



NORMANHURST WEST OSHC

Term 4 2020 Newsletter



On behalf of the team at NWOOSH, we would like to thank all of our wonderful families for their support, understanding and patience during this ever-changing year. We are so proud of how the children handled changes to their routines and normality!

We wish you all a safe holiday period and hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Dates for your Diary:



Last Day of Term 4: Wednesday 16 December

Start of Summer Vacation Care: Thursday 17 December

Centre Closes: Wednesday 23 December

Centre Re-opens: Monday 4 January

Australia Day Public Holiday: 26 January
(Centre Closed)

Last day Summer Vacation Care: 28 January

First Day Term 1 2021: 29 January



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Facebook!

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www.facebook.com/NWOOSH

COVID-19 Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures

At this stage, we are continuing with our current COVID-19 drop off and pickup procedures. We appreciate all our wonderful families for their assistance and understanding during a time of significant change. The health and safety of our children, their families and our educators are of the utmost importance to us. If you have any questions about our current pick up and drop off procedures please feel free to contact the centre on (02) 9484 4412 or email us at oosh@nwoosh.com.au.

COVID-19 Hygiene Procedures

To ensure the good health and safety of our children, families and educators NWOOSH has been registered as a COVID Safe Business. In addition, our team of educators have continued to implement our COVID-19 hygiene procedures. Our team will continue to comply with all health recommendations and procedures.

Summer Vacation Care 2020/2021

We are so excited to reveal our Summer Vacation Care Program for the December/January school holidays. Our educators have planned some amazing experiences for the children based on their feedback from previous Vacation Care surveys. Check out the photos below for a sneak peek! Keep your eye on our Facebook Page for more updates www.facebook.com/NWOOSH. We hope you can join us!



2021 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2021 have opened, and most families have completed the enrolment process. All completed enrolments received have now been approved, and families with a pending enrolment have been contacted with regards to information outstanding. If you have not received your enrolment approval, or an email with missing information, please contact us via email oosh@nwoosh.com.au.

Permanent bookings will be reviewed and approved this week. To assist us in forward planning for 2021, please ensure you make any changes required to your bookings as soon as you are aware of them, via our parent portal. If you have not yet enrolled because you are unsure of your care requirements for next year, please be aware you can enrol now and choose your bookings later- you do not have to do everything at once! If you are still working from home, we encourage you to enrol to give you the ultimate flexibility to phone up for a last-minute casual session, if the need arises. If you have any questions about enrolments or bookings, please contact us via email oosh@nwoosh.com.au.

Term 4 Clubs

Our Educators worked incredibly hard to prepare fun and exciting programs for the children to enjoy with our Term 4 Clubs. Each Monday, the children have been enjoying a variation of board games and card games in Games Club with Angus. A few super popular games include Muffin Time and Jungle Speed.

On Tuesday's, the children have been loving Handball Club with Miles. Handball has always been a favourite among all age groups at NWOOSH. What better way to extend on the children's interests?! On Wednesday's our OOSH-ies have enjoyed Origami Club with Yasoda, Thursday's puzzle club with Tim and Friday's Culture Club with Janetta.

Homework Club

Each afternoon following afternoon tea, our educators provide the children with the opportunity to complete their homework. The children have shown dedication and an amazing commitment to completing their homework during this term. The children have also displayed kindness by assisting one another in these tasks. Check out how proud the children are to receive their homework stickers every time they complete their work at NWOOSH!

If your child is on our homework list on the selected day your child/ren will be asked to get their homework books and readers from their bag. If your child is on the homework list but does not have their homework with them, our educators will ask them to participate in some reading until homework club concludes! Please ensure you have communicated with your child/ren and your enrolment has been updated via the parent portal with the accurate designated homework days.

Emergency Procedures & Safety Week

Emergency procedures are a regulated requirement reflected in the Centre's policies and procedures, that the centre undertakes emergency drills every three months, this is also known as 'Safety Week'. This is to assist the children, educators and families in keeping refreshed with the procedures at NWOOSH. To prepare for the upcoming bushfire season, during safety week this term we were joined by Westleigh Rural Fire Service (1B) for a lesson regarding fire safety. The children discussed the importance of having fire alarms in the home, starting a fire safety plan in the home and the importance of practicing this plan. The children also learnt what to do if you are on fire (Stop, Drop and Roll), what number to call if you are in an emergency and the importance of knowing your home address. The children were also treated to a close up look of the fire truck and listened to the sound of the siren and horn.

Our Educators practiced lock downs and evacuation procedures during both morning and afternoon sessions for an entire week. The Centre's Emergency procedures are available view at the entrances for each room used by the centre as well as in our policies and procedures document available on our website. We would like to thank you for your patience during this time.

For more information and insight feel free to check out the Kinderloop app!



Acknowledgement of Country

NWOOSH has recently introduced an Acknowledgement of Country that the children have been participating in daily. Our Skoosh children have been reading this out to all the age groups which has allowed for mixed inter-age grouping introduction and given a chance for the Skoosh children to develop their leadership skills and relationships with the younger children.

We have started the Acknowledgement of Country as this links into our Philosophy in Area 2, where we acknowledge diversity and embed this into our daily practice, and Philosophy Area 6, by getting the children to develop respect for the community both local and global.

Through this, we hope to develop each child's cultural competence, through promoting respect and leading to an increased knowledge about indigenous cultures.

We have tailored our Acknowledgement to include a sign language response, as part of encouraging inclusivity at the centre and as feedback from children, as some use sign language at home. The children have been taught by their peers how to say other words in sign-language, such as thank-you. We aim to ensure the children will become more global citizens with an understanding and respect for a broader culture.

Late Collection Fee

If you are running late to collect your child/ren please call to notify our educators. If you collect your child after 6:15pm, you may be charged a late collection fee of \$1.00 per minute to cover the cost of the staff who need to stay at the centre with your child.

Is your child going to be 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 on (02) 94844412 & oosh@nwoosh.com.au

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

A Non-Notification Fee of \$15.00 may be charged for failing to notify the Centre by the required time each session.

Carpark Safety & Parking

A friendly reminder that the OOSH Carpark **cannot** be accessed by parents before **04:30PM**. In addition, marked car spots must not be parked in during these times particularly the two spots marked 'Pre-School'.

Please also limit your speed and drive **SLOWLY** within the OOSH Carpark in order to protect the safety of our children, their parents and the school staff.

Furthermore, after **4:30PM** we ask that you collect your children directly from the NWOOSH front gate where an educator will greet you to sign out. The children must also be accompanied by an adult, parent or guardian at all times whilst walking through the carpark.



Privacy, Confidentiality and Handling of Complaints

Please remember that parents / carers are not permitted to approach other children whilst at the Centre. Any concerns, including behaviour, should be raised directly with the NWOOSH team allowing any issues to be dealt with in line with the appropriate guidelines. To raise concerns or provide feedback, please discuss with Responsible Person on Duty at the centre, or you can raise matter directly with the OOSH Management Committee by emailing the centre (oosh@nwoosh.com.au) with your best contact details."

Please note: Any action taken by parents that compromise the safety and privacy of the children in care at the Centre could be deemed a breach in Child Protection Regulations and may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

COMMUNITY CORNER



Beyond Blue Corona Virus Support Service

The new Beyond Blue Corona Virus mental well-being support service is up and running. Beyond Blue has begun providing 24/7 mental health support, both online and by phone, delivered by mental health professionals.

This service is available to those who require information and advice around coping with COVID-19, isolation and connection, workplace and financial hardship, and how best to support the mental health of others.

Talk to a trained mental health professional any time of the day or night. Calls are confidential. They will listen, provide information and advice and point you in the right direction to seek further support.

Beyond Blue
1300 22 46 36



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Anytime | Any Reason

Kids Helpline

A telephone counselling support line for children and young people ages 5 to 25 and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Kids Helpline
1800 551 800



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