



Epping Heights OSHC

Out of School Hours Care

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Newsletter

Term 4, 2019



OSHC Friends,

What a whirlwind of a year 2019 has been! EHOSHC embarked on a variety of different projects that really saw our team and service shine within our community. An effort we are very proud of. Some of these were:

- Our termly BBQs
- The Bushcare Event
- The blanket for Nepal
- The School Father's Day Breakfast
- The new OSHC wall-hanging project
- The open-air movie night

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Centre in all ways this year. It has certainly been the busiest, most hectic AND most rewarding year in a long time. What a journey!

Good job everyone!



Evelyn & Josephine posing at the Open-air movie night

STAFF

This year we have seen lots of our team come and go, which is a little uncharacteristic for EHOSHC. Our service prides itself on the stability and continuity of its team of educators, but we have traversed many changes this year in our staffing arrangements. We do however, come to the end of the year with one of the finest groups of educators EHOSHC has seen to date. The calibre of our current educators is truly exceptional and we are looking forward to a strong start to 2020 with a team that will continue to drive the service on the path of excellence.

Recently, we have welcomed Zoe Hanna and Mia Bianchino into our team. Both truly gifted in working with children, and we would like to wish them all the very best for their time here at EHOSHC.

PROGRAM

Through regular evaluation, our program continues to change and support the out of school hours needs of our children. Our Term 4 2019 programmed activities were as follows:

AM:

- Monday: Get Movin'
- Tuesday: Conservation Club
- Wednesday: Book Bonanza
- Thursday: Creative Thursday
- Friday: Mindful Morning

PM:

- Monday: Art with Donna
- Tuesday: Educator Activities
- Wednesday: Super Cody / Benny O
- Thursday: Sports
- Friday: Art & Movie/Popcorn / Electronics

Check out our pics!



SmugMug

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:

- Song Writing
- Science
- Newspaper fashion Show
- Knitting
- Bracelets
- Soccer
- Cooking



Our OSHC 2019 survey came back with some interesting results. We were lucky enough to have had our wonderful volunteers from Cheltenham Girls to help us gather results from families collecting their children. A special thank you to them! We would like to share with you some of our more interesting findings that will be considered when moving forward with our program and planning:

- Children being active and involved in sport and outdoor play was an overwhelming priority for our families.
- Teaching children life-skills was shown to be extremely important as an educational opportunity.
- The positive relationships our team develop and foster with the children was the most important factor for our families when looking at our Educators.

For further details of the survey results, please visit our website.



Jacob & Jaden in Vacation Care

**Check out
our videos
on**





I Love, I want, I feel, I AM. (Liam Roux)

ADMINISTRATION

Please note that ALL new enrolment at EHOSHC are required to sign up to our direct debit service for payments. We are moving towards all of our families paying via this method. If you are an existing family and paying via deposit on receipt of your invoice/statement, we would like you to consider switching to EziDebit by logging into our webserver. If you have any questions, please contact the centre.

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.

Our team work extremely hard on the planning, execution and evaluation of our vacation care program. This most definitely shows in the wonderfully fun and exciting programs that are on offer. This Summer if no exception, and for the first time (after finally convincing Adam) we have included Ice-Skating on the program for January! What a treat!

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.

Did you know that families not attending Epping Heights Public School are still welcome to attend our Vacation care?

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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO PENDING WATER RESTRICTIONS, OUR SCHEDULED WATER DAY MAY BE IMPACTED. PLEASE AWAIT FURTHER INFORMATION SHOULD OUR PROGRAM CHANGE.

COMMITTEE

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Special thanks to Michelle Goodman and Jymima Fitisemanu who will be concluding their service on our management committee as both their children will be leaving for high school. Your kindness and support has been invaluable. Thank you !



Maxwell and Zac, helping out.



Eva busily working on the new OSHC wall-hanging

