



**Epping Heights OSHC**

**Out of School Hours Care**

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# Newsletter

Term 4, 2020



OSHC Friends,

2020 has been a year like no other and we are so lucky to have been supported through it by our wonderful community. The Epping Heights community is so incredibly special and seeing how everyone rallied to work through the difficulties presented this year was nothing short of inspiring.

In 2019, EHOSHC enjoyed a big year of community activities and not being able to continue this into 2020 has been quite disappointing. We are, however, hopeful that as we move into 2021 easing restrictions will allow us to help facilitate these activities and events once again.

Special thanks to our OSHC management committee who, this year, have been a true beacon of support for the educators and families of our service. The special parents that form this volunteer group have worked tirelessly to help our service smoothly navigate the trials presented in 2020. Thank you!



**Elia Wong**

## STAFF

This year we have been so blessed to have such a great team of dedicated and enthusiastic educators at EHOSHC. We will, however, sadly be saying farewell to our long standing staff member Jessica Morrison. Jessica has been snapped up by a local high school in a teaching position and although we are sorry to see her go, we are all extremely proud of her for this wonderful achievement. Jessica has been an integral part of our Centre for two years and her special contribution to our team and to the lives of the children in our service has been commendable. All the best Jess, we will miss you!



**Check out  
our videos  
on**



## PROGRAM

Through regular evaluation, our program continues to change and support the out of school hours needs of our children. Our Term 4 2020 programmed activities were as follows:

AM:

Monday: Ready To Read

Tuesday: Group Games & Grow Club

Wednesday: Kids are Cookin'

Thursday: Make it Morning & Grow Club

Friday: Free Play Friday

PM:

Monday: Art Attack & Grow Club

Tuesday: Science with Corinne

Wednesday: Learn Something New & Grow Club

Thursday: Volleyball with Zoe

Friday: Movie & Electronics / Grow Club

**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:

- Cartooning
- Science
- Origami
- Slime Making
- Cricket



We conducted our 2020 family survey in term 3 this year and it provided some very insightful information as to how we are to better serve our community. Families are still preferencing their children to be active and outdoors which is great to see. Please see a few other interesting points that resulted from our 2020 survey below:

- Families have not been regularly accessing our online photo blog, so we have introduced a regular text message system that alerts families when their children are featured.
- Life-skills has proven to be an important area of learning for our families. In response, we have ensured specific education surrounding this area, particularly for our kindergarten children.
- Involving families in the activities of our service through online platforms such as YouTube will continue into 2021 – as YouTube was the preferred method of online interaction with EHOSHC.

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



**Malachi enjoying his afternoon**





**Origami-time hosted by Lucas!**

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Please note that there will be a small increase to OSHC fees for 2021. A full schedule of fees will be advertised as soon as they are finalised.

Families are reminded to ensure they have re-enrolled for 2021, so we are all ready to go for term 1. Thanks to our wonderful school, we have managed to secure some more space for next year and hence, it appears as though there will not be a waiting list for PM care. This is the first time in a few years that this has been the case and we would like to extend our thanks to our Principal Ms Bridekirk for working with us so closely on ensuring we are able to accommodate the needs of as many families as possible.

#### **VACATION CARE**

The next Vacation Care will be during the summer holiday period. It looks as though it will be another wonderful program. We are extremely excited to be re-introducing excursions and both the team and the children cannot wait!

If you have not booked your children into Vacation Care, we have extended our traditional cut-off periods for bookings, so we hope to see you all there!

Book your vacation care via our website:

[www.eppingheightshc.com.au](http://www.eppingheightshc.com.au)

**DECEMBER BOOKINGS DUE & FEE INCREASE FROM: MIDNIGHT 11.12.20**

**JANUARY BOOKINGS DUE & FEE INCREASE FROM: MIDNIGHT 4.01.21**

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.

#### **COMMITTEE**

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#### **General Committee:**

Ruth Neal

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**Lachlan sporting the latest OSHC fashion!**



**Anneliese having a great time with Corinne's Science.**



**Grow club is best done in our pyjamas!**