



Epping Heights OSHC

Out of School Hours Care

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Newsletter

Term 1, 2020

OSHC Friends,

Welcome to all our new families for 2020! 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 Corinne Halloran, Jenna Mackaway, Jordan Anderson, and Katie Mooney. We hope this is the start of a long relationship with our special Centre.

As we are all aware, these current times have been very challenging. EHOSHC has been working hard to ensure that as long as we can remain safely open, we are. We are taking all precautions necessary during this time and have adjusted our program and procedures in line with government recommendations and information as it comes to light. It has been our priority over recent weeks to ensure that all the children in our care are having fun, are occupied and supported.



Chris and Ethan loving life!



Breakfast Time with Arietta & Natalie



Morning cooking with the kids

PROGRAM

Through regular evaluation, our program continues to change and support the out of school hours needs of our children. Our Term 1 2020 programmed activities were as follows:

AM:

Monday: 30 second news
Tuesday: Story Time – (The Magic Faraway Tree)
Wednesday: Healthy Start
Thursday: Throw Back Thursday
Friday: Free Play Friday

PM:

Monday: Educator Activity
Tuesday: Got Game Sports
Wednesday: Art with Donna
Thursday: Big Fat Split (lots of options!)
Friday: Movie & Electronics

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:

- Bug in a Rug
- Ninja Warrior
- Lego Competition
- Newspaper fashion show

With fewer children in the service at the moment, our program has changed to accommodate these numbers.



VACATION CARE

The next Vacation Care will be during the April holiday period. It has had some quite dramatic changes as we have moved forward into higher levels of restrictions. We would like to reassure our parents that during the holiday period we will be doing our utmost to ensure the continued excellent quality of care and safety for the children as well as the team. Risk assessments have been created and additional planning has gone into each day, and despite all that is going on in the world, we are really looking forward to having some fun!

Please don't hesitate to contact us at short notice should you require care during the holidays and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

Thank you all very much for your support as our VCare program has morphed and changed. There are likely more changes ahead, so we thank you in advance for your understanding as these inevitably take place.

IMPORTANT: VCare can be booked online up until Midnight Thursday 9th April 2020.

ADMINISTRATION

The Centre has recently been inundated with emails from families who are informing us of absences. We thank you for letting us know but must request that you please visit our webserver to make all away notices. It has been an extremely difficult time for our team in regard to administration and planning, and your assistance by making changes via the webserver would most definitely alleviate some of that pressure.

We also request that you refrain from cancelling your bookings with the service during this time. Cancellation of bookings will remove your reserved place and on re-booking your child will be placed on our waiting list. If you have cancelled bookings in error, please contact the centre via email at eppingheightsoosh@hotmail.com.

The government has recently issued new information pertaining to free childcare which includes Before & After care as well as Vacation Care. Our service will ensure that all current changes made by the government are actioned and put in to place and that each families accounts are accurate in light of these changes. Please contact the service should you have any questions or queries surrounding recent changes to childcare. If you are not receiving a fortnightly emailed statement from administration, please contact the centre to confirm your email address.

Please refer to our parent handbook available on our website: www.eppingheightshc.com.au



Happy Harmony Day Hay-Li and Lilian!



Bubble-mania with Demi!

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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 current circumstances.

EHOSHC- AGM: Tuesday 19th May, 2020 – 6:30pm