



# Normanhurst West OSHC

## Term 4 2019 Newsletter

We have had such an exciting year at NWOOSH, and it won't be long before Santa arrives! A big thank you to all families who submitted their enrolments in such a timely fashion. We look forward to having you at NWOOSH in 2020. As this is the last newsletter of the Term, the NWOOSH Family offers a very Merry Christmas to your family. We hope the season is filled with love, laughter, friends and family, and you have a safe break.

### Dates for your Diary:

**Last Day of Term 4:** Wednesday 18 December

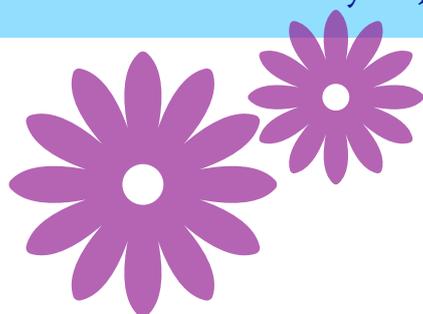
**Vac Care Commences:** Thursday 19 December

**NWOOSH Closed:** Saturday 21 December – 1  
January 2020 Inclusive

**Vac Care Commences:** Thursday 2 January

**Australia Day Holiday:** Monday 27 January

**Term 1 Commences:** Wednesday 29 January



### NWOOSH is on Facebook!

Don't forget to check out our  
Facebook page!

We share our Daily Programs, Menus,  
Event Reminders and OOSH Industry  
Changes.

Find us at  
[www.facebook.com/NWOOSH](http://www.facebook.com/NWOOSH)

### OOSH Enrolment for 2020

Thank you to all families who enrolled early in Term 4. All enrolments have now been processed and bookings offered for 2020. Please note there is currently a waitlist for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. If you have had a change to your care requirements, please take the time to review your bookings and make any alterations required. If you are on the waitlist, please rest assured we will offer positions as soon as they become available. As the waitlist is not extensive, we are hopeful we will be able to meet all families care requirements for 2020.

## Summer Vacation Care 2019 / 2020

Our Summer Care program for the upcoming school holidays has been released and bookings are now open. NWOOSH will be open for the pupil free days on 19 December and 20 December, then will close for Christmas. We will reopen on 2 January 2020.

SKOOSH is our Senior Kids OOSH club, and these activities are available to children in years 4,5 and 6. Any children who are currently in year 3 are able to join us for SKOOSH vacation care activities from 2 January 2020. Current year 6 children are welcome to join us up to and including Friday 24 January 2020. SKOOSH highlights include a visit to Luna Park, swimming at Hornsby Aquatic Centre and rock climbing and low level bouldering at The Edge Castle Hill.

New kindergarten children starting school next year are welcome to join us from 2 January 2020. We recommend sending your new kindergarten child during the holidays, so they can meet other children, and become familiar with our educators and environment at NWOOSH.

Exciting activities planned for December and January include gingerbread houses, reptile spotting at the Australian Reptile Park, and our old favourite TreeTops Adventure Park. We have some early cut-off bookings times these holidays, so please ensure you book in early so you don't miss out.

Please note: the Centre will be closed on Monday 27 January for the Australia Day public holiday.

We are so excited for the upcoming school holidays and we hope you can join us for this awesome adventure!

### OOSH Committee

NWOOSH is a P&C subcommittee and therefore relies on the help of volunteer parents. The day-to-day running of the service is managed by the Director and our Senior Staff members, leaving the committee to focus on high level decisions. The Committee meets once per term at 7.15pm. As a busy parent, it can be hard to find a way to support the school outside of work hours - OOSH offers a unique experience to be involved in the community and support the school, without needing to be able to commit time during the working day. We have an AGM in Term 1 and we are looking for new members to join our Committee. If you are interested or would like any more information, you can contact the Convenor's via email [convenor.nwoosh@gmail.com](mailto:convenor.nwoosh@gmail.com)

## Sustainability at NWOOSH

NWOOSH took a pledge earlier this year to increase our sustainability commitment by implementing everyday practices to make a difference. So far this year we have been recycling our bread tags, decreasing our paper towel usage in the kitchen and doing lots of recycled craft to repurpose waste that would have just made it into the bin. Recently we had our recycling bin delivered, and we are ensuring our kitchen waste and anything that can be recycled is popped into the correct bin. We look forward to continuing to build on our sustainability efforts as we go green.

## Emergency Week

During week 5, our NWOOSH children and educators completed a series of drills - both lockdowns and evacuations to ensure we are well versed in our codewords and alert mechanisms and to ensure everyone is familiar with our emergency procedures. We also had the SES visit us to talk to the children about safety. Our children were very interested and asked some very interesting questions. We look forward to expanding upon this with more community visitors in future.

## Staff Changes at NWOOSH

NWOOSH has had some recent changes take place as we head towards the end of the year. Daniel, Cody and Mia have moved on to full time roles in their respective fields, and we wish them well in their future endeavors. We have also been trialing some new staff members at the centre and would like to formally welcome Karina, Max and Trixie to the NWOOSH Team. Along with these changes, Roz has also formally moved into the Director role at the centre, and Kelcie has recently completed her external training as we welcome her into a Certified Supervisor role at the centre. Nice work Kelcie!

## Is your child absent from NWOOSH?

**Don't forget to let us know!**

You can advise NWOOSH of your child's absence by logging on to the online system by midday the day prior, or by calling or emailing the Centre.

**Please Note: NWOOSH must be advised separately to the school!**

**A Notification Fee may be charged for failing to notify the centre by the required time each session.**

## COMMUNITY CORNER

What's on?!

### HORNSBY ORGANIC MARKET

Every Thursday

Hornsby Mall, Florence Street, Hornsby

Certified Organic fresh food and gourmet produce Markets are on every Thursday around the fountain at Hornsby Mall.

Contact: Natural Resources (9999 2226)

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