

# Epping North Outside School Hours Care Program



## Newsletter

Term 2 2016

ISSUE 6

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Week 6 and 7  
Emergency Procedure Rehearsals

Week 7  
Autumn Vacation Care Program released

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Last day of Term 2

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July –  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Winter Vacation Care

Term 2 has just flown by with lots of exciting changes at the Centre!

### SMASH! OUR NEW 4, 5, 6 SENIOR CLUB

We are very excited that our year 4, 5,6 club at the centre is now underway! The children have helped us come up with a name for the club, SMASH!, some club rules and activities for the term.

The SMASH club has special activities run each week that cater for the older children's interests and needs. This will include mini excursions around the local community. We believe having a club of this kind will give the older children some extra privileges, and additional responsibilities. There is a contract to be signed by both the children and their parents describing the rights and responsibilities they have as being part of this club.



### NEW RESOURCES

The Centre has been busy purchasing new resources to provide fresh challenges and creativity in our play. Construction is a big interest of the children at OOSH and the new Zoob, gears and building blocks are extending on their current interest and they are having so much fun!



### EDUCATOR NEWS

Kareena is settling into the centre as Assistant Director very well! Kareena holds a Diploma in Children's Services and has had vast experience working with children through her work in long day care, OOSH and Nannying roles. She has brought so much to the Centre already, fitting in well with the team and bonding with the children.



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please ensure you keep your child's extra curricula permission note up to date by editing any changes as they occur. Regulations require the centre to have accurate records including permission notes for any activities children will attend during out of school hours.

## VACATION CARE NEWS

What a busy Autumn holiday period we had, seeing record numbers at ENOSHCP. The children experienced some great new activities including the awesome 9D mobile cinema that came to visit us! We had incredible fun at inflatable world bouncing on all the giant castles and obstacle courses. Our safety day was a huge success! The children learnt so much from our local police and firemen that came to visit us. They particularly enjoyed jumping in the fire truck and having a go with the fire hose, it was so powerful!

We have been receiving a lot of positive feedback about our Vacation Care programs and we are very pleased to hear that so many children and families are enjoying the holiday activities. The large growth in our numbers over the last 6 months has meant we have been able to run amazing activities, however it has also meant that we have reached our child capacity. **As you may be aware, we expect that the Centre may not be able to care for all of the children requesting to attend Vacation Care during the July school holidays.** To avoid missing out on a place, please ensure you book early for the days you require care. Our July Vacation Care program is out now with bookings opened to Epping North Public School families in week 6, one week before bookings opened this week for families outside of the school. Once bookings have reached the centre's capacity on any given day, a waitlist for families will be established and priority of access guidelines followed when confirming bookings.

## ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

Our revamped online booking system is running smoothly with lots of positive feedback from families. A reminder that all permanent changes need to take place online by 9am Friday the week before you require the booking.

To make all bookings, including vacation care bookings, log on to the webserver and navigate to:

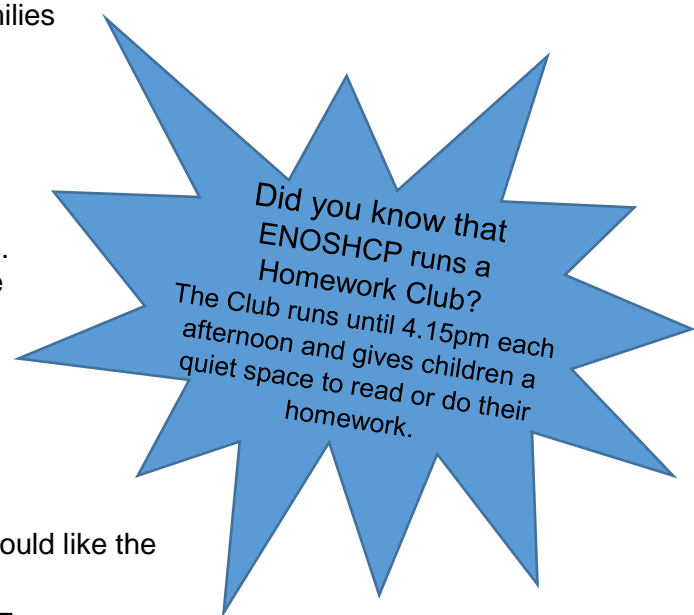
- PARENTS MENU
- CALENDAR BOOKING
- Click the note pad image for the week you would like the change to occur.
- Make your change then click SAVE and EXIT

## AUTHORISED COLLECTORS

Any person collecting or dropping off your child is required to be entered on your online enrolment form as an authorised collector. A reminder that authorised nominees must be 18 years or over to be able to collect or drop off your child.

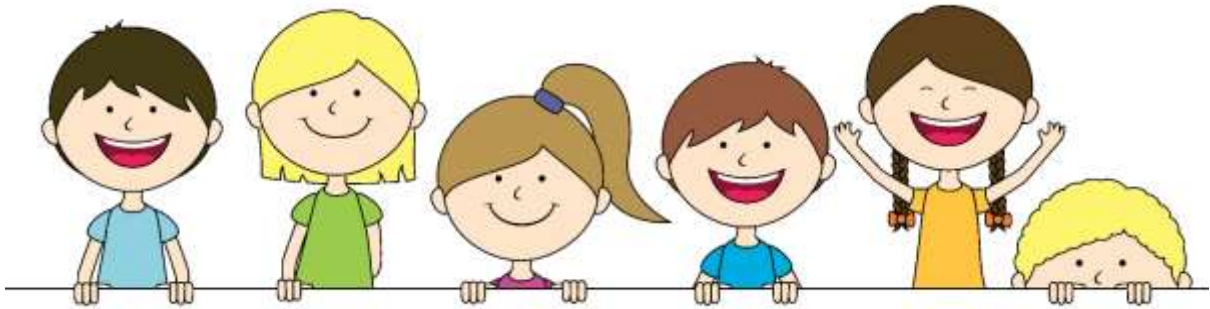
## NON NOTIFICATION FEE

Please remember to contact the Centre if your child is going to be absent for a booked session. This can be via the online booking system (by midday the day before), email or calling the Centre. Failure to contact the centre will result in a \$15 non notification fee charged to your account per child per event. We are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of each child on our roll and we must account for everyone.



Did you know that  
ENOSHCP runs a  
Homework Club?  
The Club runs until 4.15pm each  
afternoon and gives children a  
quiet space to read or do their  
homework.

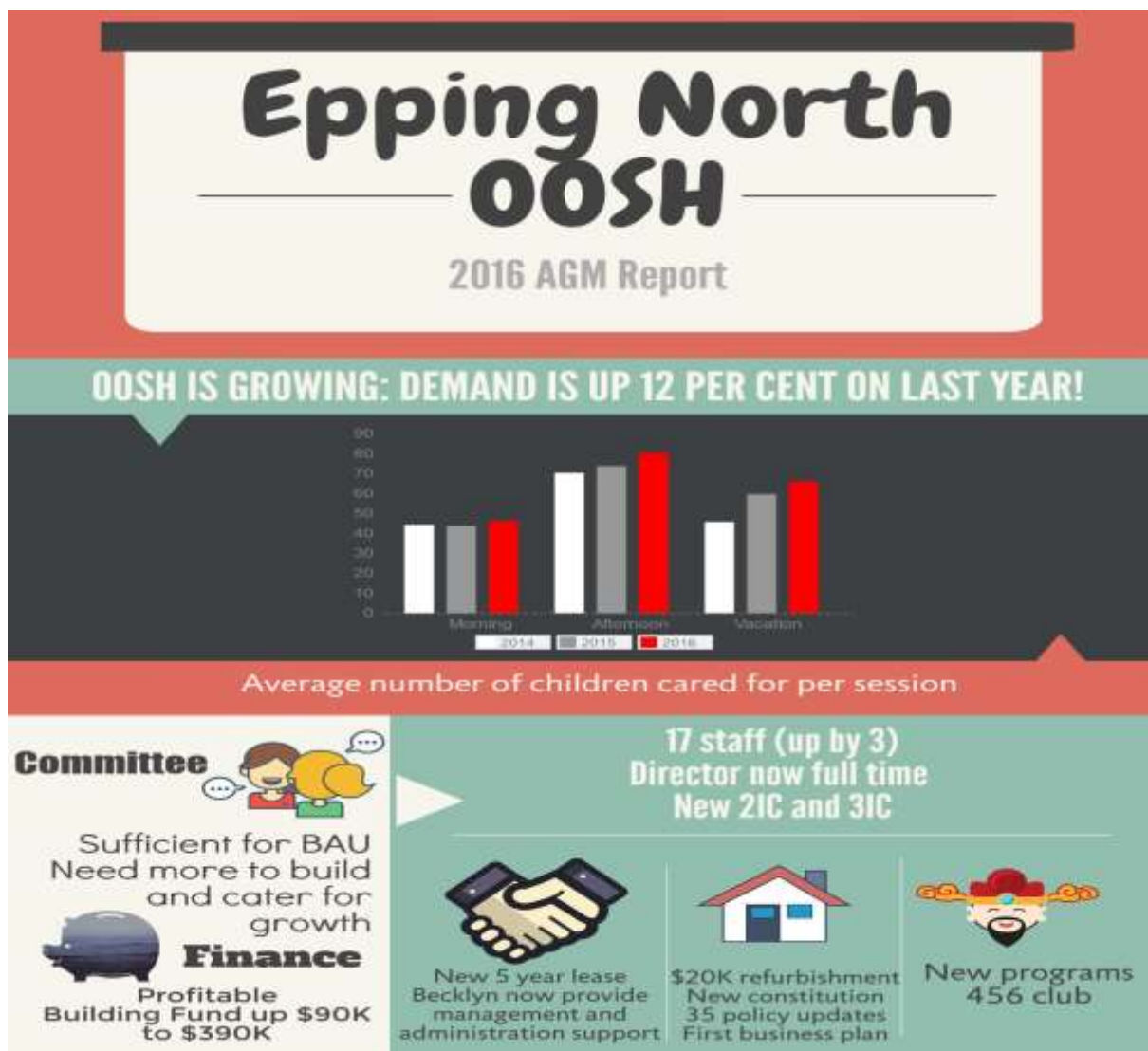
## COMMITTEE NEWS: YOU NEED OOSH AND OOSH NEEDS YOU!



OOSH is managed by parents and at last month's AGM the new Committee was elected. Jan Paul van Moort, Tahana Collins-Webb, Wendy Sculthorpe and Kaarin Kooij are continuing while Philip Yorke has joined. Emma Jane O'Donoghue stood down after many years as Secretary. Thank you Emma Jane for all your work and uplifting sense of humour!

OOSH is in an excellent position and in 2016 the Committee will be working to improve the service provided to all families. We are looking for more members to make this happen faster including progressing the new building. Only a modest effort is involved so if you are interested or want to learn more ask Jodie or contact myself on 0404 650 219.

Jan Paul van Moort – President



## CHECK OUT THE FUN WE HAD DURING AUTUMN VACATION CARE 2016!

