

NTOOSHC

North Turramurra Out of School Hours Care

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Newsletter

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NTOOSHC Friends,

Welcome back to our termly newsletter! We hope everyone has stayed happy and healthy over these strange times. It has been wonderful to see familiar faces around the school and at NTOOSHC now that restrictions are being lifted and all children are back at school. The small groups of children that have been attending have been enjoying our program regardless of numbers so we are looking forward to having everyone back!

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



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. The music room is working great for us, however we are looking forward to going back to our cottage. Developments have been slower than expected but hopefully we will be moving in before the beginning of next year. Be sure to check out some photos of our happy NTOOSHies on our Humans of NTOOSHC wall next time you're here!

Kindy Pick Up

It is now expected that our kindergarten children make their own way to the silver seats for roll call once they leave their classroom at the end of school. There will always be a NTOOSHC staff member in the top quad at the end of school to greet any children who are unsure if they are coming that afternoon. Kindies have also been making their own way to their classrooms in the morning before school.

COVID-19

The risks posed by COVID-19 are still in the forefront of our minds at NTOOSHC and we are still trying to take as many precautions as we can to minimise the chances of spreading the disease. Children are required to wash their hands before eating and it is the first thing we do when we come inside from the playground in the afternoons. Additionally, Vacation Care will be exclusively on school grounds with incursions as our main activities for the program.

ADMINISTRATION

Logins

All parents need to 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, by email or speak to our staff as we would love to help you.



VACATION CARE

The next Vacation Care will be during the July holiday period (6th – 20th of July). Due to COVID-19 preventative measures, our Vacation Care program will consist of only incursions at NTOOSHC. We have some great days planned such as laser tag, Minute to Win it and a silent disco. During the Feature Creatures incursion, a trained animal handler will bring in all sorts of interesting animals for us to hold! Check out all our vacation care days displayed on our Vacation Care 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/>

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

LOGISTICS

Menu

We have now switched 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 Procedure

Our afternoon procedure is still running smoothly. We use the canteen and the silver seats next to the hall every day during roll call and afternoon tea and then come together to play as a group. The 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. Now that we are in the cooler months of the year, 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 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 been enjoying dodgeball, piggy in the middle, shark, and handball while they have been outside. Our most enjoyed activities inside the NTOOSHC room have been chess, Mario Kart and celebrity heads.

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

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! Many of these have been feeding into our weekly program such as a variety of ball games and small group activities like paper aeroplanes and bubbles!



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).

COMMUNITY CORNER

This is a new addition to our newsletter that aims to provide the NTOOSHC community with information regarding upcoming community events in the area!

Due to COVID-19, community events will not be happening until all restrictions are lifted. However, Digital Lunch Break is a resource that has been developed in response to COVID-19 which engages children in online educational activities that can be explored at home! Here is the link:

www.digitallunchbreak.nsw.gov.au

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.