

Epping North Outside School Hours Care Program



Newsletter
Term 3 2020

Date: 31/7/2020

Special announcements:

Please welcome our new educator Sarah to the team!

We are sadly bidding farewell to Kieron who has left to pursue full time work. He has been of great value to the team, having worked here for 5 years.

Jake will be away for two weeks during August.

On Wednesday 29th we celebrated OOSH Educator Day with the children and educators.

Vacation Care Highlights and Dates for the next upcoming Vacation Care

Our Winter Vacation Care was another busy time at Epping North OSHCP, we had our largest number of children attending since March! Thank you to all those families who made it a blast! Some of our highlights included Silly Science with Supreme Incursions, our Reptiles incursion with the Australian Reptile Park and our Crazy Colour themed day with a Colour Run!

Spring Vacation Care Dates are:

Monday 28th September – Friday 9th October 2020

CLOSED Monday 5th October

No Pupil free day school resumes Monday 12th October

Bookings will open approximately in the beginning of Week 6 this term.

We hope to bring a couple of excursions back in October school holidays; however, this will depend on current Government restrictions at the time of the program releasing.

Bookings for Term 3

Due to the free childcare ending on July 13th, children who do not attend a session will be charged (unless a casual booking). If you need to amend your bookings for term 3 you will need to make changes on the Becklyn Webserver. I cannot stress this enough! It helps us with staff rostering and catering food and activities for the children. If you know your child is going to be away, please mark away on the portal or send an email to let us know.

New sign-in process

Here is our new sign-in process, you will come into the centre (just into the bag room area) and sign in and out on the touch screen. An educator will be there to assist you on finding your child/ren. As numbers slowly increase, we need to change our process therefore all children can be signed out by parent or guardian.



OOSH Educator Day

On July 29th we will be and celebrated the work of Australia's educators in the OOSH sector for their wonderful contributions to the wellbeing children in their care.

It is a chance to say thank you to our wonderful educators on a very personal level by service operators, families and their children, as well as collectively at the national level. The educators will celebrate with an afternoon tea and share some cake with the children. We have made a photo board with photos this year which includes some hilarious photos of our educators and their interactions with the children, teaching them new things and the many laughs that occur each day at the centre.



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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)

Our SMASH Program for Term 3 includes a return to a couple of excursions to our local parks and shops. We're very excited to bring back our beloved SMASH excursions after a lengthy absence. This term we will be travelling to Ron Payne Park in Week 3, the Bakery in Week 6 and Steamroller Park in Week 9. Some of our incursions include Bikes and Scooters in Week 5, Geode Crystal Eggs in Week 7 and Ice Cream Spiders in Week 10. Please ensure you have returned a Term 3 permission note for the above excursions if you would like your child to attend.

Extra-Curricular Activities

As Term 3 is starting to return to normality extra circular activities are back on, you will also need to inform us if your child/ren is going to continue to do dance/ band/music tutorials. Most parents will need to update their current forms that we have on file. Please don't assume we know they will be continuing; we cannot send your child to extra circular without a permission note or email confirming child's lesson and session time.

Important reminder: Re- Enrolments for 2021 will open Term 4 date to be confirmed soon please make sure you are keeping an eye on emails and Facebook reminders to enroll when they open. We wouldn't want to you to miss out on securing a spot for 2021. When you complete your 2021 Re-enrolment you will be emailed if we require any documents, we cannot approve your enrolment until the documentation has been returned.

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.



There was recently a council clean up and we were able to snag a few secondhand items for the Centre. The children are loving the doll's house and the rocket ship which was donated by a family who attend OOSH. If you are ever looking to get rid of anything, please send us a photo and we may be able to use it and save it from becoming landfill.



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