

# GOWRIE NSW

## Drummoyne and St Marks

### OSHC

### NEWSLETTER



March Edition

## CREATE • DISCOVER • PLAY



### Autumn Vacation Care

We will be operating vacation care from the 14<sup>th</sup> of April to the 29<sup>th</sup> of April at Drummoyne Public School. Our vacation care operating hours are from 7am to 6 pm. We will be closed for the Easter long Weekend (18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> of April) and Anzac Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April.

Some of the exciting activities we have in store at the service include the Ultimate Slime Day, Games Trailer, Rock-climbing Wall, Obstacle Course, and 'The Movies and Centennial Park', Our Big Kitchen, and Time zone/Monkey Mania excursions. Check out our program for all our planned activities and dates.

Book in as soon as possible to secure spots. All bookings can be made through the Gowrie website <https://www.gowriensw.com.au/vacation-care/drummoyne>.

### Gowrie Highflyer Award

We are proud to announce that our very own APM, Huon Saul, has won the February Highflyer award for Gowrie NSW. We are always happy to see educators from our Drummoyne service, gaining recognition from Gowrie NSW for the hard work that they Drummoyne OSHC puts into the wonderful service we have here.

### 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  
St Mark's Catholic – Mon & Fri  
Drummoyne P.S – Vacation Care

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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:



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 you have questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to ask.

## Gowrie wins Change Champion & Best Workplace 2025

We are beyond proud to announce that Gowrie NSW has been recognised with two prestigious awards from Xref Engage for 2025 – Best Workplace and Change Champion! These awards are a testament to our dedicated team and our collective commitment to fostering a supportive, inclusive, and innovative workplace.

At Gowrie NSW, we believe in empowering our people and celebrating their contributions. These awards inspire us to keep striving for excellence, creating a workplace where everyone feels connected and valued.

*“At the end of the day, the awards translate to better outcomes for children. For children to thrive, they need to be surrounded by happy healthy valued people, who care where they are and proud of the work they do. This has a positive impact on children learning trajectories and wellbeing” - Nicole Jones, CEO*



## Gowrie Families Survey

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the experience for our families, we are conducting our yearly family survey. This initiative is important as it allows us to gather valuable insights directly from families about their experiences with us and identify areas where we can improve.

The more surveys we receive from the families, the more comprehensive our understanding will be of what works well and where we need to adjust. This will also enable us to tailor our services more effectively to meet the needs of your children. Please use the QR code to fill out the survey .



## Upcoming Vacation Care Reminders

As we head into our Autumn Vacation care, some important reminders for old and new families:

- BREAKFAST is served between 7.30 – 8.15 am. If your child arrives after these times, please ensure they eat before they arrive.
- AFTERNOON tea is provided at the service.
- PLEASE pack a hat, morning tea, lunch, and a refillable water bottle. To ensure food does not spoil, please place cool packs in their lunchboxes.
- PLEASE do NOT pack food with NUTS as we are a nut-free zone.
- CHILDREN will need to wear sensible, closed-in, walking shoes, and a top that covers their shoulders, and bring a hat, sunscreen, raincoat (on wet days), and a suitable backpack.
- MEDICATION – A medication form must be completed. The medication container must have the child's name clearly labelled on it and handed to staff on the day.
- EPI PENS and Ventolin need to be handed to staff on the day.
- CHILDREN often participate in messy activities so please do not wear their best outfits. Please pack swimmers, a towel, and a change of clothes for all days in summer as we may have spontaneous water play.
- CHILDREN are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones or other electrical devices to vacation care unless on the program. In-expensive toys are permitted; however, Gowrie NSW OSHC will take no responsibility for these items.
- CHILDREN are allowed to bring their bikes and scooters to vacation care. Helmets are essential. Roller skates or rollerblades are NOT allowed

Some of the feedback from families on our Program from the last term:

*“Kids have always come back happy about their experience there”*  
-Lorraine L

*“Kids love the program and I trust the staff”*  
- Negar M

*“My daughter is happy to go, the staff are great, very friendly and helpful. Lots of fun and different activities for the children to get involved in”*  
- Sara D

*I also found the staff to be very professional, organised and happy to answer first time parent questions.*  
- Tara W



# Program Highlights

## What's been happening?

### Cooking Club

In 2025 cooking club has been taking off with lots of new recipes being tried out, and the cooking club has been shared between Neelam and Olivia. Olivia has taken charge of the Monday afternoon cooking club trying out new recipes with the children, making all varieties of muffins, cookies, and slices. A big thank you to our senior children for helping with the cooking and helping to guide the younger children when doing these activities.



### Outdoor Spaces

Both St Mark's and Drummoyne have been buzzing with excitement as they receive brand-new equipment this term! With new soccer goals for both fields and an abundance of fresh soccer, basketball, footy, and cricket balls, there's no shortage of fun. Our educator Hayden has been fully embracing his role, ensuring the equipment is well-used and encouraging children to get involved in sports with enthusiasm. His passion for active play has made a big impact, helping kids develop skills, teamwork, and confidence. With so many opportunities to play and participate, the energy at OSHC has never been better!



### St Marks spaces update

Gowrie OSHC at St Marks has been undergoing an exciting transformation, making it an even better space for the children. The side room has been filled with new resources, creating a dedicated quiet play area—a safe and cozy space for kids to relax and unwind. In addition, new sports equipment has been introduced, giving children more opportunities to get active and enjoy their favourite games. Inside, the hall is getting a refresh, making it a more inviting and engaging environment.

These improvements are all part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the Gowrie OSHC experience, ensuring every child has a space that suits their needs—whether they love active play, quiet time, or creative activities. By continually updating and improving our physical environment, we're creating a more inclusive and enjoyable space where every child feels welcome, supported, and excited to be part of the Gowrie community.



### Before School Care

Due to the increased number of children in before-school care we have been able to open more spaces and run more activities in the mornings, especially for the Drummoyne site. Our educator, Kamala, loves running the garden program in the mornings with lots of interest from children of all ages. In the mornings, we also have the middle demountable open for quiet, mindful practices, the Kindy demountable for age-appropriate pretend play, and the Big demountable for senior children to do homework, read books, and participate in board games. These spaces, new equipment, and activities in the mornings have made the mornings a fun environment for your children to start the day in.



## This Month's Featured Educator



**Elena**  
**Educator**  
**Drummoynes OSHC**

### **Cultural Background:**

Greek Australian

### **Languages Spoken:**

English and Greek

### **Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Disability Studies and  
Inclusive Education

### **Hobbies:**

Netball, Pilates & Drinking Coffee

### **What is your favourite part of working at GOWRIE OOSH?**

*My favourite part is learning and understanding the children especially at GOWRIE where all the children are accepting. Seeing them smile and enjoy their mornings and afternoons is my favourite part of each day at GOWRIE.*

### **What is your philosophy in working with children?**

*I believe all children should feel safe, secure, respected, valued and cared for. At GOWRIE it is important the children are provided with a rich environment where they feel safe to explore, initiate and feel free to express themselves.*

### **What is your favourite quote?**

*"Change your thoughts and you change your world" Norman Vincent Peale*

## Reminders

### **Non-Notification of Absence Fees Now Apply:**

As we informed families at the end of last year, we will be charging a Non-Notification of Absence Fee during Before School Care (BSC) and After School care (ASC).

To avoid this fee, we ask families to send us a notification through an email or text message, to inform us of their child's absence. For BSC, notification needs to occur before 8 am that morning, and ASC before 2 pm that afternoon. The fee is \$5 and will be automatically added to bills at the end of each week.

### **Extra-curricular activities pickup**

Our extra-curricular activities procedure requires parents to sign and submit the permission to release form which includes the time, days and session that their child will be attending the activity. Educators assemble all the children going to the activity and hand them over to the teacher in charge of the activity, who then brings them back to Gowrie OSHC once the activity is completed. The permission form required can be found on Story Park, or you can seek a physical copy from one of our staff members during the service.

If you are picking up your child from the extracurricular activity, please let our Educators know as we need to account for all children that have been dropped off to activities.

### **Missing Items at Gowrie**

It has recently been reported that children have been losing their items, e.g., key chains, Pokémon cards, etc, at Gowrie OSHC. To address the importance of respecting personal belongings, we have spoken with all children about the need to take care of their items and to ensure they do not take things that do not belong to them. It is important to address this behaviour early to help them understand the consequences and learn from their actions. We encourage open communication and would appreciate your support in discussing this with your child. Understanding the reasons behind such behaviour and reinforcing the importance of honesty and respect for others' property can make a significant difference. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

### **Our current team**

Rekkha Moda – Program Manager  
Huon Saul – Assistant Program Manager  
Denise Lam – Assistant Program Manager  
Rosetta – Permanent Educator  
Jason – Permanent Educator  
Neelam – Permanent Educator  
Kamala – Permanent Educator  
Elena – Permanent Educator

Our casual educators currently consist of:

Koen, Sofia, Hayden, Olivia G, Olivia D, Katalina, Muroa, Theresa, Jill, Jacob, Xavier, Elena A, Elena G and Laura.



## AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Gowrie NSW Drummoyne & St Marks

14 - 29 April 2025 (7:00am-6pm)



IN HOUSE

INCURSION

EXCURSION



**MON, 14 APRIL**

### DIY Woodwork Day!

Join us for a Bunnings-inspired DIY Day at Gowrie! Build, plant, and create for our OOSH garden, then craft your own take-home projects. Get hands-on, unleash creativity, and make something amazing to be proud of!

**\$65**



**MON, 21 APRIL**

### CLOSED

Public Holiday!



**TUES, 15 APRIL**

### Our Big Kitchen Excursion

Inspire kindness on our excursion to 'Our Big Kitchen!' The children will learn to cook Cookies, bread rolls and do craft to give back to the community. A fun, hands-on experience with Lunch being provided on excursion.

**\$98**



**TUES, 22 APRIL**

### Ultimate Slime

The Ultimate Slime Incursion is here! Get messy, get creative, and make 3 awesome slimes—Fluffy, Clear & Volcano in this slime incursion workshop! With colours, glitter & more, take home your gocey creations for nonstop slimy fun!

**\$85**



**WED, 16 APRIL**

### Games Trailer and Laser Tag

The gaming trailer and laser tag are back at Gowrie! Play awesome, age-appropriate games in a mobile arcade, then team up for an epic laser tag battle. Get ready for nonstop fun and action—don't miss out!

**\$85**



**WED, 23 APRIL**

### TimeZone and Monkey Mania

We are going to the arcades and bowling at Timezone for years 3-6. Climb, flip out and slide around Monkey Mania for years K-2. Afterwards we'll be catching up on some outdoor time, having lunch Livvi's Place park!

**\$98**



**THUR, 17 APRIL**

### The Movies and Centennial Park

Sit back and relax on our day out at the Entertainment Quarter Hoyts. Always popular with children and by request we'll head to Hoyts to catch the latest blockbuster, then enjoy a picnic lunch and free play at Centennial Park.

**\$98**



**THUR, 24 APRIL**

### Obstacle Course

Take on a giant inflatable obstacle course packed with fun! Join in on the popular inflatable challenge onsite. Get active, race your friends, and soak up nonstop excitement—are you ready for the challenge?

**\$85**



**FRI, 18 APRIL**

### CLOSED



**FRI, 25 APRIL**

### CLOSED

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**MON, 28 APRIL**

### Rock Climbing Wall

Climb, scale, and conquer the 8m mobile climbing wall onsite at Gowrie! Learn to climb, test your skills, race to the top, or cheer on your friends as they take on the challenge. Get ready for an action-packed incursion!

**\$85**



**TUES, 29 APRIL**

### Carnival Day with Jumping Castle

Climb, scale, and conquer the 8m mobile climbing wall onsite at Gowrie! Learn to climb, test your skills, race to the top, or cheer on your friends as they take on the challenge. Get ready for an action-packed incursion!

**\$85**



**WED, 30 APRIL**

### School Term



**THUR, 1 MAY**

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**FRI, 2 MAY**

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