

Epping North Outside School Hours Care Program



Newsletter April 2018

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Wednesday 16 May
From 4pm at the Centre

AGM

Thursday 24 May
6:30 pm at the Centre

Welcome

Welcome to all our parents, children and the North Epping community! We had a very successful year last year, providing care to hundreds of children from Epping North Public School and many more children across local schools during Vacation Care. We would also like to welcome all of our new families to 2018, particularly those children who have just started Kindergarten this year.

From the Committee

OOSH continues to grow and the Committee welcomes the new children and families as well as those who are back from another year.

The past 12 months have seen the centre successfully go through a large transition. We now have the new leadership team in place with Kareena and Jake taking on the Director and 2IC roles. The hand over from Jodie went well and it's fantastic to see Kareena and Jake flourish in their roles. We also have many new committee who are working with the team to continue to work with Jake, Kareena and the Becklyn team led by Roz.

We are holding a **welcome BBQ at the start of Term 2 on Wednesday 16th May**. So please come along and meet other families in an informal setting and hear what plans we have for the coming year.

The **AGM will be held on 24th May, 6:30pm** at the centre. As an association, the centre is led by a committee of parents as representatives of the all the families. So if you are interested in helping out or simply want to learn more please come along.

Vacation Care Highlights

We wish to thank all our parents and children for another two very successful Vacation Care program this Year!! It was very busy, as always, but overall very successful and we have had some very positive feedback from both our parents and children.

We enjoyed many highlights across the Vacation Care weeks, including excursions to ANZ Stadium, Blaxland park, Sydney Olympic BMX track, and Sky Zone, incursions with magician Magic Craig, Make My Bear and Kapow Kamp and in centre days including Nerf Day, Colour Run and Splashtastic days to name a few. We were also very excited to welcome many of our new Kindergarten children from Epping North and our surrounding schools to our Vacation Care program in 2018 and we very pleased with how well they had settled in.



Waitlist and Capacity

As many of our parents will be aware, for the first time in recent years we have hit our licensed capacity of 95 children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, meaning for this session we have a waitlist for places. Currently it is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons that has a waitlist however Thursday afternoon is also very close to capacity. We are in the process of increasing our cap to accommodate these places however this may take some time to come into effect.

In the meantime, we are asking all our families to please give us as much notice as possible if you know your child is away, so we can offer places to families on the waitlist as early as possible.

We would also encourage families to make Vacation Care bookings as early as possible to avoid missing out, as we may have days that will fill up.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Just a reminder to our Epping North families to fill out an extra-curricular activity permission note if your child has a music lesson or other activity during the week. There have been a few cases of children having activities on without written permission from their parents. Please ensure your forms are up to date as we can not always guarantee we will have time to chase up parents for permissions in the busy mornings or afternoons.

SMASH (Senior Members After School Hours) PROGRAM

Our SMASH program continues in 2018 for our Year 4, 5 and 6 children with tailored activities each session that our older children will enjoy. Our lucky new Year 4's are already enjoying the activities and excursions and making the younger children even more jealous! These activities range from board games, to cooking or making food, organised sport or games at the COLA and top oval and of course our weekly program which includes our excursions around the community. In Term 1, some of our excursions included: netball and tennis at North Epping Oval (Week 4), a trip to the bakery for milkshakes and a pastry (Week 6) and a cooking workshop in Week 9.

There are still a few families who are yet to have returned their 2018 SMASH permission notes and contracts, so please do so soon otherwise you will miss out! These forms can be found on our website within the Term 1 SMASH program, or at the centre.

Keep an eye out for our Term 2 SMASH program, coming soon!

Educator News

The end of 2017 saw 3 of our staff at ENOSHCP leave us, including our lovely director Jodie Irvine, our 3IC Jackson Unmack and one of our casual educators Amy Delaney. We want to thank them for all their years with us and wish them all the best in the future.

We are very excited to announce that after Jodie's departure last year, Kareena Pearce has taken over as Centre Director and Jake Marsden moving into a full-time role as Assistant Director. Both Kareena and Jake are very excited to be working together and are looking forward to running the centre.

We are also excited to announce two new casual educators to our team, Lily Glavinic and Nathan Drobnak!

Lily is studying Primary Teaching majoring in Dance at Macquarie University, she also has previous food service experience working at a local café.

Nathan has just finished high school at Epping Boys and is now studying a Bachelor of Media at Macquarie University. Nathan also has a background working at a local bakery and loves to play sport!



Lily Glavinic



Nathan Drobnak

We hope you will make our new educators feel very welcome at the centre. We would also like to wish all of our educators who have prac experiences or placements this term the best of luck.

Vacation Care Photos



April THE OOSH NEWS

BY HUGO BUTTERFIELD

Smash is
going for
chips on
Friday,
Sixth of
April!

By Hugo Butterfield

If you dying for some chips, well SMASH is going for some on Friday, fifth of April, and they are going to break out the forks and eat some fries. Time is essential if you want to chomp some chips, and you have to have to bring in a special OOSH excursion note if you want to go.

THE NEW DIRECTOR OF OOSH IS KAREENA!!!!

BY HUGO BUTTERFIELD

If you have been waiting for the new director-of-OOSH, well she's been here since Jodie left! It is Kareena!!Yes the new director is the one and only KAREENA. And her second-in-command is Jake! Yes, the most popular guy in OOSH is getting even more famous than before. Kareena is going to be at the desk most of the time but Jake is probably going to be around the playground most of the time.

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THE OOSH NEWS

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VACATION
CARE IS IN
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If you people have been waiting for the ice-cream times of vacation, well you are in luck .
THEY ARE IN TWO WEEKS PEOPLE! It is going to be going to be jam-packed full of fun.