



Normanhurst West OSHC

Term 1 Newsletter 2016

Dear NWOOSH Parents,

A big welcome to all our returning and new families for 2016!

We had a great start to the year with an exciting Vacation Care and can't believe it is Week 6 already. April Holidays are right around the corner so stay tuned to see our program out Week 7!

Benjamin and the NWOOSH Team

DATES TO REMEMBER

7 th March 2016	Vacation Care bookings open online
9 th March 2016	Annual General Meeting 7pm
25 th March 2016	Good Friday Public Holiday- Centre Closed
28 th March 2016	Easter Monday- Centre Closed
11 th April 2016 – 25 th April 2016	Term 1 Vacation Care



We had a spectacular time at FX Zone, trying out all our new moves on these last holidays!

Calendar Bookings System

As you may have noticed, our Booking System on the webserver has recently received a makeover! Some of you have already jumped on and tried the new booking system and we are receiving great feedback so far. To make booking changes online, please navigate to our webserver, login, and select "calendar bookings" under the parents menu. This is the same booking system that will be used for Vacation Care and Pupil Free Days in the future. If you require assistance, please click the help button, and copy and paste the link to watch our video tutorial. Your feedback is always encouraged.



Staffing Changes

Unfortunately during Term 4 we lost Kelsie as one of our key Educators at NWOOSH.

We are very pleased however to give a warm welcome to our new Assistant Coordinator, Jessica! Jessica comes to the NWOOSH team with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resources, a Diploma in Children's Services and over three years' experience in OSHC. Please make sure you say hi when you are next at the Centre!



Room Changes

Our educators have been working hard to create new and exciting spaces for the children at NWOOSH! As you come into the Centre over the next few days you might notice our new quiet, relaxation area and our construction set up. There will be lots of new toys and games over the coming weeks too!



Carparking

A reminder to all parents that the School Staff Carpark is for staff only between 8am and 4pm.

During these times, it would be appreciated if families could please park on the street when dropping off or collecting children from OOSH. When utilising the carpark prior to 8am, and after 4pm, please be sure to leave the preschool parking spots free, and most importantly, watch for children and families!

Built By Kidz came for a visit during Vacation Care! They brought with them everything we needed to create our own toolboxes.



2016 Annual General Meeting

Normanhurst West OSHC operates as a not for profit centre, and as such needs support from our families to be on our Management Committee. Being on the Committee is easy, you only need to commit to 2 short meetings per term! If you are interested in joining the committee, please speak with Benjamin for more information, or email us at nwoosh@hotmail.com. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 7pm in the OOSH Centre. Everyone welcome!

*BROOOOOM!!!!
Our go karts were a HUGE hit during Vacation Care.*



Vacation Care

We have only recently finished our Summer Vacation Care, and the children had a blast! Favourites were the Water Slide @ NOOSH and our excursion to Inflatable World.

We are currently organising our April Vacation Care program, and can't wait to show you what we have planned. Bookings will be available online from week 7.

Everyone had a ball on our Water Day excursion to NOOSH!

Don't forget to check the lost property box for your child's belongings!



*Slippery, slimey SNAKES!
Our brave boys holding a GIANT
python on Reptile Day during
Vacation Care.*

After School Care Sport

Each term NWOOSH offer an organised sporting activity where a coach / trained sports teacher visits the centre and teaches the children over 7 weeks of the term.

This term we are pleased to offer an Athletics program for children run by a new coach, Jess, which will take place on a Wednesday afternoon between 3:45-4:45pm starting on the 17th February.



Out of Centre Activities

As the year 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/>



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.



Policy Review

This Term we are focussing our policy review on Administration and Management Policies. If you have some spare time, or would be able to assist in the review of some policies, we would greatly appreciate it! If you would like to become involved in the Policy Review process, please speak with Benjamin at the centre to find out which policies are up for review this week.



Safety Week

The centre will be practicing our Emergency Procedures over the next term. We really appreciate parents patience during pick up times as there may be a couple of minutes wait during the rehearsals.

Community Corner

SUNSET SESSIONS

During February and March, Hornsby Mall is the place to be with Sunset Sessions every Friday night from 5-8pm. Sunset Sessions deliver free live performances, food trucks and a small market place. For more information, visit:

<http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/my-lifestyle/events/sunset-sessions>



CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE (CDBS)

The CDBS gives eligible children access to up to \$1000 per child for dental services over two consecutive calendar years. Children can access CDBS through either a Private Dental Provider or the NSW Public Dental Service. Visit Medicare Online <https://my.gov.au> to check your child's eligibility and CDBS balance. For more information, visit <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/Pages/child-dental-benefits-schedule.aspx>

Visit a NSW Public Dental Service
for your child's dental care

No Gap Fee No Out of Pocket Costs
For Child Dental Benefit Schedule services

SCALY BARK NIGHT WALK

March 4th 2016, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Experience the sights and sounds of the bush after dark. This walk is along a creek valley where the swamp mahoganies provide ideal habitat for yellow bellied gliders, sugar gliders and wallabies.

Contact

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FREE WORKSHOPS

During March and April The Hills Shire Council will be running workshops promoting sustainability! These workshops are a fun way to learn a new skill from Soap Making to Op- Shop Tours!

Visit [The Hills Shire Council Website](http://www.thehillsnsw.gov.au) for more information.

