

NTOOSHC

North Turramurra Out of School Hours Care

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Newsletter

Term 4, 2020

NTOOSHC Friends,

Welcome to our final term of this year and what a year it has been! The countdown to school holidays is on and we have some exciting things planned for Vacation Care. Our weekly programs are still just as exciting and we are constantly introducing new games and activities for our children to enjoy at NTOOSHC based on their own suggestions and our staff's observations and ideas.

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

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 and work is commencing slowly but surely. As the building is quite old, there have been a few complications resulting in some delays however we predict we will be back in the cottage by next year.

Our Humans of NTOOSHC wall as been updated, now with colour photos! We're always taking snapshots of our morning and afternoon sessions for our wall. Next time you're in our centre see if you can spot a photo of your child! We upload many of our photos to SmugMug and these can be viewed by parents with login details than can be provided by us.

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. As always, 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. We are now allowed to provide excursions at Vacation Care and we have made COVID-19 risk assessments that can be viewed on our website.

ADMINISTRATION

Re-enrolment 2021

Just a reminder to please re-enrol your children for 2021 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

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

Term 4 Vacation Care will be during the December-January holiday period (**17th & 18th Dec, 11th – 28th Jan**). NTOOSHC will not be open on **Tuesday the 26th of Jan**. Now that COVID-19 restrictions are slowly lifting, we have now organised excursions! We have some great days planned, such as Water Day, Art on Canvas, Tree Tops, Dinosaur Day, Ten-Pin Bowling and two trips to the movies! You can check out all our vacation care days displayed on our Vacation Care program on our website.

The health and safety of our children is of highest priority. If your child is sick, please do not send them to Vacation Care otherwise they will be sent home.

Please ensure that your child/ren attend vacation care with a hat and a water bottle. The school's bubblers are closed due to COVID-19, which is why it is imperative that every child has a water bottle, especially now in the hotter months of the year.

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.

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/>

LOGISTICS

Menu

We are now using our Summer Menu (Menu A), which is a balanced, healthy menu that has been designed for warmer conditions. This menu will also be in use during Term 1 next year. 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 has changed slightly only on Tuesdays. Due to band starting in the hall at 3:00, we now have roll call on the silver seats and then move down to the Grove for afternoon tea. This has been working great as our children can enjoy their afternoon tea in a leafy setting without having to stay quiet for band. As always, after afternoon tea, the children then participate in a group game followed by 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. Every other day of the week follows the usual routine.

As we are now in the 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 really into handball at the moment as well as group games such as survivor and blob tag. We have also been making lots of Scooby Doo's, which have been a great way to increase fine motor skills as they are quite fiddly! Our colouring in competitions have been a hit with our children.

We recently held a Halloween-themed colouring competition. Our winners were Jiji Nguyen (year 3), Elise Tanner (year 2), Connor Fitzmaurice (year 1). Our next colouring competition will be Christmas themed and everyone is very excited.

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.

Health & 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



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.**