

EOOSH NEWSLETTER

Ermington OOSH January Newsletter

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Ermington OOSH

OPENING HOURS

MORNINGS-

Hello families, hope you have had a relaxing Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Just a friendly reminder that Children are not to be signed in or enter the OOSH room before 7am. Families cannot enter school grounds prior to 7am. Please do not attempt to bring your child before the centre opens, as you will be kindly asked to wait outside until we are open. Before 7am, Ermington OOSH Educators are not responsible for your child/ren so please do not leave them unattended. Please do not drop your child/ren any later than 8:15am.

AFTERNOONS-

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 will not be attending. If your child is not attending and the centre has not been notified, non-notification fees will occur. If your child has an extra-curricular activity, please be advised, and advise your child that they will need to sign in 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 child 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 idea, 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/caregivers are not to come into the OOSH room unless invited in by an Educator. Please wait at the door and an Educator will find who you are looking for.*



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of this land and we pay our respects to the Elders past and present

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**WELCOME BACK
TO 2024**



Ermington OOSH

We are so excited to welcome you all back to EOOSH in 2024! It will be great to welcome back all of our returning families and get to know the new kindergarten parents and children that will be joining our OOSH family. All educators are greatly excited to welcome our new kindergarten cohort and can't wait to cultivate friendships and bonds with these new students. As always we try encourage the children to make friends across year groups and remind all of our older children to be kind and caring not only towards each other but especially to the new kindergarten group. Welcome back to OOSH, we hope you had a fantastic summer break!

Thanks EOOSH Team

Kindergarten Information

Welcome to OOSH Kindergarten parents and children! As our kindy's are new to school and OOSH we have put in place some measures to help them settle in. At 8:30 an Educator will walk the kindergarten students to school. Similarly in the afternoon an educators will go and collect the kindy's from their classes and bring them over to OOSH. We also have a separate area for Kindy bags to make it easier for students and parents. This is located to the right as you walk into the OOSH building. We are dedicated to making a smooth transition for our new Kindergarten students and parents. Welcome to OOSH and please contact us with any concerns or queries.

December Notice Board



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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.

Dive Back into December

In December we celebrated the end of the school year along with saying goodbye to our fabulous year 6 children. OOSH then went into the full swing of vacation care. The children participated in a range of vacation care activities from Christmas lunch to a wellness and spa day. The children all expressed great enjoyment in the OOSH Christmas and the range of vacation care days that were provided for them. We hope you all had a relaxing and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From EOOSH Team

Upcoming events

- Starting term 1 - 01/02/24
- Australia Day - 26/01/24
- World Wetland Day - 02/02/24
- Setsubun Sai - 03/02/24
- World Cancer Day - 04/02/24
- Safer Internet Day - 06/02/24
- Luna New Year - 10/02/24
- Darwin Day - 12/02/24
- Apology Anniversary- 13/02/24
- Valentines Day - 14/02/24
- World Day of Social Justice - 20/02/24

Menu

Please refer below to the menu for the next term



If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely!

Roald Dahl



Summer Menu



BREAKFAST 7:00-8:00AM

Beverages Options: Chilled Water, Low Fat Milk, Soy Milk, Lactose Milk
Cereals: Sultana brain, WeetBix, Rice Bubbles/Puffs, WeetBix bites, Cheerio's, Corn flakes
Breads: Wholemeal Bread, Raisin toast, crumpets, English muffins



Spreads: Vegemite, Butter, Nutterlex, Strawberry, Apricot, Plum Jams, Promite, Cheese spread, Nottella and Peanut Butter (nut free)

AFTERNOON TEA 3:15- 4:00PM

Fruit Served Daily: Watermelon, Strawberries, Banana, Kiwi fruit, Oranges, Apples, Grapes, Pears, Honeydew and Blueberries



Veg Served Daily: Carrots, Celery, Cucumber
 Beverage Options: Chilled Water



**Alternative options for those with Dietary or Religious requirement*

WEEK ONE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Dish: Fried Rice Rice, Bacon, mixed veggies and soy sauce.	Main Dish: Apple pie & Custard Vanilla custard, fresh apples, pastry, sugar.	Main Dish: Antipasto Ham, salami, chicken, olives, bread sticks, sun-dried tomato, wraps, dips	Main Dish: Garlic Bread Rolls with Garlic Butter and chives	Main Dish: Chips, Dip and Carrot Sticks Plan Smith Chips, Dips and Carrots
WEEK TWO				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Dish: Corn on the Cobb Corn on the cobb, butter, and salt	Main Dish: Burrito's Soft taco shells, Tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce, beef mince, sour cream, salsa, cheese, avocado dip	Main Dish: Custard and fruit salad Vanilla Custard, Fruit Salad	Main Dish: Muffins Apple, banana, blueberry, choc chip muffins	Main Dish: Noodles Chicken, BBQ and Oriental noodles
WEEK THREE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Dish: Nachos Nacho chips, beef mince, nacho sauce, avocado dip, sour cream, brown onion, tomato.	Main Dish: Wraps Ham, salami, chicken, carrots, lettuce, tomato & barbeque sauce, cheese	Main Dish: Pasta Salad Pasta, mix vegies, sun dried tomato, spinach, sour cream, mayonnaise, feta.	Main Dish: Sandwiches Strawberry, raspberry and blackberry jams, vegemite, cheese sandwiches.	Main Dish: Yogurt and fruit salad Yogurt, Fruit Salad

Summer Vacation Care



Summer Vacation Care



Over the summer vacation OOSH ran its regular vacation care program. We had a range of fantastic excursions, incursions and days planned for our kids. Kris our director kicked it off with cooking a fantastic Christmas lunch here at OOSH that the staff and kids enjoyed. They went to a pottery class where they were able to make and paint their own bits of pottery! We also welcomed into the OOSH room some arcade games which the children had regular use of especially on Able Amusement Day. They also had a fantastic cultural experience with an Aboriginal lady who taught the children all about the importance of Aboriginal culture in Australia. The children also had some down days like pizza and movie day and going to the movies to watch Jungle Bunch.

Meet our 2024 Educators



Ermington OOSH



Director - Kris

Hi my name is Kris and I am the Director at Ermington OOSH. I have been director at EOOSH for 5 years. I am greatly looking forward to the year ahead and connecting with all the children. I am also welcoming my first child this year and will be going on maternity leave in late May.



Assistant Director - Maia

Hi my name is Maia and I am the assistant director at EOOSH. I will become Acting Director while Kris is on leave. I am greatly excited from this opportunity and am looking forward to connect with parents and students in a different and meaningful way.



WHS Officer - Chloe

Hello OOSH families and children of OOSH. Welcome back to another year aa EOOSH and welcome to new comers ! I'm one of the educators here and will be taking on the role as the new WHS officer. I look forward to another year with you all and getting to know all new friendly faces. Hope you all get to love OOSH as much as we do !



Educator - Rosie

This year I am so excited to be back with the children and families of OOSH. We have fantastic year planned for both educators and students. I am currently doing my cert 3 in early childhood education to further my experience working with children.

Educator - Madi

Hello! I am excited for another year at Ermington OOSH. This year I will be finishing my Bachelor of Psychology and planning on many learning adventures. Rosie will be taking over my former role as Educational Leader, and I am so excited for her to get to know the community in a new way.



Educator - Laura

Hello my name is Laura and I am studying occupational therapy. I had a great time with the children during summer vacation care doing many activities from mini golf, pottery to Christmas lunches. I am looking forward to continuing to have fun and create a safe environment in 2024.



Educator - Will

Hey! My name is Will and I am a university student studying Law and Psychology. I am super excited to continue working at Oosh with the children this year, it is always so exciting and fun working with the children who are always keeping us on our toes.



Educator - Chris

My name is Chris and I am a 17 year old student at Marsden High School. I love coming to look after the children and sharing my school experiences and knowledge.



Educator - Brendan

Hi my name is Brendan and I am one of newer educators at EOOSH. I have moved over from New Zealand where I studied Psychology. I am now studying a masters of primary school teaching. I really enjoy sport and am so excited to get to know the children and families at Ermington OOSH.



Educator - Kadijah

Hi my name is Kadijah and i will be starting my first year at uni this year studying to become a primary teacher. I greatly enjoy being around children and am so excited to begin this new year working at Ermington OOSH



Educator - Mel

Hey everyone! I am Mel and I recently graduated from UNSW with a bachelor of Design and Media. I love reading and art and am excited to share these passions with the children at Ermington OOSH



Educator - Alex

Hi everyone my name is Alex and I study psychology. I love the outdoors an cooking. I am greatly looking forward to getting to know all the OOSH families and children.





Signing in and Out

Please remember that it is not an Educators job to sign your child/ren in or out. It is important that 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.

Absences

If your child is absent, please remember to call as soon as possible to let us know. Educators will record this absence on the roll. Additionally, if your child is absent in the morning but still attending in the afternoon, it is required you let the Educators know so we know to expect your child.

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 your 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.

Extracurricular Activity Forms

Children who participate in extracurricular activities must have updated extracurricular form for each term, so we are aware of their whereabouts. Children will not be able to attend extracurricular activities from OOSH if this form is not completed.

Late collection

Our centre closes at 6pm. Families are expected to notify Educators as early as possible if they will collect their child/ren after this time. Please understand it is a \$50 fee for the first 5 minutes after 6pm and \$2 for every minute after this.

Committee Member information

Parents and cares if children are busy. WE know! That's why we have OOSH! But did you know that Ermington OOSH is a not -for -profit association run by an annually elected voluntary Parent Management Committee? Established by a group of former parents for Ermington Public School, we provide an Outside School Hours Care service for children attending Ermington Public School.

We are now looking for new members to join our OOSH committee!

Being a member of the OOSH committee is a wonderful way to get involved in the OOSH Community and is an opportunity to provide skills and expertise to help shape OOSH's services. Without a Parent Management Committee, Ermington OOSH cannot continue to offer the wonderful care it does to the families of the Ermington Public School Community.

The OOSH committee is guided by a committee of five Office Bearers being the President, Vice – President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Officer and is supported by 4-15 committee members. The committee meets once a term (after school hours) and it really is a great way to stay in touch with the OOSH community and help guide the decisions that make our OOSH a fantastic and safe place for your children.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Caregivers and Visitors

Service Name: Ermington OOSH

Ermington OOSH is committed to protecting children attending the service and staff and families at the Centre. The service strives to provide a child safe environment at all times and this code aims to provide parents/caregivers and visitors with certainty about what are acceptable standards of behaviour when attending this Centre. This Code will support parents/caregivers and visitors to respond in a way that supports the safety, welfare and wellbeing of staff, children and families at all times.

As a parent/caregiver of a child attending (insert name of Centre), you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during the times when you are present at the Centre.

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every staff member, management committee member, children and families regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. Be a positive role model.
3. Be courteous and respectful.
4. Use appropriate language at all times.
5. Remember that children learn best by example.
6. Do not attend the Centre if you are affected by illegal drugs or alcohol, or consume them while at the Centre.
7. Do not smoke at the Centre or surrounding areas.
8. Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of conduct.

PARENT CONTRACT (please sign)

I/We hereby support my/our child/rens enrolment at Ermington OOSH.

I have carefully read this code of conduct, and accept responsibility for complying with it in all respects. I also agree that sanctions may be imposed should I/We breach any aspect of the Code of Conduct. These may include:

- Warnings, either verbal or in writing
- Permanent exclusion from the Centre
- Exclusion from the Centre for a period of time as set down by the Management Committee. Your child will still be able to attend the Centre, however, you must make arrangements for an authorised person to drop them of or collect them during the exclusion period. A meeting will be held with management to determine an appropriate course of action in order to move forward.
- Only photograph my own children and these photographs may not include other children or staff at the Centre.

I/We agree that while attending Ermington OOSH I/We will conduct myself/ourselves in a manner, which allows me/us to act as a positive role model to children, families and staff.

1. I/We will act respectfully and responsibly toward all staff, management, children and families. Abusive, insulting and offensive language or actions are unacceptable.
2. I will respect the facilities and equipment at (enter name of Centre).
3. I understand that verbal abuse and violent behavior towards any staff, management, children and families at all times in unacceptable and would make me liable to serious consequences (as is any sexual, racial and other form of harassment).

In order to provide a safe environment for staff, children, families and visitors at the Centre, management reserves the right to take appropriate action if this Code of Conduct is breached in any way.

I/We (parent(s) name), in supporting my child/ren ('s) enrolment at Ermington OOSH, acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with the above Parent/Caregiver Code of Conduct. I accept that breaches of the Code of Conduct will carry consequences as listed above.

Name

Signed

Date

3. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SERVICE USERS

Policy Statement

Ermington Out of School Hours is committed to creating and maintaining safe and respectful environments for all service users through appropriate interactions. 'A dominant value of our society, as expressed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is that all individuals must be treated with equal respect' (United Nations, 1948).

Rationale

This code of conduct relates to the behaviour of adults: Parent/Guardian(s), Educators, Volunteers or Visitors and Teaching Staff visiting EOOSH.

Procedure

1. Adults should remember that they provide a role model for children and therefore interactions and behaviours should display positive attributes including:
 - i. Open Communication
 - ii. Greeting and Fare-welling each other
 - iii. Turn taking in conversations
 - iv. Moderate voices
 - v. Respectful responses
 - vi. Listening with intent
 - vii. Cultural sensitivity
2. Ermington Out of School Hours will not accept or tolerate the following:
 - i. Swearing/Offensive Language
 - ii. Yelling
 - iii. Aggression (i.e. slamming doors, through equipment)
 - iv. Violence
 - v. Harassment
 - vi. Vilification
 - vii. Bullying
 - viii. Defamation
 - ix. Ignoring or abusive behaviours OR other anti-social behaviours
3. Parent Management Committee reserves the right to take appropriate action in order to provide a safe and protective environment for all users, staff and children, including withdrawing or denying service to any group or individual in breach of the Code of Conduct for Service Users
4. A copy of the policy must be made available to Service Users
5. Service users should communicate any issues or concerns to the Director/Nominated Supervisor of EOOSH.
6. Any person breaching the Code of Conduct on Ermington Out of School Hours premises will be reminded of the Code of Conduct for Service Users and asked to address their behaviour.
7. If a breach of the code continues, the person responsible will be asked to leave the premises. If that person fails to comply with this request, the Police will be called.
8. Educators are to maintain a safe environment for children at all times. Educators may need to activate their Emergency Evacuation procedures if they feel it is necessary.
9. Educators are to record any breaches of this code of conduct and report these to the Director/Nominated Supervisor of EOOSH.

10. The Director/Nominated Supervisor is to assess any serious incident and consult with the Parent Management Committee to decide whether any counselling or further follow-up actions should be made available for children, Educators or families.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Education and Care Services National Regulations	National Quality Standards	Service Policies/documentation	Other
	6 & 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrivals and Departures of Children Policy • Complaints Management Policy • Communication with Families Policy • Feedback from Families Policy • Interaction with Children, Families and Educators Policy 	

ENDORSEMENT BY ERMINGTON OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS INC:

Approval Date:
Date for Review: