

# GOWRIE NSW

## Drummoyne and St Marks

# OSHC

# NEWSLETTER



March Edition

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### Autumn vacation care 2024

We will be operating two weeks of vacation care from the 15<sup>th</sup> of April to the 29<sup>th</sup> of April at Drummoyne Public school from 7am to 6pm.

The program includes breakfast and afternoon tea for children attending on the day. We have some amazing excursions and activities planned for these holidays that are based on children's suggestions. Our Vacation Care Program flyer has now been uploaded on our website: [www.gowriensw.com.au](http://www.gowriensw.com.au). To book into the program please log onto our website and fill in the vacation care booking form.

If your child will be attending the incursions and 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.

### Before School Care Vacancies

We are wanting to notify families we still have vacancies for our Before school care session. If you would like to book permanent spots for the morning, send us an email at [OSHC.Drummoyne@gowriensw.com.au](mailto:OSHC.Drummoyne@gowriensw.com.au) or a put an expression of interest at [https://www.gowriensw.com.au/out-of-hours-care/drummoyne-and-stmarks#centre\\_enquire](https://www.gowriensw.com.au/out-of-hours-care/drummoyne-and-stmarks#centre_enquire).

### 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:  
[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.

## Safety and wellbeing of children

### Extra-curricular activities pick up -

Our Extracurricular 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.

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. Also, if your child has an activity starting at 3.30pm they are required to come to Gowrie OSHC and get themselves signed in/out before going to activities. This helps us in knowing that the child is at activities and saves us time spent on following up on the missing child. The time between 3.20pm and 3.30pm is during Gowrie OSHC operational hours and it is our duty of care to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child in that period.

### Signing in/out on Kiosk –

We have been noticing some children are being dropped off in the mornings without the parents/guardians signing them in and some children also being picked up without Parents signing them out. This is a great safety concern as we cannot account for children if they have not been signed in or out. This is also a mandatory requirement for claiming the childcare subsidy.

If there is a change to pick up person, please let the service know via text or email. Please do not share your Kiosk pin with anyone.

### Fee for Failure to notify of absences:

It is extremely important that we are notified of any afternoon absences for your child BEFORE 3pm. There is a charge of \$5 for non-notification.

### Casual bookings:

We are asking families who require a casual booking to contact the program 24 hours prior to the required session via email or phone (0436616744). The program will then confirm if the casual booking can be accommodated. If families do have an emergency, please contact the program as soon as possible. Our intention in requiring 24 hours' notice is to ensure the program can plan for children who may have allergies or medical conditions, to ensure we have the necessary child to educator ratios and to update the collection of children rolls. Casual bookings are dependent on availability and not guaranteed but the Gowrie NSW OSHC team will endeavour to accommodate any emergency bookings. We will continue to review this process and make amendments where possible; we are committed to supporting families as best as we can.

## Some of the feed-back from families on our Summer Vacation Care Program:

Rio Shibuya  
*"We love what you do!  
Thank you for providing safe  
and fun space for children."*

Sara Dickinson  
*"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"*

Marieke Bruinstroop  
*"Great flexibility and fun  
program for the kids. Lots  
of space and good team."*

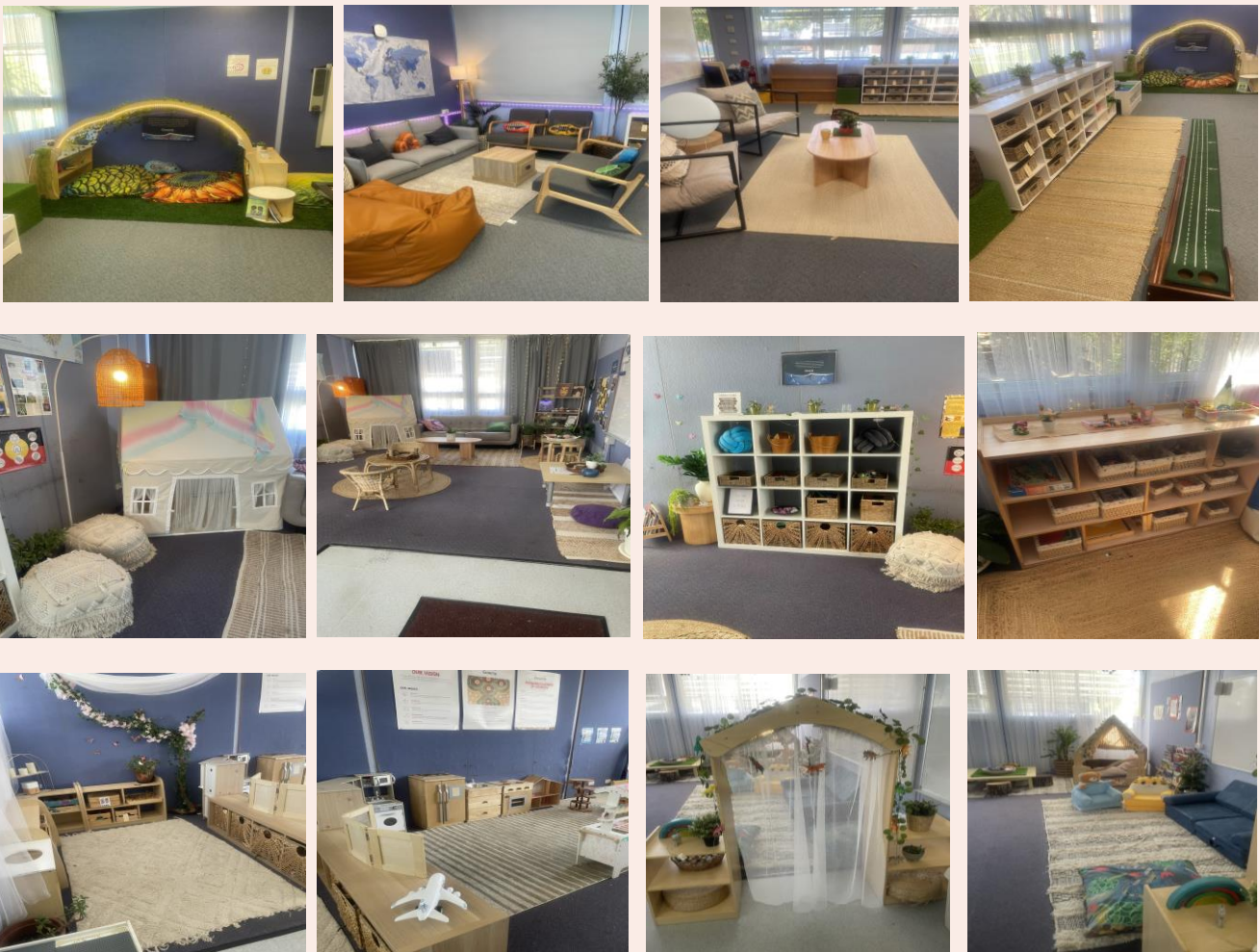
# Program Highlights

## What's been happening at Gowrie OSHC

One of the most exciting features of our OSHC program has been the opening of 3 new demountable spaces for children. We are very excited that this project of setting up these 3 places that started a year ago has now been accomplished successfully. The whole project was guided through a reflective journey based on the Gowrie NSW environment prescripts and the National Quality Standards 3- Physical Environments. We explored how to ensure each environment provides a diverse range of engaging learning experiences while maintaining a warm, homely environment for children.

The first demountable was designated as a Kindy playroom, this is a playroom based on Gowrie NSW program foundations that highlights our play- based teaching approach that provides an environment that provide a sense of wonder, promote imagination and problem solving. The second demountable is our Mindfulness/quiet Room. with sensory and calming resources. The third demountable became our year 4 to 6 room for reading, homework, or indoor games like golf, uno, chess, Lego, Caram board, magnetics etc. One of the most thrilling aspects about these new spaces is how involved the children have been in the process of establishing them. Every piece of flat-packed furniture was assembled with their help, and the layout of all rooms was designed in consultation with a committee of children who volunteered.

The children have demonstrated their appreciation of the new spaces by spending more time in the demountable than any other play area available to them. Below are some photos of the newly created environments.



### Story Park allowance/group stories

Just a reminder for Families that our story Park stories are available for all families to view and we can tag your children's names in activities we document and post up on Story Park. If you would like to see your children tagged in these stories, please ensure you have allowed permission for your child to appear on stories and Story Park posts.



## This Month's Featured Educator



### Hela

#### Cultural Background:

Tunisian

#### Qualifications:

Cert III in Childcare

#### Hobbies:

Painting, Travelling, Reading

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

The mix between close interaction with children and my administrative work makes balance to me to enrich my experience.

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

In my approach to working with children, I strive to embody a role where they feel safe, supported, and able to confide in me, fostering their growth and well-being with warmth and empathy.

## Clubs and Spaces Highlights

### Cooking club -Wednesday(Senior) and Mondays(Junior)

Cooking Club this past month has been bustling with new ideas and creations. The seniors have really taken over from last years year 6's and we are now getting fresh ideas and cooking options for the children to take part in eat! Cooking club on Monday's the last few weeks included cakes, cookies, and muffins! Seniors have been creating Honey Joys and other cold snacks to share with everyone on Wednesday afternoons! Everyone looks forward to what has been made every afternoon!

### Mindfulness club: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

The Mindfulness club and our sensory space has acquired new resources to help with children's sensory needs and stimulation. There is an addition of two new goldfish in the room which has surprised everyone! The children love caring for them and watching them swim about in the mindfulness room as they relax and take part in the mindfulness program. There are numerous suggestions for names for the fish!! We must soon decide on their names!

Along with the new aquarium we have another fish tank that has artificial fluorescent fish which are mesmerizing and the tank lights up and shifts between various colours. The visual effects and the stimulation these Fish Tanks provide helps children to calm down and relax. We also purchased a Comfy Hugging Peapod and two sensory cushion that provide soothing deep pressure and offer a comforting caressing hug, enabling a calming sense of security to children.



### Gardening club- Tuesday (Junior) and Wednesday (Senior)

A committed group of youngsters diligently tend to the garden each week, showcasing their passion and commitment to nurturing nature. Children have cleared away rubbish revived plant life, and watered plants, breathing new life into our beloved garden. There have been new bird houses artistically designed and hung by children.

We've been actively potting and planting seeds, eagerly anticipating their sprouting to enrich our garden beds. The children have enthusiastically embraced the task of planting our new plants, pots, and seeds, collaborating to fill the garden beds and care for our existing plant life. It's inspiring to observe their growing love and appreciation for nature as we continue to cultivate their connection to the environment.



### Community Partnership:

Next term we are continuing our 'around the world' program theme. Each month we focus on one country and engage in games/ craft and try snacks from the focus country. We would love to have families' insight during our 'travel journey', so



# AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Gowrie NSW Drummoyne**

**15 - 29 April 2024 (7:00am-6pm)**

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**MON, 15 APRIL**

**\$75**

**Game Show Bikes and Scooters!**

Gear up for epic showdowns in an array of uproarious challenges, a great contest you for everyone to get involved in. Bring your bikes and scooters to ride in the school grounds. Helmets essential.



**TUES, 16 APRIL**

**\$95**

**Let's go to the Cinemas**

Let's sit back and relax! We invite you to our Movie Day. We will be going to Hoyts to watch the latest G-rated blockbuster. After the movie we will be going to Centennial Park for a picnic lunch and free play.



**WED, 17 APRIL**

**\$75**

**Archery Wars and Slime Making**

We are having an ultimate Archery Incursion where children will be engaging in heart pounding battles with foam-tipped arrows, fostering teamwork and strategic thinking in a friendly competitive environment. Slime making in the afternoon!



**THUR, 18 APRIL**

**\$95**

**Ultimate Entertainment Centre**

Lets go to go the ultimate entertainment center which has a HUGE network of interconnected of bouncy trampolines, a massive foam pit with a climbing wall and a massive indoor play center for all ages to enjoy.



**FRI, 19 APRIL**

**\$65**

**Plushie Animal Hats Day and Colour Run**

Choose your very own design from many animal plushie hats, construct, change and customize your personalised animal hat to take home and show off to your family and friends! Fun colour run in the afternoon!



**MON, 29 APRIL**

**\$65**

**Carnival and Device Day!**

Face painting, henna tattoos, jumping castle, crazy hair day and many more fun activities! Bring in your electronic devices to have an afternoon on your devices (between 3-5pm). Only PG and G rated games allowed.



**MON, 22 APRIL**

**\$75**

**Ultimate Sports**

Dive into a day brimming with action-packed sporting events that'll put your speed, coordination, fitness, and teamwork to the ultimate test! A myriad of sports waiting to be conquered for your inner athlete!



**TUES, 23 APRIL**

**\$95**

**VR Quest**

We are going to Australia's first VR Theme Park, to engulf ourselves in another world using VR! With 360 VR rides for all ages into virtual reality worlds with heaps of immersive experiences and rides for everyone to enjoy.



**WED, 24 APRIL**

**\$75**

**Star Wars Nerf Wars and Minute to Win It!**

Back by popular demand-Engage in the ultimate 'Nerf Star Wars' experience with this special incursion. Get involved in 'Minute To Win It' games in the afternoon to keep the competitive juice flowing! Prizes galore for the winners!



**THUR, 25 APRIL**

**CLOSED**

ANZAC Day Public Holiday



**FRI, 26 APRIL**

**\$70**

**DIY Bunnings Workshop**

DIY a woodwork project and participate in a Bunnings Gardening Workshop. The Bunnings team will help children plant, mulch and create your woodwork creation to take home along with handmade pot plant.



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**Register online today at:**

**<https://www.gowriensw.com.au/vacati-on-care/drummoyne>**