

ROZELLE OOSH JANUARY & FEBRUARY 17

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO ALL OUR FAMILIES

To all our existing families, welcome back. To our new families welcome! Term 1 has been a busy one with settling in all our new kindy's and pre-schoolers. Please ensure that you have Susan's mobile 0412 733570 and Andrea's 0414 752431 & the centre number 9818 3472 so you can call if your child is away from school on a day that they usually come to OOSH (out of school hours care). It is imperative that you call the centre if your child is not coming to oosh, as it is very stressful to run around the school looking for your child and also trying to then contact parents. Just a reminder that there is a \$10 non-notification fee that will be billed to your account in the event you forget to call us. The school do not notify us if your child is away or leaves school early.

If you are having trouble remembering which centre your child is in each afternoon please look at your statement as the centre that your child is in will be printed next to your billing amount for each day.

JANUARY VACATION CARE PROGRAM

January vacation care was filled with lots of fun activities and experiences.

Leichhardt pools was so much fun and the weather was fabulous! The children enjoyed water games and swimming with their friends.

We had amazing weather for our water sports activities with Nexstar Sports with the children participating in water hockey and target practice. We had some very soggy children!

Exploring a variety of cultures from around the world was a good learning experience, we were able to experience lots of different cultural cooking like, mooncakes & Bruschetta, as well as looking at Kandinsky and Celtic art.

Australiana day and back to school party day were also lots of fun. The children engaged in many craft and cooking activities and enjoyed there last few days of the holidays with their friends.

Code camp was a huge success and we have had lots of positive feedback from both the children and the parents. If anyone is interested in their program you can find out where they will be running their courses at <http://codecamp.com.au/>

BIG OOSH

New Year, same great OOSH! We kicked off Term 1 in our usual fashion, soaking up the beautiful weather and catching up with our friends after a well-earned break. We've had some new additions at Big OOSH this term, with a whole heap of children from Junior OOSH transitioning up to Big OOSH in the mornings and afternoons, filling the gap left by last year's Year 6's as they grew into wonderful young adults and flew the coop.

The other new addition this year that the Big OOSH children have been loving is the new sandpit area next to the basketball courts. It has provided the children with a new space to play and explore. Over on the tiger turf, the children have been super enthusiastic about cricket and also a new favourite, survival tips. Another standout game that has also been keeping the children fit and active is handball, which the children and community have fully embraced.

Sport isn't the only way we've been promoting health lifestyle choices here at Big OOSH, we've also been focusing on providing healthier varieties of the children's favourite food. This

has included lasagne cups, sushi, Vietnamese rice paper rolls and lots more as well as a few special treats such as violet crumble ice cream slice, white chocolate and raspberry muffins. We look forward to what the rest of the term brings and all the new and exciting experiences.

JUNIOR OOSH

So far the junior oosh have had a great start to term one. We have welcomed the new kindy and pre-school children in BSC and we have also welcomed some of the children who have transitioned over to us from mini oosh.

Art with carolynne is now on a Thursday afternoon. It is always popular and the children have started researching artists.

Outdoor play has been busy with activities and sports such as soccer, cricket, water play, handball and bulrush. The sandpit and top playground has also been popular.

The children have participated in some fun arts and crafts. We have made owls, unicorns, lanterns, puppets and dream catchers. The cooking activities have been popular with delicious recipes such as, vegetable beef sausage rolls, gnocchi, banana and passionfruit muffins and white chocolate & raspberry muffins.

We are looking forward to the rest of term one with lots of fun filled activities, sports, games and general play.

If you are interested in babysitting Custard for a weekend please see Daniela or Maria to put your name on the roster.

MINI OOSH

Mini OOSH have had a great start to term one after a lovely break over Christmas and New Year. We have welcomed all the new kindy families and children to Mini OOSH, they are settling in really well and have been amazing with adapting to a new routine.

We are exploring 'Around the World' and animals this term on Tuesdays and Fridays; these include completing many cooking and craft activities.

We have been busy with our outdoor play as we explore the new digging area around the basketball court. On Wednesdays we are very lucky to join with Junior OOSH on the top playground and woodland area. We got out as a whole centre, encouraging children to get some physical activity as well as enjoy this beautiful summer weather. The children love joining with Junior OOSH as they get to play with siblings and older friends.

Mini OOSH have participated in many craft and cooking activities to introduce the children to OOSH; these include pancakes, cherry blossoms tree art, CD animals and mini pizzas.

We are welcoming to Mini OOSH staff members Hannah and Ella. We are very excited for this year and have lots planned for OOSH, children and families, stay tuned!

STAFF NEWS

We welcome back Hannah, Bella and Bill who have all returned to us after 12 months abroad holidaying and studying.

Harry will also be making some cameo appearances now that he has returned from Canada. Harry will be filling in on a casual basis if we need him.

DONATIONS-A HUGE THANK YOU

Lowe Family – donation of toys, games & craft

McCrea Family – donation of books & craft

Parker Family – paper, texta's, cardboard & paintings

Jensen Family – dress-ups & books

A WEBSITE/APP TO CHECK OUT

www.raisingchildren.net.au is a great website to check out as it covers from birth to teens. It has useful information like dealing with fussy eaters, homework and parenting teenagers.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH & APRIL

4th March - Clean Up Australia Day

8th March - International Women's Day

17th March - St. Patricks Day

20th March - International Day of Happiness

21st March - Harmony Day

22nd March - World Water Day

26th March - Purple Day (Epilepsy Australia)

7th April - World Health Day

22nd April - Earth Day

WHAT OUR ROOSH KIDS THINK

Each newsletter we would like to include comments and articles from our children here at ROOSH. As part of our on-going improvement plan we see the opinion of our Children who attend ROOSH as the most important aspect of maintaining a High Quality Service. The kid's section is unedited letting you know just what the kid's at ROOSH really think. We asked our new kindy and preschool children what the best thing about their first few days at OOSH were and here are some of their responses:

"I like going outside and I enjoy cooking yummy things" – Gabi Corby

"I love the creative room and art activities" – Matilda B

"That we make pizza and chocolate, and we can build whatever we want with the blocks"
– Atticus V & Finn C

"There are lots of activities to do and you never get bored" – Reuban M

"Both of the creative rooms are pretty great" – Evie S

2018 FEE SCHEDULE

PERMANENT BOOKING

Before School Care **\$16.00**

After School Care **\$23.00**

Vacation care **\$57.00 excludes excursions/clinics**

Please note the above fees do not reflect your childcare benefit discounts if you are entitled. All working families are entitled to a 50% tax rebate

Late Collection Fee (after 6pm) \$5 a minute

Non-notification (if you do not call to say your child is absent from oosh & we have to go looking for them) \$10

Staff Profile

We Spend 5 minutes with: Molly

What are you studying?

Bachelor of Education Primary

Favourite Activity you teach at OOSH?

I love cooking & craft

Pet Hates?

Burping

Most embarrassing moment is?

I'm a very embarrassing person but at oosh I danced and tripped into a bucket which then made me fall into the sink! The children loved it!

On your bed side table is?

Books, a lamp & fish food

At home you cook?

Lots of cookies, chicken & pasta

I'm always being asked to?

Not so clumsy!

What do you do in your spare time?

I go to the gym, cafes and playing with my dogs, Maggie & Cherry.

Most satisfying moment as an OOSH staff member is . . .?

Watching the kids come out of their shells and helping them learn new skills in activities or with friends



Staff Profile

We Spend 5 minutes with: Bella

What are you studying?

Communications and international studies, majoring in social inquiry

Favourite Activity you teach at OOSH?

Craft

Pet Hates?

Slow walkers, when people cancel plans last minute and eating with your mouth open

Most embarrassing moment is?

When I fell down the stairs getting an award at assembly

On your bed side table is?

Alarm clock, book, light, phone and a photo of my cousins

At home you cook?

Pasta, all types of pasts, I love pasta

I'm always being asked to?

Reach things because I'm taller than most

What do you do in your spare time?

Read, play netball, go to the beach and go shopping

Most satisfying moment as an OOSH staff member is . . .?

When a child asked where I was when I went to another centre and they said they loved me

