

# Epping North Outside School Hours Care Program **Newsletter**

## **Epping North OSHCP**

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# **ISSUE 2**

It has been wonderful getting to know all the new faces at OSHC over the last two terms. We have had a great time creating wonderful art and craft learning lots of new games from our staff!

Jodíe, Ellen and the Team

## **VACATION CARE**

We had record numbers of children attending last Vacation Care! Children experienced new and exciting adventures! Big highlights were the science show from Fizzics Education, Loritz Circus and FX Zone! The children showed great skills on the trampolines with cartwheels and flips.

Bookings for our Winter Vacation Care Program are now open and we are anticipating it to be an even bigger hit! We will heading city bound to watch Inside Out at the incredible IMAX, we will have a chance to practice our trampoline and acrobatic skills at the Kachan Tumbling School, have a blast on an inflatable obstacle course and enjoy a day of crazy, wonderful fun doing a Colour Run!

<u>Check out our website</u> for more information on how to book for our exciting Winter Vacation Care Program! Bookings close 9am Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

# **AUTHORISED COLLECTORS**

Some families at ENOSHCP have authorised collectors who pick up their children from the Centre. Unfortunately, many authorised collectors are arriving without being registered online first. Please ensure that all regular collectors of your child are added to your online enrolment so they can receive their log in details. We cannot release your child to anyone not authorised on your enrolment form. We understand it may be uncomfortable asking for your authorised collectors date of birth, however this is important in identifying names and ensuring authorised collectors do not receive multiple log ins.

## NON NOTIFICATION FEE

When a child is booked in to attend a session, it is the responsibility of the Nominated Supervisor, or Responsible Person on Duty, to ascertain the whereabouts of the child. This can involve doing a physical search for the child, contacting the school office, contacting the parents and authorised nominees, through to contacting the police if a child is not located and reporting them as missing. This takes our staff away from one of their most important jobs – ensuring the children at the centre are safe.

As such, a reminder that it is the parent / guardians responsibility to notify if your child is going to be away for a booked session. You can notify the centre via webserver, email or phone to indicate your child will be away. Failure to do so may result in your account being charged a \$15 non notification fee.

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#### DATE FOR OUR DIARY

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Last day of Term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June Vacation Care commences

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July School staff development day Centre open for Vacation Care

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July Term 2 starts – Before and After School Care resumes as normal





#### WINTER WEATHER

We are coming into the colder months so please ensure your child has a jumper and wet weather gear in their bags. It is not uncommon for children to arrive at the Centre in the afternoon soaking wet which makes for a very uncomfortable afternoon.

#### **STAFFING NEWS**

We are very sad to say goodbye to Libby heading into Term 2. Libby was successful in gaining a position in her field of social work and we wish her the best of luck in the future. We will miss her dearly, especially the fun group games she played with us every day!

We would like to welcome a new staff member to our team, Lachie! Lachie is an ex-Epping North PS student and is currently studying primary education at Macquarie University. He is looking forward to getting to know all the children and families at ENOSHCP.

#### **NEW COMMITTEE**

The new Committee was elected at the AGM, held on 7 May 2015. Your new Committee members are:

Jan Paul van Moort – President Emma Jane O'Donaghue – Secretary Wendy Sculthorpe – Treasurer Tahana Collins Webb- General Member Kaarin Kooij – General Member

The Committee is developing a new business plan which will be made publically available during Term 3. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact Jan Paul at vanmoort@gmail.com

#### DONATIONS

A big thank you to all our parents who have donated scrap paper to the Centre, our creative children appreciate your support!

Thank you also to a former family, the Dalton family, for the tremendous furniture donation to the centre.

We strive to make the OOSH Centre a comfortable environment where the children can relax and we appreciate the new spaces we have been able to create



Cameron showing his amazing magic skills assisting Magic Craig!

#### **POLICY CHANGES**

Please note that there have been slight changes in our Out-of-Centre Activity (E-9), Asthma (D-16), Allergy (D-15) and Anaphylaxis (D-17) policies. Policies are accessible for viewing on the <u>Centre's website</u>.

All students will now be walked by centre staff to and from their extra-curricular activities to ensure the highest possible degree of safety.

All children with Allergies or Anaphylaxis will now be required provide an ASCIA Management Plan with enrolments, in line with regulation. This will allow staff to ensure the best care of all children.

All children with Asthma will now be required to provide the Australian Government's "My Asthma Plan" with enrolments.

#### **FEEDBACK**

We are always looking for fresh ideas and feedback from parents, children and carers. Please feel free to place any suggestions and ideas in the Suggestions Box - near the login screen.

