



# Newsletter

Term 4, 2018



OSHC Friends,

Another great year at Epping Heights OSHC is coming to an end. We would like to thank ALL of those who have contributed to ensuring the continued success of the centre and our program. So many people assist in ensuring that our service operates at such a high standard:

- Our wonderful school, teachers and Principal; Megan Bridekirk.
- The dedicated and supportive Management Committee, which comprises of 11 awesome OSHC parents!
- Becklyn; our tireless administration company whose expertise and dedication is unsurpassed.
- The children and families of our service who we rely on for inspiration, close collaboration and vital feedback to keep our program relevant and fresh.
- OSHC support and training agencies.
- Other local services who we share ideas and advice with.
- Our catering services, coaches and providers.
- Last but not least, our excellent educators whose diversity of skills and expertise is nothing short of amazing!

Thank you!

Our program at OSHC is a dynamic and ever changing one. The observation of your child and the identification of your child's needs (by our cohort of trained educators) assists in informing our program to best suit your child's requirements. This term we have had some wonderful activities inspired by the children. Some of these were:

- Outdoor games
- Ukulele
- Minute to Win it
- Planter Pots
- Christmas Wreaths
- Senior Children leadership

Our OSHC 2018 survey came back with some interesting results. We were lucky enough to have had our survey facilitated by a group of university students from ACU. A special thank you to them! For details of the survey results, please visit our website.



**Benny-O & Sasha having a great time with bubbles!**



**Olivia and Sophie enjoying some outdoor reading**



## PROGRAM

Through regular evaluation, our program continues to change and support the out of school hours needs of our children. Our Term 4 2018 programmed activities were as follows:

AM:

- Monday: Musical Morning
- Tuesday: All Outside & Gardening
- Wednesday: Story Morning
- Thursday: Minute to Win it & other competitions
- Friday: Imaginative Play

PM:

- Monday: Fun Day Out
- Tuesday: "Crafternoon"
- Wednesday: Sport & Science
- Thursday: Got Game/Kids Choice
- Friday: Art & Movie/Popcorn

**Check out our pics!**



**Is that a caterpillar, Lucas?**



## ADMINISTRATION

Please ensure your fees are kept up to date. We have a direct debit system for ease of payment. If you would like to utilise this service, you can apply via our webserver.

OSHC admin would like to remind our Vacation Care only families to double check they are receiving their CCS entitlements. After an 8 week period of not attending a service, the registration elapses and you will not receive CCS. To check your status, follow the below instructions:

- Log in to MyGov.
- Select Centrelink.
- Click on the 3 bars (drop down menu) and expand Childcare Subsidy.
- Click on Enrolments.
- Check to see all children's enrolment statuses are confirmed.
- If 'pending' and your child will be attending the service within 8 weeks – click accept in the action column.
- If 'ceased' contact our admin office on 9878 2651 or info@becklyn.com.au

## VACATION CARE

The next Vacation Care will be during the summer holiday period. It looks as though it will be another wonderful program. As with all our programs we would love your feedback; please let us know how you and your kids enjoy our programs by emailing us at the centre.

For information regarding the vacation care program, please check out our website.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR VACATION CARE PERMISSION FORM TODAY!**

If you are not on direct debit, it is expected that your v/care fees are paid up prior to the commencement of the vacation- care period.

## COMMITTEE

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## General Committee:

Michelle Goodman  
Jacqueline Mackaway  
Tim Herridge  
Patrick Finnegan  
Deanna Mangan

**Special thanks to Jacqueline Mackaway who is concluding her service on our management committee after many years of support.**

**Your kindness, friendship and help has meant the world to us! Thank you also to Patrick Finnegan whose family are heading off to North Epping. All the best!**



**That's some good work, Anthony!**



**Learning Ukulele with Ned**

## Our Educators for 2019:

We have seen some of our educators leave in 2018, and have also welcomed some new faces. A part of our philosophy at EHOSHC is aiming for a group of educators who are here for as long as possible as well as being experienced and highly qualified. This helps maintain consistency and stability for our cohort of children as well as provide a high standard of care, attention and professionalism.

This year we farewell Nick MacFarlane who has gone on to pursue his career as a music teacher, and Laura McKenzie who is going to be having a baby! (A boy, due in April) Best of luck to both of them.

**Adam Pearson (Director):** Adam is a trained visual arts teacher, who has just finished his 11<sup>th</sup> year at EHOSHC. Adam is a practising artist and is also a musician. He and his partner are currently building a tiny house on their country property.

**Kirsty Hunt (Assistant Coordinator):** Kirsty is currently studying her Diploma of School Aged Care and has been with EHOSHC since 2013. Kirsty enjoys her time at the gym and also shares her love for cooking with the children at our service.

**Amy-Louise Parsons (3iC - Senior Educator):** Amy is a trained Primary School teacher with a love for the environment and just a lot of fun to be around! Amy is interested in spiritual and holistic healing and is currently studying as a practitioner of 'Body-Talk'.

**Molly O'Rourke (Senior Educator):** Molly has just completed her Masters in Primary Education and is a ray of sunshine at EHOSHC! Molly is a wonderfully creative and gentle soul with a passion for education. She is planning a working holiday to Canada in June, 2019. We will miss her!

**Jeremy Brittan (Educator):** Hailing from South Africa via the Central Coast, Jeremy is currently completing a double degree in Business/Commerce at Macquarie University. Jeremy is a wonderfully grounding force for the team and his OSHC YouTube videos really show off his creativity and skill. Jeremy also works at our admin office.

**Tahlia Mills-Doyle (Educator):** Tahlia is a local. She went to school at Cheltenham Girls and is currently completing degree in Special Education. She has been a God-send with all her great programming ideas!

**Brooke Perram (Educator):** Having bounced around for a while for a while, Brooke has finally settled in education. Her caring and gentle soul is perfectly at home at EHOSHC.

**Ned Rallings (Educator):** Such a talent! Ned is an ex student of Epping Heights and brings his amazing musical talent to our team. Check him out on Spotify and Youtube!

**Masa Radic (Educator):** Hailing from Slovenia, Masa brings a great sense of dedication and a wonderful 'global' perspective to our team. We are looking forward to getting to know her more!

**Harry McAuley (Educator):** Our newest team member, Harry has only done a couple of shifts with us so far. Harry has a great positive energy and is looking to pursue a career in Education. Welcome Harry!