion every week for the older children. This has been very successful during the Vacation Care Program. Due to the positive feedback the program has received, we have decided to commence it during this Term. All parents should have received an email with the Skoosh Program Note including permission form and dates of the proposed activities. If you have not received this yet, could you please let me know. Also due to feedback, we have included one Year 6 Farewell Activity in the program which involves a trip to Hornsby Shops.

Community Corner

NORMANHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL Family Fun Day

Sunday 1st November 2015 10am – 3pm at NWPS.

Unlimited Ride Tickets available for \$30.

For more information, please visit:

www.normanhurstwestpandc.com.au

As with the previous year, OOSH is providing vouchers of up to \$150 worth of Vacation Care to be won as part of the silent auction being held during the Family Fun Day this year.

HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL Let's Light Westside

Friday 20th November 2015 6pm-9pm outside Hornsby Council Chambers, Hornsby.



Music, Food and Free Professional Photographs by the decorated Christmas Tree.

For more information, please visit the Hornsby Council Shire Website.