

# Epping North Outside School Hours Care Program



**Newsletter  
Term 4 2019**

Date 30/10/2019

## Welcome

It's term 4, there is only 56 days till Christmas!!

Important announcements Jake will be back from Annual leave on Thursday Week 3. Kareena is now in the office from 10:30am.

Kareena is also going to be away from week 3 Term 1 2020, she will be going on her honeymoon and will be returning to work week 9.

## Vacation Care Highlights

This was a short vacation care but the children certainly did a lot during the spring vacation care. A few highlights were the excursions to Archie Brothers and Climb Fit. OOSH mini fete was a success the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Nerd out day, first aid and canvas painting were also the highlight of Vacation care. It is really good to see the children get on so well, with so many coming from different schools and coming together to form such lovely friendships.

## Upcoming Vacation Care Dates:

### Summer December / January Vacation Care Dates are:

Last day of school is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Before and After School Care, we will be open as normal.

Vacation care will be open Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

The centre will be closed from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

Summer Vacation care 2020 will re - open from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

The centre will be closed Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January Public Holiday and opened for Pupil free day Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Then returning back to before and after school Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, first school day for 2020.

Vacation care bookings will open for North Epping Families Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November Week 7 and open for Non North Epping Families Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Week 8

**Don't forget early bird prices finishes Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

If you are a new family attending our service for the first time, or have any authorized nominees coming to collect your children, please make sure you have your photo ID, as an educator will ask you for it.

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## Child Care Subsidy: (CCS)

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, to be able to receive the subsidy.

## Events for Term 4 Programs

K-1 will go on an excursion to the bakery for a milkshake and donut– Week 5 Thursday 14.11.19 Term 4  
Year 2 will go on an excursion to the bakery for a milkshake and donut - Week 7 Monday 15.11.19 Term 4  
Year 3 will go on an excursion to the IGA – when Week 9 Tuesday 10.12.19 Term 4

An email will go out via email so please don't forget to return it. Your child will not be able to attend without a permission note.

We will also have permission notes printed out next to the sign in and out desk.

Taekwondo will be on Wednesday afternoons from week 2 till week 10. All children are allowed to participate.

## 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 (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. In week 8 smash are off to Strike at Macquarie for bowling.



## Class Dojo OOSH Tokens

Last term we 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. The children are really adapting to the new OOSH tokens, some children have earned so many they have got to change their character.



## Early Pack Away/Roll Call

As some of you are aware we have recently changed our routine slightly we are now serving afternoon inside for K-2 and the main room is for eating and the hall next door to the main room is for quiet activities. Year 3 and Smash are sitting up on the silver seats; if it is raining they are eating in the art room. We have found this makes our afternoon run a lot smoother and the children know where they are meant to be.

We have started packing away earlier in the afternoon and doing a big tidy up and head count. It is very important for us as we have a lot of children we need to make sure they are all accounted for. As the weather warms up we are going to be staying outside longer to make the most of the sun being out. We are going to start serving late snack at 5:30pm out on the silver seats after our head count.

## 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. If anyone has any spare clothes they want to donate that would be much appreciated looking for some spare shorts and shirts.

## Parents Facebook Page:

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 upcoming 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.

## 2020 Re-Enrolments –

As you are all aware of 2020 Re- enrolments are opened, re enroll as soon as you can we, wouldn't want to miss out on spots. Once you have completed your re – enrolment you will be emailed if awaiting any documents. If not you will be approved. Your enrolment will say to be confirmed with the days you have booked in. In about Week 8-9 your TBC days will be confirmed and you will be sent an email.

## Parent Surveys-

Please don't forget to complete the parent survey that was sent out, we value your feedback

Thank you to all families for such a great year 2019!!  
Looking forward to what 2020 will bring!