

# Newsletter- Term 3, 2020

#### Dear Families,

What a wonderful term we have just had, full of happiness and lots of learning experiences. Thank you to all our children and families for your participation, support, engagement, suggestions, and all-round enthusiasm for all that we are celebrating and learning about!

We started the term with OOSH Educators Day, celebrating the work that our fantastic OOSH workers have the privilege of doing every day!

Towards the end of Term 3 was National Child Protection Week, celebrating its 30th year with the theme – 'Putting Children First'. With COVID-19 changing so much of the way we live, this theme was a special reminder of the importance of putting children first, prioritising their safety and wellbeing.

We also acknowledged everyone with 'R U OK?' Day to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start conversations with anyone who may be struggling. One way we can watch out for one another is to ask the simple question of "R U OK?" This question is especially pertinent in recent times as we strive to stay connected and caring for one another in a world which seems quite disconnected.

#### **Health Reminder COVID-19**

A big thank you to our families for your vigilance and strict compliance to our COVID-19 health protocols. This ensures we keep our children and community as protected as best as possible.

To reiterate, it is important everybody please comply to the following restrictions to remain isolated:

- If you have returned from overseas, or from restricted interstate locations, in the last 14 days
- If you have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- If you have fever or symptoms of acute respiratory infection (e.g. cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, fatigue) symptoms. Any person with symptoms of illness should seek medical attention and must not present to the service unwell.
  - o It is currently recommended that anyone, even with mild symptoms, be tested for COVID19.
  - o If you are currently being tested for COVID19 and awaiting a result, please do not attend the service.
  - Any individual given orders to self-isolate, please comply.
  - Any person with a fever will be sent home, and asked to seek medical advice.

#### Medical Conditions - Action Plans/Risk Minimisation Plan Update

If your child has a medical condition, including (but not limited to) Asthma/Allergy/Anaphylaxis/Diabetes or any other condition please ensure your Action Plan/medical information and other information is up to date. If your medication is close to expiration, we will be in contact with you with a reminder to update supply.

### **Term 4 Program & Events Calendar Program Calendar and Events**

Please keep these events and themes noted:

- 4-10 October World Space Week
- 25 October Grandparents day
- 25 October Diwali Day
- 28 October Children's Day
- 31 October Halloween
- 9-15 November Recycling Week
- 24 December Christmas Eve
- 25 December Christmas Day
- 31 December New Years Eve

Please send through any program feedback or queries to hello@hhoosh.com.

#### **Educational Leader – Term 3 Report**

What a great time we had in Term 3 at HHOOSH! HHOOSH 'clubs' this term included a handball tournament, soccer club, Oz Tag, gardening club and cooking club. Oz Tag was a definite favourite of the term with many of our younger children learning the skills of the game. Our garden continues to thrive, with the kale and lettuce that the children planted and cared for being used for cooking club dishes. Our major events this term included R U Ok? Day and National Sea Week. R U Ok? Day stretched over 3 days at HHOOSH and encompassed activities surrounding empathy, emotional health and respect between students. Another notable activity included HHOOSH children recreating the book 'No Way Yirrikipayi!' which is a book written and illustrated by students in the Melville Islands in their traditional Tiwi language. This book can be found on display next to the sign in iPad if you'd like to check it out! Next term's program will include cultural events such as Diwali, Halloween and Christmas as well as many fun activities planned by the HHOOSH staff.

Educational Leader Tash Barrow











# **Spring Vacation Care**

Our spring vacation care was filled with excitement including our planned incursion and excursion.

If you have any suggestions for future incursions email us at hello@hhoosh.com.au and leave some suggestions.

Please enjoy some photos.

































#### **Donations**

Calling all families to donate any used, but in good condition, games. Here as some of the main suggestions that we would love donated to the centre:

- Mobilo
- Duplo
- Board Games (age group 5-12)
- Craft Materials
- Dress ups
- Cans (without lids)





## **Year 5-6 Project**

Due to the restrictions of COVID and years 5-6 not being able to go on mini excursions, the children have decided to build on a cubby house. The year 5-6 had put a vote to all children that attended Before and After school care on what they should build and the winner was a cubby house.

Years 5-6 will work on building a cubby house throughout term 4.

#### Re-enrolment 2021

New and re-enrolment for 2021 will be opening towards the end of November. We will notify you with further information as the time approaches. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding availability.

