



# Epping North Outside School Hours Care Program

## Newsletter

### Term 2 2019

#### WELCOME

We are nearly at the end of term 2 already!! We have welcomed our two newest staff members Oliver M and Emily G to the team. We now have two Emily's that work with us just to add some confusion! Our staff board is growing with lots of new staff coming on board. We had Phoebe Galbraith complete her Prac with us, she is studying Occupational Therapy and was helping out on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

#### Vacation Care Highlights

Vacation care highlights for autumn include: Excursions to King Pin at Darling Harbour and Foot golf at Barnwell Park; the magic show performed by Julie Zommers was so entertaining, she always does a great show when she comes to our centre. Unfortunately she will no longer be doing workshops anymore as she is retiring. The Science show was great. The children thoroughly enjoyed all the wacky experiments! The children enjoyed doing lots of craft activities during the holidays, such as sand art, shrinky dinks, fairy wands, glitter painting.

#### Vacation Care Changes

This coming Vacation Care we're planning to have an incursion paired with a craft themed activity, instead of running two incursions on the same day. We will also be utilising the whole of the school grounds more with games and activities.

There are also going to be some changes to the menu during vacation care. We will require parents to bring a packed lunch for their children during in-centre days. We will still be offering breakfast, morning tea, afternoon tea and late snack. Families will be reminded of the changes in the upcoming winter program.

Winter vacation care dates are:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Pupil Free Day, please make sure you book in for that day as early as possible.

**Don't forget early bird prices finishes this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

In the next up-coming vacation care we would love it if you could donate recycled craft things such as boxes and other recycled craft. We are going to do a recycled craft themed day! We would love any contributions. We will start collecting by week 9 of Term 2. Please be mindful we will not accept toilet rolls and egg cartons due to sanitary reasons and allergies respectively.

Kareena will also be taking a step back from Vacation care. Jake will be the Vacation Care coordinator for the upcoming winter program. He is designing and running the program. If you have any inquiries regarding Vacation Care please see Jake. Kareena will still be around she will be in and out of the centre completing other administration tasks.

If you are a family who are only use Vacation Care only families, 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, to receive the subsidy.

### **Non notification fee**

Please don't forget to call or email the centre if your child is not going to make it for a booked session in the morning or afternoon. It is really important you call or email us for the safety of your children otherwise you will receive a \$15 non notification fee.

### **Emergency procedures**

Week 5 is our emergency procedure week. We have made a couple of changes to procedures. Each morning and afternoon we practiced 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 will 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 out. If your child does not have a permission note for the excursion, they will not be able to attend. This term SMASH went on an excursion to Timezone. The smash children had a great time there. You will have to wait and see what next term Smash has on offer.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM was held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019, I would firstly like to thank those new parents who attended and have joined our committee. We have said goodbye to two committee members that will be greatly missed. I would like to welcome the new committee members Katrina, Patrick and Ray. Jan Paul van Moort will be stepping down as President, we thank him for all his hard work over the years. We haven't said goodbye to him yet he will continue to stay on the committee with us. I would like to say a very big welcome to Jane who will be our new President of the committee. We look forward to working as a team and see what this year brings us!

### **Lost property:**

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

### **Winter Food Drive:**

Epping North OOSH thank you for those who helped out with the WINTER FOOD DRIVE we did. We appreciate contribution. It's all about giving back to the community and helping out those who are in need.

