

# NTOOSHC

## North Turramurra Out of School Hours Care

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# Newsletter

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NTOOSHC Friends,

Welcome to our first termly newsletter of 2020! We have been off to a great start and it has been a pleasure introducing new children and parents into our community this term. Our kindergarten children have been settling in nicely and it has been so nice to see our older children that have been supporting at NTOOSHC. We also have a new staff member! Her name is Chrissie and she has proved to be a great addition to our team. We are all very excited to see what this year has in store!

### CURRENT TEAM

**Adam Pearson** – Nominated Supervisor

**Kirsty Hunt** – Centre Director

**Matt Low** – Assistant Coordinator

**Nick Hill** – Senior Educator/WHS Officer

**Maddy Corkery** – Senior Educator/Educational Leader

**Yasmin De Jonge** – Casual Educator

**Rebekah Simpson** – Casual Educator

**Kate Derham** – Casual Educator

**Cat Dudley** – Casual Educator

**Christina Chan** – Casual Educator

### COMMITTEE

**President:** Rachel Veitch

**Public Officer:** Bree Alami

**Treasurer:** Tino Saladino

**Secretary:** Cathy Mathers

**WHS Officer:** Jenny Lockhart

**General Committee Members:**

Susannah Rands

Swati Kapoor

### NEWS

#### **New Room**

As many of you would be aware, the NTOOSHC cottage is currently under construction and we are operating out of what used to be the music room, located on the North side of the school, right next to the IGA. We have been enjoying our new space and have been turning it into our home one step at a time. We have also added a feature wall called 'Humans of NTOOSHC', be sure to check out some photos of our happy NTOOSHIES next time you're here!

#### **Kindy Pick Up**

At the commencement of term 2, we will no longer be escorting our kindergarten children to their classrooms in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon. They shall make their own way to their classrooms with the play bell, and to roll call at the silver seats in the afternoon at 2:55. Kindergarten teachers have a roll for each afternoon that the children attend NTOOSHC and we update this regularly with any booking changes. If you make a casual booking please also let your child's teacher know as this allows a smooth transition between school and NTOOSHC. We have an Educator in the playground who will make sure no one is missing. If you have any questions regarding this please speak to Kirsty or Matt.

#### **COVID-19**

We are all aware of the potential risks of this current time regarding the Coronavirus. Currently, (as of when this is written), it has been recommended by the school that parents are to keep their children at home and with them. In the case of some parents who cannot work from home, NTOOSHC is currently remaining open. From Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March until the end of term 1, NTOOSHC will not be charging absent fees as long as you have notified the centre in writing that your child/ren are not going to be attending. Currently, vacation care is still going ahead, however this is viable to change. We, along with the school will keep parents as updated as possible once we receive new information regarding the operation of our service in the near future.



## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **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 a record of which parent/caregiver has picked up or dropped off the child.

If you have been using the incorrect log in or 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 April holiday period (14<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of April). Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 preventative measures, our excursions that we had planned have been cancelled and the Vacation Care program has been updated to consist of only incursions at NTOOSHC. However, we still have some great days planned such as a science day, laser tag, and go karting! 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/>

Please make your Vacation Care bookings as soon as possible this helps our team to plan activities and roster accordingly for the restrictions relating to staff-to-child ratios.

### **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.



**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.**

## **LOGISTICS**

### **Menu**

We will soon be swapping over to our Winter menu (menu B), which is a balanced, healthy menu with more hot and heavy food that has been designed for cooler 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 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 the other children and our friendly staff both inside the music room and outside on the school grounds. As we head into the cooler months we will be moving inside earlier. Please ensure for both indoor and outdoor play that your children always have a hat and jacket.

### **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 enjoy as well as from child suggestions that we have made into reality! Children have recently been enjoying loom bands and Hama beads as inside activities, both of which are great for developing creativity and fine motor skills. Outside, our children have been enjoying making paper aeroplanes, painting outside and playing Grounded on the playground, all of which are fantastic for developing a variety of social and creative skills.

Our themed morning programs have been a success with a variety of activities to do every week.

Our Children's Suggestions Book is filling up nicely with suggestions and ideas of activities they currently enjoy, would like to do again and with new ideas to try at NTOOSHC! Some of which that has been feeding into our weekly program.

### **Health and Hygiene:**

NTOOSHC always aims to be a safe and healthy place, especially coming into the cooler weather and change of seasons.

As per our normal policies and procedures if your child is sick or unwell:

- Please do not send them to NTOOSHC until they are well again.
- If they are sick/have a cough or cold please collect them.
- Please remind your children to wash their hands with soap and dry with a paper towel.
- Please remind children to cough and/or sneeze into elbows or tissues (and wash hands afterwards).