



# The NTOOSHC News

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ISSUE 1

## Important Dates for your Diary

**Week 4, Term 1 - 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
- 4,5,6 Excursion to Samuel King Reserve.

**Week 7, Term 1 - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
- Bookings due to open online for Easter  
Vacation Care

**Week 8, Term 1 - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**  
- Harmony Day

**Week 11, Term 1**  
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April is the Last day  
of school for Term 1

**Week 12, Term 1 - Easter Vacation Care**  
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Out of cycle  
Statement run via email  
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Direct Debit run.

To begin our first edition of NTOOSHC News for 2019, we would like to start by welcoming all our families both new and returning to what we anticipate will be another exciting year.

Our new Kindy children have quickly settled in and are learning our routines.

*The NTOOSHC Team*

## EDUCATOR UPDATE

This term we are very happy to welcome to our team our new Nominated Supervisor, Adam Pearson. Adam will be working closely with Kirsty Hunt who is a member of the Becklyn team to manage the day to day operations at NTOOSHC. Kirsty will be seen regularly on shift with the children, so please say hello to both Adam and Kirsty when you see them out & about at NTOOSH!

Adam & Kirsty have stepped in to take over the roles held by Roslyn Doyle and Kathryn (Kat) Arnold who were required to return to their roles at Becklyn.

**All our educators' profiles can be seen up on the NTOOSHC wall above the touchscreen and on the NTOOSHC website. [www.ntooshc.com.au](http://www.ntooshc.com.au)**



## Homework Club @ NTOOSHC!

Homework Club will be held in  
the NTOOSHC Room each  
afternoon from 3.30 – 4pm and  
supervised by our wonderful  
NTOOSHC staff!

Please let staff know if you would like  
your child to join the homework club.

## SUMMER VACATION CARE

Although we are still battling through the summer heat, with the new school year well underway January vacation care feels like a lifetime ago. We did however have an enormous amount of fun and so we share some highlights.

**POWERHOUSE MUSEUM** – Everyone had a fantastic day as we took a trip to the Powerhouse Museum. The children enjoyed the experience of immersing themselves in science as they watched and participated in fascinating experiments. By far the most engaging activity was building a ping-pong ball track. The aim was to roll a ball down an incline without allowing it to land on the floor. This proved quite challenging for the younger students, but with the aid of their older peers everyone was successful!

**TREE TOPS** – The children all channelled their inner monkeys as we took to the Trees. It was impressive to see how familiar some of the students are with the courses, as they were able to speed through the lower levels with ease before taking on the more difficult challenges with confidence. We were all particularly impressed by Sasha, who regardless of her fear of heights attempted several obstacles on the high ropes course for the first time.

**4CATS STUDIO | SPLATTER PAINTING** – It's a good thing that everyone wore old clothes to NTOOSHC for this excursion, as Splatter Painting saw all the children covered in fluorescent paint. The artistic license that this style of art provided the students produced a stunning array of works which literally shone inside the black-light studio. Upon returning to NTOOSHC it became apparent how liberal some were with their paint as their shirts would look at home in a gallery. To finish off the messy nature of the day the children spent the afternoon creating crockery and figures from clay.

**BUNGARRIBEE PARK** – We went on an excursion to the newly made Bungarribee Park in the Western Sydney Parklands. This impressive park cost an enormous \$15 million to construct, and it shows. The children all enjoyed racing each other on the flying fox, playing hide-and-seek in the 14 metre tall play tower, and taking turns on the swings. The highlight of the park was the water play area, which offers water pumps, troughs, and plenty of sand which was all used to construct dams and canals. The staff were all encouraged to see a group of children with a widely varying range of ages playing so well with each other, sharing the equipment and taking turns to act as the boss of the construction projects.

Stay tuned for our **Autumn Vacation Care program** – out soon for the April school holidays (15<sup>th</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019).



## COMMUNITY CORNER:

### **That Great Lindfield Market:**

9:00am – 2:00pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at Wellington Road, East Lindfield.

### **Meet a Bat Night:**

6:30 – 8:15 pm Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Scout Hall, Rosedale Rd, Gordon.

### **Building Resilience in Children workshop:**

6:15 – 8:15pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Fox Valley Seventh Day Adventist Community Church.  
\$15 per person



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### • **SIGNING IN AND OUT**

As the sign in and out is an electronic signature, it is imperative that you are using the correct code, e.g. Dads please do not use mums, and vice versa. Please do not pass your code onto your authorised collectors, they should have received their own when you nominated them through the online system.

If you are unsure of your log in details, please speak to Matt who will resend the email containing your username and password.

### • **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

A reminder to all out families that should you wish your child to attend an extra-Curricular Activity, whilst in the care of OSHC, the Centre requires a Permission form to be completed and returned.

### • **AUTHORISED NOMINEES**

To ensure that your authorised collectors are able to sign your children in and out on drop off and pick up please ensure that you have logged onto the online system and added them as an Authorised Nominee.

By doing this, you are advising the Centre that they are an authorised person to collect your child and it will also generate a username and password to be able to access the touchscreen system.

Should a person arrive at the Centre to collect your child without your approval to collect, they will not be allowed to remove your child from the premises. Please be aware this approval must be communicated to NTOOSHC staff.

### • **ABSENCES**

Should your child be absent from a session we ask that families please contact the Centre to notify our staff before the commencement of the session.

Absences can be recorded via the webserver up to midday the day prior otherwise via an email to the centre.

It is our duty of care to ensure each child is safe and notification of an absence will avoid any undue concern regarding the whereabouts of your child.

Staff spend a considerable amount of time searching for children and following up with phone calls which takes them away from the children in their care at centre. Failure to notify the Centre of an absence will result in a non-notification fee of \$15 being charged to your account.



## Roll Call & Afternoon Tea Changes which commenced in Term 1, Week 5

- Years 2 & 3 – Roll call & afternoon tea will be moving to the silver seats underneath the COLA outside the hall.
- Years 4, 5, & 6 – Roll call will continue to be inside the 4, 5, 6 room a.k.a the music room. The children will then move to the COLA where they will join the years 2 & 3's for afternoon tea
- We would appreciate it if you could also discuss these changes with your child/ren to reconfirm their afternoon movements

### Years 4, 5, 6 Program

During 2019 we are expanding our years 4, 5, 6 club program to incorporate some additional activities to capture more of the interests of our group.

This expansion of our program also incorporates the use of NTOOSHC tokens (which are awarded for good behaviour, excellence and citizenship while at NTOOSHC) with goals to meet over the weeks in order for an extraordinary activity such as an excursion to be included in the program.

It would be great if the families of our years 4, 5, 6 children could talk about this at home and forward any feedback to us as we are looking to give our older children a degree of flexibility and ownership over what they are doing whilst at NTOOSHC.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to speak with Matt at the centre or drop us an email to [ntooshc@gmail.com](mailto:ntooshc@gmail.com).

