











# GOWRIE NSW DRUMMOYNE AND ST MARKS OSHC NEWSLETTER

September Edition

## CREATE • DISCOVER • PLAY

 <p><b>MON, 25 SEPT</b> <span>\$75</span></p> <p><b>Wheelchair Basketball (Incursion)</b> We have special guests coming to play wheelchair basketball with us! It is a unique opportunity to play basketball sitting on a wheelchair! so please come and join! Let the very first day be the best day of the Spring holiday!</p>	 <p><b>MON, 2 OCT</b></p> <p><b>Public Holiday (Closed)</b></p>
 <p><b>TUE, 26 SEPT</b> <span>\$90</span></p> <p><b>Manhattan Superbowl with Arcade games + Lunch (Excursion)</b> We are off to Manhattan Superbowl for Ten Pin Bowling and arcade games with Lunch! Get ready to target the pins!! (Lunch will be provided by Manhattan Superbowl)</p>	 <p><b>TUE, 3 OCT</b> <span>\$90</span></p> <p><b>Movie@EQ and Lunch at Centennial Park (Excursion)</b> Let's sit back and relax! We invite you to our Movie day. We will go to Hoyts EQ to watch the latest PG rated blockbuster! After the movie, we will be going to Centennial park for Picnic lunch and free play!</p>
 <p><b>WED, 27 SEPT</b> <span>\$75</span></p> <p><b>Game Trailer (Incursion)</b> Can you believe that the huge game trailer is coming to us!! There will be Minecraft, Mario cart and many more! You will be able to verse your friends in games as you will be transported to a different reality!</p>	 <p><b>WED, 4 OCT</b> <span>\$75</span></p> <p><b>Go Kart (Incursion)</b> Come and be a driver! Go kart experience is here at Drummoyne and all you need to bring is your excitement. There are many "Wheels" theme activities to make you WOW!</p>
 <p><b>THU, 28 SEPT</b> <span>\$90</span></p> <p><b>Ninja Warrior – My First Gym @ Ryde (Excursion)</b> Feeling like climbing or jumping? Come and join us on an excursion to "My First Gym" where children will put their ninja skills to the test! Must wear socks &amp; comfy shoes. (No Thongs) (Hurry! The excursion is limited to 60 children)</p>	 <p><b>THU, 5 OCT</b> <span>\$75</span></p> <p><b>Beyblade Tournament (Incursion)</b> Are you a Beyblade lover? Come and join in a very special day that you can get to try new beyblades and compete with your friends to be the champion of Beyblades! The gold medal is waiting for you!</p>
 <p><b>FRI, 29 SEPT</b> <span>\$75</span></p> <p><b>Jumping Castle &amp; Slide (Incursion)</b> You are invited to ALL-IN-ONE day as we are having the jumping castle with slide, art and crafts, sports and more activities are waiting for you to finish the first week of the vacation! FRI-YAY!</p>	 <p><b>FRI, 6 OCT</b> <span>\$75</span></p> <p><b>Magical Friday (Incursion)</b> Let's finish off our Spring holiday with a magic show! Feel free to bring your own magic tricks, we would love to see and learn! You can also get your face painted by a professional face painter!</p>

### SPRING VACATION CARE

We will be running Spring Vacation Care this School Holiday's from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays) from Drummoyne Public School. The program includes breakfast and afternoon tea for children attending on the day. We have some amazing excursions and activities planned these holidays that are based on children's suggestions.

Our Vacation Care Program flyer is on our website: [www.gowriensw.com.au](http://www.gowriensw.com.au). To book into the program please log into our website and fill in the vacation care booking form. If your child will be attending the excursions on the day, there is a separate permission form that needs to be signed. PLEASE book early to avoid disappointment as we will not be accepting walk in bookings.

### PARENTS WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We have started to plan our Summer Vacation Care! We know it is early, but we want to plan the best Vacation Care ever for our OOSHIES. We would love to hear any Vacation Care ideas you might have. Do you know of a great place we can visit or a craft/activity that your child loves, please send us an email on [oshc.drummoyne@gowriensw.com.au](mailto:oshc.drummoyne@gowriensw.com.au) and let us know.

### CONTACT US

Gowrie NSW Drummoyne  
Outside School Hours Care

7:00am to 9:00am & 3:15pm to 6:00pm,  
Drummoyne P.S – Tues, Weds & Thurs  
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### FIND OUT MORE

To view our programs, make an online booking, or to find out more, please visit our website or scan the QR code below:

[www.gowriensw.com.au/out-of-hours-care/drummoyne-and-stmarks](http://www.gowriensw.com.au/out-of-hours-care/drummoyne-and-stmarks)



Visits to our program are always welcome and can be arranged by calling the Program Manager or emailing the centre. We would love to hear from our families, if you wish to provide feedback, or if our have questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact the centre via email, in person or phone.

# VACATION CARE INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

## **Food:**

Please pack a healthy, morning snack and lunch as you would for a normal school day. The service will provide a delicious and healthy afternoon snack. Please ensure a refillable water bottle is packed for your child.

## **Health Conditions:**

We have children attending that have life threatening allergies. Do not send food for your child containing peanuts or nut products.

## **Clothing /sun protection:**

Your child should wear long pants (track pants or leggings), a shirt that covers their shoulders (no singlets), a hat and a warm jacket if it is cold. Your child must also wear closed shoes. If the children are doing art or a messy activity, please wear old clothing or pack an art smock. Please ensure your child has a hat that offers good sun protection. On hot weather days, there will be an increased likelihood for spontaneous water play, please send your child with a spare set of clothes, towel, and thongs.

## **Sunscreen:**

Please apply sunscreen prior to signing your child in. Throughout the session sunscreen will be applied in accordance with our Sun Safe Policy. 30+ Sunscreen is available at all services. If your child has an allergy / sensitivity to sunscreen, please supply a suitable sunscreen for them to wear and inform staff.

## **Do not pack any valuables:**

We are unable to take responsibility for or secure valuables, including toys and electronic games or money. Electronic Devices, tablets and cameras are not permitted. We ask that children do not bring their own mobile devices (including smartwatches) to Vacation Care.

## **Excursions:**

Parents and carers can contact staff when on an excursion by calling the Centre mobile. A risk assessment for excursions is always conducted. On excursion days children need to be at the centre 30 minutes before the time on the program. Outdoor activities may be substituted due to weather conditions.

## **Items Required for Excursions:**

Packed lunch for the whole day · Water · A full brimmed hat · A backpack · Closed in shoes & clothing that meet the sun protection requirements.

## **Signing in and out:**

It is a requirement of enrolment and funding to sign children in/out of the centre each morning and afternoon they attend the Centre, including school holiday care. Children are not permitted to sign themselves in or out of care.

## **Absences and sick children:**

All absentee days are payable. Changing or cancelling days booked requires 2 weeks written notice made directly to the Centre. Staff are unable to accept verbal requests to change attendances.

Sick children are not permitted to attend the centre as they may spread infection. If you need us to administer medication to your child, you must complete a form – please ask one of our team members.

## **Payment:**

Fees must be paid 2 weeks in advance. If fee payments are not maintained, we will offer the place to the next family on the waiting list. We cannot process bookings for families with fees owing from after-school care or previous vacation care programs.

## **Fees and rebates:**

Families can access the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to subsidise these fees. CCS covers up to 90% of the session fee, incursion fee and excursion fee based on the household income. For example, a family eligible for 64% CCS will only pay 36% of the remaining session fee. This means for a 10-hour session costing \$100; the family will pay the gap fee of \$36 with the remaining \$64 covered by CCS. That's \$3.60 per hour. Families not claiming the subsidy or in the process of being assessed for it will be required to pay the full fee amount upfront.

We would like to remind our Vacation Care only families to double check they are receiving their CCS entitlements. After a 14-week period of not attending a service, the registration elapses and you will not receive CCS. To check your status, log in to your MyGov account. New families, and families who have not attended a service for more than 6 months will need to complete a CCS application. Information for this can be obtained via your MyGov.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS PAST MONTH?

Children and Educators have been busy this past month trying out new activities! We have had all sorts of special activities and events on to keep us on our toes. Father's Day was a great week of craft with children making gifts for beloved family members and some also taking pride with their hand-crafted potted plants for their dads! Shrinky Dinks have become all the rave as well, with everyone being able to make amazing DIY key chains.

We have been changing up our sport programs to include more children at different age groups. We have introduced more Hockey, Dodgeball and AFL. We have received great feedback from these new sports activities and are looking to introduce T-ball and other batting sports.

Our country of the month has been the Netherlands with some of the children having a Dutch background. We have celebrated with Dutch arts and craft and cooking events to embrace our inner Dutch! We can't go without mentioning the dance practice from the school performance that has carried onto Gowrie OSHC afternoons. The atmosphere is super charged with dance music blaring and children practicing their dance moves in small cohorts in various areas like Cola, the basketball court, and the stage! IT IS WELL GOING TO BE A GREAT EVENT as children are giving it all they have!



## STAFF UPDATES

We have welcomed several new educators to our OSHC team this term.

Our current team now consists of:

### Permanent Educators

Rekkha – Program Manager  
Stella - Educational Program and Quality Leader  
Huon – Assistant Program Manager  
Rosetta – Educator  
Jason – Educator  
Neelam – Educator  
Katalina – Educator  
Owen – Educator  
Kamala - Educator

### Casual Educators

Thinh, Sam, Claudia, James, Gabriella, Olivia, Angela, Natasha, Caitlin, Alessia, Tamara, Maria

## SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

Our garden has developed rapidly this month. Children with the assistance of our fantastic educator Kamala have worked hard to clean up the rubbish, replenish the plant life and mulch the garden beds to rejuvenate our wonderful garden. It is great to see that we can nurture their love towards nature. Children have been excited to use the new compost bin to turn organic waste like food scraps and paper towels into nutrient rich garden soil. If you have anything to donate for our garden project, please feel free to drop it in at the service. We accept seedlings, plants, egg cartons, glass jars, plastic bottles etc.

## MEDITATION CORNER

In the Meditation room Rosetta has been working hard to develop an in-depth and meaningful mindfulness program for the children to engage in. It is great to see children taking it seriously and respecting the space around them, the feedback received from children and families has continued to be great and we now see a lot of children gravitating towards the room to participate in those activities.

## SUPERVISION PRACTICES

We have recently received feedback on enhancing supervision processes around the gates especially at our St Marks site, we have now assigned an additional educator on gate duties in the mornings at St Marks. The educator will be wearing a Fluro vest for easy identification. In near future we will have our logo imprinted on these vests to further easy identification.

If there is anything else, we need to improve upon please feel free to let us know via an email or a phone call. We always endeavour to improve our practices and procedures for better outcomes for all our stakeholders.