

Newington Wyvern House Oshclub Newsletter



WEEK 9



Week 0, here we go!

Yes, week 9 and oh my, how are we at the end of term already? Didn't school just begin? This is the final newsletter for Term 2 so before you read any further I would just like to say to all of our wonderful young men and parents, thank you for what has been a fabulous Term 2. The staff and I always love coming to work each and every day and it's because of you both. I look forward to an amazing holiday program and seeing our boys and parents fresh for the new term. If you are leaving us for a holiday away we hope you have a lovely time (I will be very jealous).

Before school care

Before school care is always a great time for both staff and students. Although we get boys dragging in their feet and trying to open their eyes, the result of an early morning, they have a big bright smile on their face and never feel it's too early to get sweaty, the boys are always out on the rooftop kicking a ball or playing running races to stimulate heart rate and cognition in the early morning. Nutri-grain, Weetbix bites and raisin toast are the most popular breakfast foods that assist the boys to stay fuelled for their big day. As well as this, making your own football jerseys, making emoji faces and bookmarks are just some of the craft activities enjoyed by our morning boys.

After school care

As always, our outside space and our structured group games is always the highlight of our aftercare. As the colder weather approaches, Rugby and AFL is now at the peak of our boys' interest. It is always a fierce competition in these sports, but it is so wonderful to see, so early on in the term the great sportsmanship shown by our boys. Great athletes are not just good players but respectable men on the field, and that's what we love to see during our team sports at OSH. Additionally, with the World Cup starting, the fever amongst the boys is high. We have enjoyed discussing, playing soccer and drawing flags and soccer players in celebration of the start of the World Cup. This is something we are all tracking at OSHCLUB and can't wait to see the results. The boys have also engaged so well with our outdoor play equipment which includes the blocks, lego and train tracks. Lego in particular is very popular with the boys. We love to displaying the boys work which you will be able to see on the old sign in desk in our

indoor area. Trains, cars, battleships are just a few of the amazing creations that our boys love to make.

Inside, the focus has been on board games with chess competitions, family feud and our new Jenga and guess who games dominating the boys interest. Additionally, the boys have been loving scattegories, a game that challenges the boy's cognition and has been such a successful and inclusive game. Additionally, we are happy to begin introducing more science experiments and cooking of an afternoon. Pancakes and mini pizzas are on the cooking agenda for an afterschool activity for next week.



So, what is this new log in system all about?

Yes, parents, as you are well aware we have recently been delighted by the introduction of IPAD log in systems which we are all still getting used to with most of the parents still on autopilot, looking for that printed roll. Please remember we have moved onto our new fancy Ipads and have now gone paperless with no more printed rolls. You will see the Ipad station located in your line of vision as soon as you enter the program leaning against the office door. I would just like to take the time to thank all parents for your patience and persistence through the transitioning into the new system. Inertia is a common feeling felt by most when faced with change, specifically a system we were all previously used to. However, it has been a wonderful addition to the program and will benefit the running of our service, ensuring the highest quality of service is provided to your children. Parents, please feel free to contact the program number if you have any issues with enrolments, cancellations or any booking/guardian questions. I will be more than happy to assist you with any queries. In regard to payments and accounts, please contact the accounts team and head office number. Just reiterating, the reason for the new change is that on the 2nd of July, the government is revising the existing Child Care Rebate (CCR) and Child Care Benefits (CCB) into a new Child Care Subsidy (CCS) package. In order to be compliant, we need to be ready for the new CCS package and the Kidsoft CCMS will provide this functionality. This means there is a new system of enrolment and a new log in system at the program.



Booking Reminders

Thank you to all of our families who are remembering to book in regularly. This helps us maintain safe staff to child ratios and ensure we have plenty of food prepared for our hungry boys. We do understand that last minute events arise and for this reason we do accept drop ins; However, if you know that you'll be needing one off care, please endeavour to book online the day prior to your child attending the service. You have until midnight to book your child in for the following day. Should you need to make a late booking however, please call me on 0428 131 700. If the call does not go through, please leave either a voicemail or text with your child's name and year and what care type they need (before care or aftercare) for what date. **Additionally, if you know your child is away or sick on a day and will not be attending aftercare, please contact the service program coordinator to leave a curtesy message letting the program know that your child will be away for that day.**



Homework club

As always, homework club remains a vital aspect of our afterschool care. I ask that any parent wishing to enrol their children in homework club either sends a message via text or speaks to me (or any of the staff) in person to identify what days homework will be done and communicate the homework needed to be done for the day. We know this is a stress for parents getting their children to do it after a long day at school. We aim to make the

learning environment fun and enjoyable, coupled with adequate food and an incentive of fantastic activities to be done post homework that ensures children are engaged.

Holiday program

As the conclusion of the term arises its time to crank up the fun here at OSH for what is going to be our best holiday program yet. We have the most excursions we have ever had here at our program and they are fantastic. Reptile incursions, wildlife Sydney, skyzone, SCG and Allianz stadium tour and much more. So please download the flyer from our website or take one from the service and book your children in for what is going

to be a fun and exciting holiday program. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you have about our upcoming holiday program.

Parent Information

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All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.