



Newsletter

Term 1, 2019



OSHC Friends,

Welcome to all our new families for 2019! It has been a pleasure getting to know you and look forward to continuing to support your childcare needs for years to come.

As our service has grown, we have welcomed some new staff to our team. Welcome to Caitlin McPherson, Jessica Morrison, and Hannah Markwell. We hope this is the start of a long relationship with our special Centre.



Caitlin McPherson



PROGRAM

Through regular evaluation, our program continues to change and support the out of school hours needs of our children. Our Term 1 2019 programmed activities were as follows:

AM:

Monday: All outside + Garden
Tuesday: Art & Craft
Wednesday: Imagine it morning
Thursday: Hands-on morning
Friday: Story morning

PM:

Monday: Dance (Wks 1-5) Trash percussion (Wks 6-11)
Tuesday: Got game
Wednesday: Fun Day Out
Thursday: Story afternoon
Friday: Art & movie



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

- Dress-up play
- Slime
- Hairdressing
- Secret Sentences
- Newspaper fashion show

Once a week, 2 members of staff work together to check all the notes made from previous weeks, suggestions from the children, and notes from staff and children's meetings. From this information, we plan the following week's activities. This continues to be a great way to plan.

VACATION CARE

The next Vacation Care will be during the April 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.

IMPORTANT: Our V/Care program has proven to be extremely popular and days book out remarkably fast. We have restrictions regarding the number of children on buses and considerations relating to staff-to-child ratios which means our days have to be capped at certain numbers. Please ensure you book as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment.

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.



Jessica Morrison colouring-in with Grace Gu



Hannah Markwell reading with Zac Hand

BUSHCARE

We are holding a Bushcare event on Saturday the 4th of May 2019 from 9-12 and we would love to see you there. We will be working at a local site which is Endangered Blue Gum High Forest Vegetation (next to 58 Kent street). We will be planting 800 native plants as part of the revegetation project! We would love to see our OSHC families there to lend a helping hand. As we need to confirm resources, please register your interest as soon as possible by emailing Amy at eppingheightsoosh@hotmail.com.



This is the location of our Bushcare event – hope to see you there!

ADMINISTRATION

The Centre has recently been inundated with queries from families who are having difficulties with their CCS (Child Care Subsidy). The most common problem we are seeing is that the CRN (Client Reference Number) for the parent registered for CCS has not been provided. Instead, families have provided the centre with the other parents CRN. This means that CCS has not been flowing for the family. Please note that this requires you setting up a completely new enrolment with the correct CRN. In these instances, your family will be charged an additional membership fee for the set up of this new account. There may also be other administration fees associated with retrieving lost CCS. Please note, that back-dating of CCS will not be possible at all after the end of this financial year, and the backdating does not guarantee CCS refund. We encourage all our families to regularly log in to MyGov and become familiar with the systems involved. We also ask you to check your fortnightly statements to ensure CCS has been applied to your fees.

If you are not receiving a fortnightly emailed statement from administration, please contact the centre to confirm your email address.

If your child is going to be away in before care, after care or vacation care, you MUST let us know to avoid additional charges. Please refer to our parent handbook available on our website: www.eppingheightsoosh.com.au



Lucas Kim with his newest friend!



Rucha & Samritha practising their circus skills in their beautiful cultural dress.

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EHOSHC- AGM: Tuesday 21st May, 2019 – 6:30pm

IMPORTANT VACATION CARE INFORMATION

If you have enrolled in Vacation Care, please ensure you read all the information regarding the days you have booked. We also appreciate your patience and understanding when our program changes due to the weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

PLEASE ALSO RETURN YOUR SIGNED PERMISSION FORMS BEFORE VCARE STARTS!