

NTOOSHC

North Turramurra Out of School Hours Care

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Newsletter

Term 4, 2019

NTOOSHC Friends,

Welcome back to our termly newsletter! Term 4 has been off to a great start with some new additions to our NTOOSHC family and the continuing smiling faces of regular children and parents alike! We are looking forward to concluding the final term of 2019 as well as kicking off 2020 with fun and exciting times ahead.

Unfortunately, we have had to farewell two of our staff members Julia and Prashan, who have left us to pursue their professional careers! Julia has been working with us for 3 years and Prashan for 1 year. Julia is starting her career in accounting and Prashan is doing his internship at an engineering company. Both will be missed by all staff and children. However, we will be introducing new smiling staff members on the team in the coming weeks!

CURRENT TEAM

Adam Pearson – Director

Kirsty Hunt – Coordinator

Matt Low – Assistant Coordinator

Nick Hill – WHS Officer

Olivia McEwan – Casual Educator

Rebekah Simpson – Casual Educator

Yasmin De Jonge – Casual Educator

Maddy Corkery – Casual Educator

COMMITTEE

President: Samantha Taranto

Vice President: Louise Raggett

Treasurer & Public Officer: Bree Alami

Secretary: Cathy Mather

WHS Officer: David Bradley

General Committee Members:

Susannah Rands

Rebecca Fitzmaurice

Jenny Lockhart

Olga Volokova

ADMINISTRATION

Re-enrolment 2020

Just a reminder to please re-enrol your children for 2020 if you haven't already done so. Places are filling up for next year with some days that are much more popular than others. We have restrictions regarding the number of children we can take in a session so in order to avoid disappointment please enrol as soon as you can on the webserver:

<https://www.becklynweb.com.au/northturramurra/>

Logins

Can all parents please ensure that you are using the correct login details to sign your child in and out of NTOOSHC. Mothers and fathers have different login details and it is important that each parent is using their specific login details. For example, 1999D is the username for a father and 1999M is the username for a mother. An authorised nominee username is a 5-digit code starting with a 2.

This is a legal requirement because in the event of an emergency, it is imperative that we have record of which parent/caregiver has picked up or dropped off the child.

If you have forgotten your login details, please do not hesitate to ask our friendly staff to email your login details to you. We are not permitted to sign your child out for you in this situation. Please do not give out your username and password if you need someone else to collect your child. Please ensure you add an authorised nominee via the web server:

<https://www.becklynweb.com.au/northturramurra/>

If you have any questions, please contact us on 9449 5661 or speak to our staff as we would love to help you.

VACATION CARE

The next Vacation Care will be during the Summer holiday period. We will be open on the **19th and 20th of December 2019** prior to the Christmas break. We will then reopen on the **13th of January 2020** until Tuesday the **28th of January**, which is a pupil free day. However, will be closed on Monday the **27th of January** for the Australia Day public holiday.

It looks as though it will be another wonderful program. As with all our programs we would love your feedback. Please let us know how you and your kids enjoy our programs by emailing us at the centre.

For information regarding the Vacation Care program, please check out our website:

<http://www.ntooshc.com.au/vacation-care/>

IMPORTANT: Our V/Care program has proven to be quite popular and some days book out remarkably fast. We have restrictions regarding the number of children on buses and considerations relating to staff-to-child ratios which means our days have to be capped at certain numbers. Please ensure you book as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment.

IMPORTANT VACATION CARE INFORMATION

If you have enrolled in Vacation Care, please ensure you read all the information regarding the days you have booked. We also appreciate your patience and understanding when our program changes due to the weather or other unforeseen circumstances.



LOGISTICS

Menu

We have now swapped over to our summer menu (menu A), which is a balanced, healthy menu that has been designed for warmer conditions. If you would like to view the menu, it is on our website: <http://www.ntooshc.com.au/our-menu/>

Afternoon Tea Procedure

Our afternoon procedure has been running smoothly. We are using the canteen and the silver seats next to the hall every day except for Friday's and once everyone has finished eating, the children have been enjoying the variety of group games we play. After our group game, children then have the opportunity for free-play and to develop their physical and social skills with other children and our friendly staff in both indoor and outdoor environments.

Program Standout Times

Our program is being enjoyed by our children every day with a variety of activities that have been designed from our staff's observations of what our children respond to as well as from child suggestions that we have made into reality!

Our themed morning programs have been running smoothly. Children have been appreciating participating in a variety of different activities every day of the week.

Our children have been enjoying playing at the grove, where they have participated in giant Jenga, frisbee, cricket and imaginative play. Inside, our children are currently liking celebrity heads and hangman on our whiteboard, card games, Hama beads and free-drawing as always.

We now have an online journal called Penzu. We use this to make observations about how well children have received an activity, to reflect on how a particular activity has been run and to record any positive or negative incidents of note. Our Penzu observations are being used to design our weekly program and certain activities each week.

Reminder

As it is now summer, all children require hats and water bottles during after school care and vacation care. Children are provided with cold water to refill their bottles and bubblers from around the school. However, during vacation care this may not be available at all times. Therefore, it is advised that children are supplied with water bottles large enough to cater for their hydrational needs.



SmugMug

SmugMug is our online photo blog that can be viewed by parents. Our folders are on private. Search for NTOOSHC on SmugMug to visit our photo-blog. Please email the centre to receive your password to be able to view photos of your children.

penzu

Penzu is our online journal that we use for observations and reflection. Please contact us if you would like to view observations about your child.