

Normanhurst West OOSH

Term 3 Newsletter

Dear NWOOSH Parents,

We hope the Term so far 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 our program.

The NWOOSH Team

Important: 2017 OOSH Enrolment

Enrolment for OOSH in 2017 is fast approaching. Below is some important information for your 2017 bookings.

The growth of OOSH in recent years has meant that we are reaching capacity in some of the afternoon sessions – the most popular days have been Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

The OOSH committee continues to work closely with Mr McLaren & the P&C to find solutions that will allow us to increase our licenced capacity to accommodate all our families' requirements. This includes the potential to build an additional facility for OOSH.

The Normanhurst West OOSH enrolment policy is detailed in the <u>Parent Handbook</u> on our website. Should we reach our licenced capacity, enrolments will be accepted according to enrolment date / time (including completion of all requested paperwork) and include the Government's Priority of Access guidelines. Should enrolment applications exceed the number of licenced spaces, we will run a waitlist.

To assist a smooth enrolment process for your family please ensure that:

- You have selected the appropriate options in the Priority of Access portion of your online enrolment form.
- The Centre has received all the required documentation for your child. Enrolments cannot be approved if documentation is missing.

Enrolment Timeline for 2017

Online enrolment for existing OOSH families will open on Monday 10 October, 2016 at 9am.

Enrolment for new families will open on Monday 24 October.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make contact with the Centre.

For more information:

Priority of Access Guidelines: <u>https://www.education.gov.au/priority-allocating-places</u> Centre Policies and Procedures and Enrolment Requirements: <u>http://www.normanhurstwestoshc.com.au/</u>



The Skoosh children enjoy a drink and relax at the local Café.



The Skoosh children pose after doing battle for the colour run.



The children got a surprise visit from Hornsby Fire Brigade, shown here with them standing against the truck.



Wheels Day again proved popular with the children, lined up here for Time Trials.

Dates for your Diary

31st August 2016 OOSH Committee Meeting

23rd September 2016 Last Day of Term 3 Before & After School Care

26th September 2016 Spring Vacation Care Commences

3rd October 2016 Public Holiday (Centre Closed)

10th October 2016 First Day of Term 4 Before & After School Care Enrolments open for <u>Existing OOSH families</u>

24th October 2016 Enrolments open for <u>New OOSH families</u>

Hornsby Fire Brigade Visit

Week 5 was Safety Week at the Centre with our educators and children practicing our Emergency Procedures and discussing ways to keep safe whilst at NWOOSH and at home and who better to tell them than the local fire brigade! The children had a safety talk and even demonstrated their Stop, Drop and Roll to the Fire Chief. He was very impressed, so much so that the children then had turns on the Fire Trucks! We definitely have some future fire fighters amongst us!

SKOOSH (Year 4, 5, 6) Program

The SKOOSH program for term 3 was designed based on feedback from our Senior children and is well underway with the children having a blast on their Colour Run! The termly SKOOSH program involves an incursion or excursion every week for the older children so please make sure that you have signed and returned the permission note so your child doesn't miss out on all the FUN!

Vacation Care Survey

We would love our families input to help us shape future Vacation Care programs! Please click on the link to complete a quick and easy survey.

Normanhurst West OSHC Vacation Care Survey!

Vacation Care

We had a great time during the Winter vacation care with a few of the highlights being hip hop classes, a trip to the Maritime museum and Attractivity which was a huge hit! We spent the day doing high ropes, arcade games and laser tag!

We have a HUGE Vacation Care program planned for Spring with lots of new, exciting activities such as a trip up to The Entrance, a visit from 9D Cinema and a trip to The Tumbling School!



The children attempt to solve the pattern at one of the many Arcade Games at Attractivity.



Our new educator Matt!

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.

Term 3 Committee Meeting

The next Committee Meeting for this Term will be held on Wednesday night during Week 7, 31st August 2016.

Staffing Changes

You may have noticed a new face at OOSH as we welcome Matt on board as part of the NWOOSH Team!

Matt is a Certified Supervisor and has been in the industry since 2013. As are all our staff, Matt is trained in First Aid, Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Manual Handling, CPR and Child Protection. Please make him feel welcome and say hi next time you are in!

Community Corner



HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL – Child Seat Safety Checking Day The council holds four FREE child care seat safety checking days a year for residents and rate payers of Hornsby Shire Council. The next one scheduled for 1st September 2016 located in the Brick Pit Undercover Carpark

Should you require more information, please visit the Council Website at: <u>http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/my-lifestyle/events/all-events/all-events/all-events/child-seat-safety-</u> <u>checking-day</u>

NORTHCONNEX UPDATE

The Northconnex Project has recently released a new project update which relates to the commencement of spoil haulage to Hornsby Quarry. The updated



information relating to the Hornsby Quarry update can be found at the following link: <u>http://northconnex.com.au/docs/default-source/news/hqn002-notification-cemp-approval-and-establishment-work.pdf?sfvrsn=2</u>

Further information can be found at: www.northconnex.com.au