







SPRING VACATION CARE PROGRAM OCTOBER 2018



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welcome

to our Vacation Care Program for the October School Holidays. We are excited about the fun packed program that the staff have created for the children. For excursions, we will be going on a bushwalk at Rumbalara exploring the tracks and flora and fauna to tie in with the art of May Gibbs. Our other excursion is to the Blackbutt Reserve in Newcastle where the children will visit the animal enclosure. Our incursions include a visit from a local dentist to help us to take care of our teeth and a visit from Jo Jo's the clown people to teach us clowning skills.

MEDICATION:

A medical management plan is required for any child who has ongoing medical issues including asthma and allergies. Medication will only be accepted if it is in its original packaging or a Webster Pack and can only be administered if prescribed by a health professional.



An authority form must be completed at the time of booking.
NO EXCEPTIONS

CHILD SAFETY & PROTECTION:

The Safety and Wellbeing of your Children is our First Priority. We are a **locally managed** Community based care service, approved by the Department of Education and Communities (Service Approval No: SE 00013740) & fully licensed by the Department of Employment, Education & Workplace Relations (DEEWR) for Child Care Benefits and Rebates. All supervisors are approved by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) and have:

- Current Working with Children checks.
- Up to date First Aid Certificates including Asthma & Anaphylaxis Management.
- Undertaken *Identify & Respond to Children at Risk* training.

We **DO NOT** use volunteers, students on placement or older children to supervise your children.

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what do I need to bring?

SPECIAL DAYS:

BUSH WALK: Children will need good walking shoes and a light, easy to carry bag, preferably on their back. Staff are not able to carry the children's bags. Hats are essential as is a refillable water bottle. Children to wear enclosed shoes.

BLACKBUTT EXCURSION: The children will bring their lunch as they do every day, but please ensure the bag isn't too heavy as children will be required to carry their own bag around. Please provide a re-fillable water bottle and make sure they bring a hat. Children to wear enclosed shoes.

FOOD: Children get hungry!! We don't provide food for children during Vacation Care. Please pack:

A nutritious morning tea
Afternoon snack

A substantial lunch
A re-fillable drink bottle



PLEASE DO NOT SEND: Any nuts or food products containing nuts; Soft drinks or "Fast food" (e.g. McDonalds, KFC, Subway etc.). We prefer children do not bring chips and lollies. **Note:** No cooking facilities are available. Please inform staff if your child's food needs refrigeration. Please note this cannot be guaranteed as space is limited

CLOTHING: Please don't send the children in expensive clothes, we DO use paint and glue and the children play outside. Children should be wearing:



**Enclosed, non-slip shoes - A hat that protects their face, neck & ears -
A warm jacket or jumper - Sun-safe clothing suitable for the day's activities**

Note: Children should NOT wear singlet or tank tops, thongs, crocs, ballet slippers etc. They are unsuitable & parents will be asked to return with more appropriate items.



PLEASE DO NOT BRING: Mobile phones, toys, electronic games etc. They cause arguments & distress if the item is broken or lost. These items will be confiscated & returned at the end of the day. We do not accept responsibility for any personal item that is lost or broken.

THE FINE PRINT

FEES

Our current, daily standard fee is just \$60.00* per child for up to 12 hours' care. Fees are reduced by the amount of your Child Care Subsidy Scheme. (CCSS). Generally, CCSS is automatically deducted from your fees. For some, the cost can be less than \$4 per day! Compare these costs with other similar holiday activities. * *Higher fees apply if direct debit is not used.*

PAYMENT

We use Direct Debit for our fees to reduce administrative overheads. Fees are debited on the Thursday, based on estimated CCSS and any adjustments are processed in the following week. Bookings will not be accepted if accounts are in arrears. If you are experiencing financial hardship and require care due to work or study commitments, please speak to the Manager or Coordinator prior to the holidays.

ACTIVITIES AND SURCHARGES

As a Not for Profit, Community based organization we aim to provide affordable child care for as many families as possible while ensuring that children attending Vacation Care experience the usual "holiday" activities. Where surcharges are added, it is to cover the cost of transport, entry fees, presenter fees, hire of equipment and wages for additional staff.

CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

As a community organization we try to accommodate all children. However, due to the additional staffing required, and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children, enrolment of children with additional needs is dependent on the activities planned, the number of children attending and the complexity of the issue. Please contact the Coordinator Amanda Jefferys prior to the holidays to discuss your requirements.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY

We conform to the Government's priority of access guidelines:

1. Children who are at risk or require emergency care
2. Children whose parents are working or studying
3. Any other child

EMERGENCIES

If you are not booked in your child cannot be accepted. However, in an emergency we will always try to accommodate your needs. Please contact the Centre as soon as you are aware that you need care.

the program

DAY	ACTIVITY
MON 1 OCT	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TUES 2 OCT	MAY GIBBS DAY. We will celebrate the author and artist of “Cuddlepot and Snugglepie” with creative art around the natural Australian bush, listen to her stories and play games.
WED 3 OCT \$5 surcharge	BUSH WALK EXCURSION We will be travelling by bus to the Rumbalara Reserve where will explore the area and observe the nature to tie in to the May Gibbs day, then walk down the hill to Henry Wheeler Place to meet the bus to take us back to OSHC.
THURS 4 OCT \$10 surcharge	CIRCUS DAY INCURSION JoJo the clown will be visiting us to teach and entertain the children in circus and clowning skills. This is a popular and much requested day.
FRI 5 OCT	FEAR FACTOR DAY This fun day includes Worm Pie, Monster Brains Treasure Hunt, Shark Attack and many more games around doing things that appear daunting!
MON 8 OCT	SPACE DAY Let's build a spaceship! How about an astronaut's helmet? There will be craft and games around the solar system theme.
TUES 9 OCT \$5 surcharge	KEEPING ACTIVE DAY. In the afternoon there will be a Mini Olympics incursion where children will compete against each other and their own personal best in javelin, shot put, races soccer strikers and much more.
WED 10 OCT	GOOD HYGIENE DAY A fun day looking at living organisms, games around hand hygiene and a visit from a dentist who will teach us about oral hygiene.
THURS 11 OCT \$10 surcharge	BLACKBUTT RESERVE EXCURSION We will travel by bus to the reserve and will feed the wombats and koala's and participate in a bird brunch and a nocturnal nourish. Should be a great day!
FRI 12 OCT	MAGICAL BEASTS DAY We will be creating our own fantasy creatures, clay eggs, unicorn slime and dragon eyes so you'd better bring your imagination!
MON 15 OCT	BRIC-A-BRAC DAY. A day of craft and games. A mixture of activities for fun and creativity.

PLEASE NOTE: The program is subject to change without notice if it is deemed to be in the best interests of the children or there are insufficient bookings for an excursion

booking form

DATE & ACTIVITY	FULL NAME OF CHILD NO 1	FULL NAME OF CHILD NO 2	FULL NAME OF CHILD NO 3
MON 1 OCT	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
TUES 2 OCT Snugglepot & Cuddlepie Day			
WED 3 OCT Bush Walk Excursion \$5 surcharge			
THURS 4 OCT Circus Day Incursion \$10 surcharge			
FRI 5 OCT Fear Factor Day			
MON 8 OCT Space Day			
TUES 9 OCT Active Day			
WED 10 OCT Good Hygiene Day			
THURS 11 OCT Blackbutt Reserve Excursion \$10 surcharge			
FRI 12 OCT Magical Beasts Day			
MON 15 OCT Bric-a Brac Day			

- I agree to photographs being taken for publicity purposes
- I undertake to advise any change in contact details
- I am aware that payments are made by Direct Debit and that additional fees apply if any other payment method is used
- I agree to the emergency administration of first aid and to the transportation by ambulance to hospital if deemed necessary
- By signing this booking form I acknowledge that I understand the terms and conditions relating to bookings, attendance and payment of accounts.

Parent Name

Email Address

Contact Phone Number

Signature

Date

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