

# EOOSH NEWSLETTER

## Ermington OOSH April Newsletter

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## OPENING HOURS

### MORNINGS 7AM-9AM

Just a friendly reminder that Children must be signed in and brought to the centre by an adult. Please do not drop your child at the gate and let them walk to the centre alone. Ermington OOSH Educators are not responsible for your child/ren before 7am or before they are signed in so please do not leave them unattended. Please do not drop your child/ren any later than 8:15am.

### AFTERNOONS 3PM-6PM

Children will arrive at OOSH directly from school at 3pm. Please note that you need to notify the OOSH Centre via email and or call to let us know prior to 3pm, if your child is not attending. Non notification fees will occur if we have not been notified that a child is not attending prior to this time. If your child has extra curricular activities please be advised and advise your Child that they will need to sign at OOSH before going to their activities. Children must be collected before 6pm, or late fees will be applied .

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

- Please remember to sign in your children upon arrival (morning) and departure (afternoon). Failure to do so on multiple occasions will result in the incident being reported to the committee
- Please remember we are a no nut centre. If you need help with healthy snack ideas, please reach out.
- Please remember the driveway is only to be used by staff. Do not drive up to collect your children unless permitted by the centre prior to the day
- Just a friendly reminder that parents and carers are not to under any circumstance approach a child other than their own. We want to keep all our children and families safe.

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# April Notice board

## Menu

Please refer to the menu attached to see our menu rotation for the term.

## Journal

The journal is a form of documentation which is used at OOSH to show what has been happening daily with the children. This includes activities, photos and comments. It is also an opportunity for the children to display their artworks / creative pieces if requested. Please feel free to check this out as it is displayed on the sign out table or ask an Educator to see it.

## Hello April

A good day isn't always  
P erfect. It challenges you to  
R elease your potential and  
I nspires you to appreciate the  
L ittle, amazing things in life



Lets dive back into April and see what's happening in May.

During the month of April, we had the final few weeks of Term 1. During these weeks the children voiced that they highly enjoyed group activities such as handball, bullrush, playground, soccer and dodgeball. The activities allow the children to strengthen a variety of skills, gain sportsmanship and become familiar with each other through working in a team or against one another. Another highlighted activity was chess and checkers. The children most mornings and afternoon would battle each other and the Educators in these board games to see who was the ultimate champion. These activities encourage critical thinking, problem solving and strategising which allow the children to challenge themselves and strengthen crucial parts of their developing brain.

Coming up in May, we have the commencement of Term 2, Mother's day, National Sorry Day and National reconciliation week. These events will be incorporated into our weekly program to help raise awareness to the children about important calendar dates in the year. We also have our Director Kris Mikaere leaving for maternity leave as she is expecting her baby very soon. We wish her the best of luck with her bub and hope to see her in the coming months as she pops in with her new best friend once they've settled in.

Just a reminder that Maia will be the acting Director during this time so if you have any concerns or inquiries, please refer to her as she is more than happy to help out!



# Autumn Vacation Care



## **Art on canvas - 15/4**

On this day the children exercised their creative arts skills as they painted either a minion or a waterfall. The children said they thoroughly enjoyed this activity as well as the many other creative crafts and activities they engaged in.

## **Archery - 16/4**

Today, we were challenged to use our hand eye coordination as we aimed for bullseye. We played pin the arrow on the target and created bullseye cupcakes as well as much more.

## **Petting Farm - 17/4**

Petting farm day was such a fun day. We welcomed a bunch of farm animals to OOSH and were able to pat, look after and feed the animals. The children said they loved this incursion and all the other farm themed activities that were programmed.

## **Ninja warrior - 18/4**

On this day children challenged themselves to the obstacles of Ninja Warrior. Children also participated in ninja-themed activities. It was a day of practicing stealth and agility.

## **Bush tucker bash - 19/4**

The children had a great day learning about the ecosystem and native plants at Centennial Park. Children had the opportunity to be hands on with the environment and get to know other OOSH friends.

## **Upcycling / Earth day - 22/4**

On Upcycling Day the OOSH children were environment-conscious in their decision making. We did some recycled crafts such as making bird feeders from recycled materials. The children learnt about how we can be sustainable in our every-day decisions.

## **Pottery day - 23/4**

Pottery day provided a new artistic challenge for many students. At Pinta Crafts, they helped each other to create unique designs on their items. They were able to show their personality and aesthetics on their pieces. They did so many other fun crafts on this day to further demonstrate these abilities!

## **Space day - 24/4**

Space day took us on a imaginary journey from the OOSH building to the edge of the universe. On this day children explored what was beyond this world, created art and experienced the magic of space. Their favourite activity was making a solar system.

## **Wicked Candle making day - 26/4**

On this creative day, children got to try something new. We had a fantastic incursion which showed the children how to make candles. Children got to take these home! On this day, another crowd favourite was sand art, which was the first time many of our kindergarten students had practiced this skill.

## **Bounce - 29/4**

Children had so much fun at bounce day! The children got to show off their trampoline skills and bond with each other for our last day of vacation care. In the afternoon, they wanted free play and we were able to see the friendships and bonds that had been created throughout this vacation care period.

# **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

## **Signing in and out**

Please remember that it is not an Educators responsibility to sign your child/ren out. It is important all children are signed in/out at the time they leave as it assists in roll call as well as emergency situations. A friendly reminder, Children are not to sign themselves in/touch the sign in ipads.

## **Child pick-up adjustments**

If another parent/caregiver is collecting your child, please notify the Educators via phone call or email prior to the pick up. If there is no communication to Educators of this, we unfortunately cannot let the adult collect the child and will have to contact the parents/caregivers to request permission. The adult collecting your child will be asked to provide identification for safety precautions. Due to security reasons, we request you do not give out log in details to other families/adults. These individuals can be added to your child's records enabling Educators to know who has collected your child.

## **Privacy and confidentiality Policy statement**

Ermington OOSH will make every effort to protect the privacy and confidentiality of all individuals associated with the service by ensuring that all records and information about individual children, families, educators and management are kept in a safe and secure place and is not divulged or communicated, directly or indirectly, to another person other than:

- To the extent necessary for the education and care of the child
- To the extent necessary for medical treatment of the child
- A part/guardian of the child to whom the information relates
- The Regulatory Authority or an authorised officer as expressly authorised, permitted or required under the Education and Care services National Law and Regulations
- With the written consent of the person who provided the information

## **Daily routines - Policy statement**

We aim to provide daily routines that meet the needs of individual children in relation to each child's social, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional development. As the centre is the child's time for play and leisure, this will be reflected in the daily routines.

## **Excursions - Policy Statement**

We believe that excursions are an essential part of the centre's program as they provide variety and an opportunity to expand a child's experience, explore different environments and learn new activities. Parent's permission will be sought out for all excursions. Children on excursions will be ensured proper supervision and care, for the full duration of the excursion. All National Standards and Educators/child ratios will be maintained.

# **ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES**

We would love to hear your feedback from our recent autumn vacation care! Please follow the link to our survey monkey if your children attended so we can use your feedback to program our winter vacation care in July.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B6FDTQ8>

# Photo page

