

# 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 despite the crazy year. Even so, this hasn't seemed to have phased our children at NTOOSHC!

### CURRENT TEAM

**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

### COMMITTEE

**President:** Rachel Veitch

**Public Officer:** Bree Alami

**Treasurer:** -

**Secretary:** Cathy Mathers

**WHS Officer:** Jenny Lockhart

**General Committee Members:**

Susannah Rands



### NEWS

#### **New Room**

As many of you will have seen, there are fences up around the NTOOSHC cottage. Work has commenced again and we will keep you updated about when we will be running out of the cottage. Hopefully it's not too much longer!

Our Humans of NTOOSHC wall just keeps growing; next time you're in our centre see if you can spot a photo your child!

### **Re-enrolments**

Re-Enrolments and new enrolments for 2021 will be opening in Term 4. We will send out an email with more information on opening dates and how to enrol/re-enrol in a few weeks.

### **COVID-19**

The risks posed by COVID-19 are still in the forefront of our minds at NTOOSHC. 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 September–October holiday period (**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> September – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> October**). NTOOSHC will not be open on **Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October** as this day is a public holiday. 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 Soccer Academy, Teddy Bear Making and a Gamerz Truck! You can 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 are still using our Winter menu (menu B), which is a balanced, healthy menu that has been designed for cooler conditions. Once the weather warms up, we will be switching to the Summer menu (Menu A). 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. As we are entering a warmer time of the year, it is imperative that your child/ren attends NTOOSHC with a hat and a water bottle. If their school hat has been misplaced, we encourage the children to bring any hat as a substitute.

### Program Standout Times

Our program is enjoyed by our children every day with a variety of activities planned. These 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 making train tracks with our Duplo set as well as a make-shift basketball game involving ping pong balls and red cups attached to our cupboard! We recently had a colouring in contest with most NTOOSHies getting involved! Our winners were Connor (Kindergarten), Jake (Year 1), Scarlett (Year 2) and Aprilia (Years 3-6).

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.



## **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.

### Health and Hygiene:

NTOOSHC always aims to be a safe and healthy place, especially coming into the warmer 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](http://www.digitallunchbreak.nsw.gov.au)

As part of National Child Protection Week, NAPCAN and Esafety Commissioner are providing free webinars for Educators, students and parents. Below is the link to a Webinar about Esafety in regards to social media apps such as TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and Youtube.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>



# 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.**