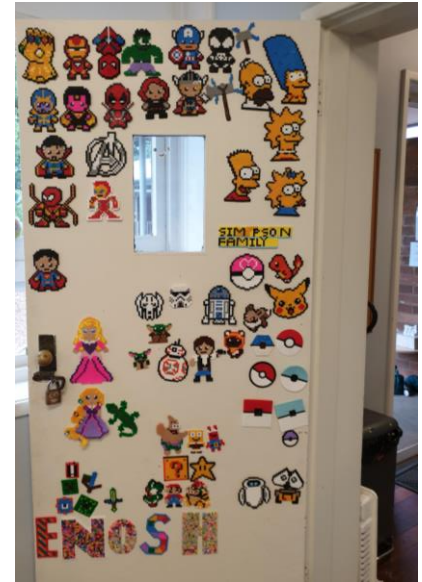


# Epping North Outside School Hours Care Program



Newsletter  
Term 2 2020

Date: 30-4-2020



## Vacation Care Highlights and Dates for the next upcoming Vacation Care

Our Autumn Program was a little different these holidays due to COVID-19, we were forced to stay at the centre, however it did not dampen our spirits and the fun activities at the centre! Hama beads were as popular as ever, with our door now covered in Marvel, Simpsons, Disney and Pokémon characters! Kate's Art Corner visited to paint with us and we learned sustainability with Reverse Garbage! The children also enjoyed Bikes and Scooters and chalk drawing.

**July - Vacation Care Dates are:**  
**Monday -6<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020**  
**Opened Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Pupil free day**  
**Early Bird Prices will finish Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

We hope to bring our excursions back to normal for the July school holidays, however this will depend on current Government restrictions at the time of the program releasing. If any parents have suggestions for any theme days or incursions, please feel free to let us know via email.

## Bookings for Term 2-

Due to current Government restrictions for children attending schools, all parents must log into the Becklyn web server and check their bookings for term 2. Please make sure this reflects your attendance for the next few weeks.

If your children are booked in for a session and you know they are going to be away, please make sure you have marked them as away. It helps us to know how many staff to roster on and cater for children.

If you have previously informed the centre in term 1 about bookings, please ensure you have updated your bookings in the webserver for term 2.

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## Epping North OSHCP AGM

Our Annual general meeting (AGM) for 2020 will be held on Thursday 14th May at 6:30pm via online video chat. If you would like to join please email us to receive the email invitation. We are always looking for new faces to join the committee to help the centre and offer your thoughts and opinions!

### Fees

Due to Government subsidies, sessions at Epping North OSHCP are currently free until June 28<sup>th</sup> 2020. Currently there are no charges in place for absences whilst there are Government recommendations in place for children to stay at home.

### COVID-19 changes

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been using a doorbell at the centre to minimise the amount of visitors entering the centre. We are hoping that this is a short-term thing due to the virus. When you arrive at the centre please ring the doorbell and an educator will greet you and sign your child(ren) in/out for you. Thank you to all parents for being understanding about the new process. The children are loving it and can't wait to see who is at the door when they hear the bell ring!

Due to the Governments social distancing protocols, we are encouraging the children to distance themselves when practical such as sitting apart during meal times and minimising games that are close quarters. We are strict in wiping down the surfaces where children have been playing and eating and have been increasing these practices since COVID-19.

As restrictions start to ease and children start to return back to school and OOSH on arrival we will be checking the children's temperature as a precaution. we just want to minimise any risk of transmission.

### Emergency Procedures

Week 5 is our emergency procedure week. It works 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 during this Vacation Care as well, so our non – Epping North students are aware of our procedures.

### SMASH – Year 4/5/6 (Senior Members After School Hours)

Smash for Term 2 will be incursions only with activities at the centre due to COVID-19 restrictions. As there is no excursions a signed permission note is not required for this term.. Please see the updated program at the bottom of the newsletter.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

As all extra-curricular are currently off, please make sure you contact the centre when your child's classes resume via email.

## Lost Property/ Spare clothes:

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

## Parents Facebook Page:

We have our own Facebook Page! Please join if you would like updates about our centre. Search **Epping North OSHCP** on Facebook. 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



### Shout out to the KIDS.

Everyone is applauding everyone but our children. These little heroes have stayed indoors more than they've ever known in their lives. Their whole worlds have literally been turned upside down. All these rules they've never known. A life they couldn't have imagined. All the things they love like sports, being with friends, going to school, or just being kids have all been taken away from them. Adults talking about others becoming unwell, news reporting death after death. Our poor children's minds must be racing. Every day they get up and carry on despite all that's going on. So here's to our little heroes: today, tomorrow, forever.

# SMASH

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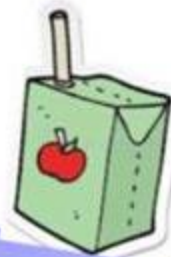
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## Week 1

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Incursion

Welcome back to Term 2 at OOSH.  
Today we are kicking things off with  
DIY Tornado Jars!



## Week 2

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Incursion

Paint & Pop!

The kids will be painting whatever  
they like onto small canvases  
while enjoying a juice popper.



## Week 3

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
Incursion

Chopstick Marshmallow Stack!  
See how many Marshmallow you  
can stack with only using  
chopsticks!



## Week 4

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Incursion

We are holding a Wii Sports  
Tournament for SMASH today.

## Week 5

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Incursion

Edible Bread Painting!  
The kids will be getting imaginative  
while enjoying artistic snack.



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## Week 6

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Incursion

Spy Kids!

The kids today will be tested on how stealthy they really are in our DIY Laser Maze.



## Week 7

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Incursion

Painting Pot Plants.  
Today each child will be given a mini pot plant to decorate.



## Week 8

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Incursion

Party in the Hall!  
SMASH will be enjoying a Disco Party in the hall today!



## Week 9

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Incursion

Movie & Popcorn!  
SMASH will be relaxing, watching a movie today while enjoying some popcorn.

## Week 10

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Incursion

Salt Painting!  
The kids will be using salt to decorate different patterns.

