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Program Manager

## TERM THREE – AUGUST ISSUE

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## WELCOME BACK TO TERM THREE!

### WINTER VACATION CARE HIGHLIGHTS!

We had a fabulous winter vacation care! Our activities were crafted based on feedback from children, families, and staff. Children had a blast on our excursions to:

Berry island -where children learnt Nature-based survival skills and exploration .

Ninja Park- They challenged themselves on obstacle course fun and had a ton of laughs, and cheered each other on the whole time.

Sydney Cricket Ground-We participated in a guided tour of the ground .This was a great opportunity for all the children to learn a bit of the history of the SCG, have a turn in the nets, and see special behind the scenes access to the ground.

For our Incursion days;

Arty Party Canvas Workshop – Children created take-home artworks that had some great artwork

Mad About Science – Explosive experiments and bubbling potions.

Ultra Gaming Trailer –We had the ever popular mobile arcade with age-appropriate games.

Tie Dye Day – children brought in items to dye alongside provided T shirts.

Carnival Day (21 July) – Jumping castle, face painting, crazy hair styling, and carnival games to wrapped up the holidays with flair.

### SPRING VACATION CARE!!!

We are excited to announce that our Spring Vacation Care program is ready — and it's packed with fun, engaging, and creative activities for children to enjoy!

Stay tuned — the full program will be released soon!

Spots fill quickly, so keep your eyes out and be ready to book.







## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

### Upcoming stall at the Drummoyne school fete:

- Gowrie NSW is proud to be a major sponsor of the upcoming Drummoyne Spring Fete — our small but meaningful way of giving back to the community and supporting the wonderful schools we work closely with. Come along and spot our marquee to receive free balloon animals from a professional balloon man! Educators will be manning the booth all day, so say hi to our lovely staff and enjoy what looks to be a great day!

### Continuous Improvement:

- As part of our continuous improvement plan, we are always searching for new and exciting ideas to implement in our program which includes surveys to review our existing practices and make suggested changes. This term we are focussing on our afternoon tea menu to incorporate a wider variety of healthy food choices into our afternoon tea menu. We'd greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete our Menu Feedback Survey. Your input will help guide future meal planning, highlight what's working well, and offer ideas for improvement. Survey Link: <https://form.typeform.com/to/zeE0jlxB>

### Senior program

- We are also looking to expand our after-school care program to cater to some of the older children. Ideas have popped up from children, such as walking excursions to local spots with small groups. This would be a great way to engage year five and six children, giving them an opportunity





## OUR TEAM

The current team of hardworking staff are:

Rekkha Moda (Program Manager)

Huon Saul (Assistant Program Manager)

Vanessa Pennino (Assistant Program Manager)

Educators: Rosetta, Jason, Kamala, Neelam

Casual Educators: Koen, Olivia G, Jacob, Olivia D, Xavier, Katalina, Jill, Hayden, Elena G, Ameilie, Gabby,



## UPDATES:

### OSHC educators day

On July 29th we celebrated the passion, care and dedication of our amazing Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) educators

At Drummoyne OSHC, we witnessed a truly heartwarming moment of appreciation. Our dedicated educators were celebrated by the children in the most thoughtful and creative ways —through beautifully handmade cards, certificates of appreciation, and artistically crafted bookmarks. Each gesture was a reflection of the deep respect and affection our children hold for the educators who nurture, guide, and inspire them every day.

To further honour their commitment and care, management presented a special thank-you gift, acknowledging the incredible work our educators do in creating a safe, engaging, and joyful environment for all.

We are proud of our team and grateful for the strong relationships they build with our children and families. Moments like these remind us of the powerful impact of appreciation and the joy of community.

### Staff updates

We are saying a very fond farewell to Elena Antoniou, who is leaving at the end of next week. Elena has headed up our amazing kindy program, and both staff and children alike will miss her dearly.

We have a new Assistant Program Manager joining us from Gowrie OSHC Killara. Please join us in welcoming Vanessa Pennino! She brings with her a wealth of experience and we look forward to seeing the impact she makes on our service!

### NEW PLAY RESOURCES

We believe that children learn best through play, as it allows them to explore their interests in fun, engaging, and meaningful ways. Thus we added giant Polydron sets to our play resources! These vibrant, interlocking shapes are perfect for encouraging creative construction, teamwork, and STEM learning through hands-on play. Children have been enthusiastically building everything from towers to tunnels, exploring geometry and engineering concepts while having fun. This new resource supports our commitment to learning through play and adds another layer of excitement to our daily activities.