

Epping North Outside School Hours Care Program



Newsletter
Term 3 2019

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Welcome

We are nearly half way through the year!! It's only 149 days until Christmas!! We have welcomed a new staff member, Medha (May) to the team. You will see that all the educators have received new uniforms. We decided it was time for a change, just like the new formatting of the newsletter as well.

Vacation Care Highlights

Vacation care highlights for winter include: trips to Our Big Kitchen, Wild Ropes and Stomping Ground. Prehistoric Puzzles was a great workshop and the children also enjoyed the Laser Tag and Tie Dye tote bags. It was really good to see the children behave and play so well together, as we have lots of children attend from different schools. I would like to thank all the parents and children for their patience and how they handled all the construction that was going on the school grounds during the holiday program

Vacation Care Changes

We found that the changes to the winter vacation care program worked quite well. These changes were necessary due to the increase in attendance numbers., Parents supplying lunch for In-Centre days allowed for the program to run more smoothly. Incursions were planned around a theme that was used for programming the whole day. Everyone was able to enjoy all the activities available.

Spring vacation care dates are:

Monday 30th October – Friday 4th October 2019

CLOSED MONDAY 7TH October – Labour Day

Tuesday 8th October - Friday 11th October 2019

School as per normal Monday 14th October

Vacation care bookings will open for North Epping Families Monday 2nd September week 7 and open for Non North Epping Families Monday 9th September.

Don't forget early bird prices finishes Friday 20th September week 9

If you are a family who only use Vacation Care, please make sure you have your parent code and password ready to sign in on arrival and when collecting your child in the afternoon. Also, after 8 weeks of not using the centre, Centrelink will cease your account. When you book into next vacation care and are claiming CCS you will need to re confirm with My Gov, therefore, to receive the subsidy

Lost Property

Please ensure your children's hats, jumpers and bottles are labelled as our lost property pile is growing! What is not named will go back up to the school or be thrown out or donated.

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Term 3 Program

We have some exciting news coming to Epping North OSHC program during Term 3. On Monday afternoons we have Jess from Dance Academy coming to do dance/fitness with the children in the hall. No extra cost required. On Wednesday afternoon our very own educator, Anthony, will be running a soccer clinic with the children on the top oval. Children are welcome to bring soccer boots and jerseys if they want. Each Friday afternoon we have planned a different creative experience. In week 8 we would like to invite parents to volunteer to do a cooking activity with the children. We would love you to become involved. If anyone is interested please ask Jake or myself. In week 4, K-1 will be walking to Steam Roller Park. In week 7, Years 2-3 will be walking to the park. I will be sending out all permission notes for excursion to the park. We will also have permission notes printed off next to the touchscreen. If they have extracurricular that afternoon that will still be going to their lesson. No child will be able to attend without a permission note. During Term 4 the activities will be on different afternoons so nobody misses out.

Emergency Procedures

Week 5 is our emergency procedure week. It worked well as we have made a couple of changes to procedures. Each morning and afternoon we practice the emergency procedures of lock downs and evacuations. Whilst we understand these times can be busy, we ask for your patience if an emergency procedure rehearsal is taking place at drop off or collection. We ask that parents please wait until the drill is completed! We really appreciate your patience and understanding. It is crucial for the children and educators to practice the procedure in its entirety to ensure we are all familiar with the correct procedures. We'll be practicing the emergency procedures this during Vacation Care as well, so our non – Epping North students are aware of our procedures.

SMASH (Senior Members After School Hours) Program

Our SMASH program continues in 2019 for our Year 4, 5 and 6 children, with tailored activities each session that our older children enjoy. Please be aware that a new permission note comes out every term, which means each SMASH family should be handing in a new permission note every term. There will be some permission notes located in the centre near the touchscreen which you can fill it out when signing your child in/out. If your child does not have a permission note for the excursion, they will not be able to attend. This term SMASH will go on an excursion to our very own local pizza shop to learn how to make pizza. In week 8 SMASH are off to Strike at Macquarie for an escape room to see if they can crack the code.

Class Dojo OOSH Tokens

This term we have introduced class Dojo points as our Oosh token rewards for children. Each couple of weeks we are working closely on an expectation. The children are loving the new class Dojo. 5 points = small prize
10 points = large prize
20 points = they get to change their monster!
If you arrive to pick up your child and they say but wait "I need my class dojo you will know what they are talking about.



Early Pack Away

As it is getting colder we have started packing away earlier, completing a head count inside and then serving late snack. We are finding this helps our afternoon pack up time. The afternoon runs a lot smoother and is calmer at pick up times.

The Facebook group is run by mainly Kareena and Jake through an admin profile under the pseudonym '**Blake Turner**'. There will strictly be no photos of children added to the group and all communication about bookings/incidents and more private matters should still be made in private or email communication – not on the Facebook group. If anyone has any concerns please see our Kareena or Jake. The Facebook group is to be kept professional. If you do not want to be added to the page it is not compulsory it is at your own discretion



This up coming vacation care we will be using it more to keep parents informed on what to bring and what time the buses are leaving. Also to share our menu we have found this very helpful for parents so they don't double up on dinners ☺ Also posting photos of the activities children are participating in. there will be no children's faces posted on facebook.