



AUTUMN VACATION CARE PROGRAM APRIL 2019



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welcome

to another fun Vacation Care program! With three public holidays inside the program, both children and staff will be energetic and rested. We have incorporated some of the staff's talents these holidays with Music Day being presented by a live band! As you know we love to get the children out into the natural bushland and Bouddi National Park is the perfect place. We will be doing a short version of the coastal walk which is truly spectacular. Our other excursion is to the local tennis courts at Wyoming where the coaches there always plan a really engaging fun day for the children, dividing them into age groups so that everyone gets the maximum out of the day. As the children will walk to and back from the courts, please don't pack their bags too heavily.

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 the Child Care Subsidy Scheme. 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.

what do I need to bring?

SPECIAL DAYS:

BUSH WALK: Children will need good enclosed 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. A hat is essential as we will be playing on the beach. **WE WILL NOT BE SWIMMING.** The walk is only about 45 minutes return and not too hard.

TENNIS 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 when we walk to the tennis courts. Please provide a re-fillable water bottle and make sure they bring a hat. Children to wear enclosed shoes. Children can bring their own racquet if they wish but not essential as they are supplied.

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 \$65.00* per child for up to 12 hours' care. Fees are reduced by the amount of your Child Care Subsidy. (CCS). Generally, the CCS 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 CCS 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 15 APRIL	BON VOYAGE – PACIFIC OCEAN SEA CRUISE. We will spend the day as if we on an ocean liner. We'll play games, create a lighthouse, make souvenirs and drink cocktails!
TUES 16 APRIL	SPLASHING PAINT DAY. A fun creative morning with paint – bubble painting, silhouette painting, free style painting and much more. In the afternoon we're going sketching, looking closely at the environment around us.
WED 17 APRIL \$5 surcharge	GERRIN POINT EXCURSION We will be travelling by bus to Putty Beach where will go on a short bushwalk. After lunch there will time to play on the sand, on the rock platform and perhaps have a game of cricket.
THURS 18 APRIL	EASTER FUN DAY It's that time of year when we can make lots of Easter craft! Bunnies, chicks and eggs usually covers it! Children will be making cards to share with families, playing games and more.
FRI 19 APRIL	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter
MON 22 APRIL	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Easter
TUES 23 APRIL	ALL THINGS THAT GROW DAY. Children will be engaging with craft using natural materials found around the area. These include Leaf Animals, Texture Stones and Discovery Bottles. They will also be modelling, gardening in the OSHC garden and some outdoor Mindfulness.
WED 24 APRIL \$5 surcharge	TENNIS DAY We shall walk to the Wyoming Tennis Courts for a fun day with specialized coaches. A mixture of skills, activities and then a game of.....tennis of course!
THURS 25 APRIL	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Anzac Day
FRI 26 APRIL	MAKING MUSIC DAY There will be an interactive performance with professional musicians who will have the children singing and dancing. The children will also make their own instruments and perform in the afternoon.

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 15 APRIL Going on a cruise ship day			
TUES 16 APRIL Splashing Paint Day			
WED 17 APRIL Bush Walk Excursion \$5 surcharge			
THURS 18 APRIL Easter Fun Day			
FRI 19 APRIL	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
MON 22 APRIL	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
TUES 23 APRIL All Things That Grow Day			
WED 24 APRIL Tennis Day Excursion \$5 surcharge			
THURS 25 APRIL	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
FRI 26 APRIL Making Music 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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