



Newsletter

Aim High to Achieve

Term 4 Week 8

Tuesday 28 November 2023

Principal	- Mr T Jeff	Email: Warrimoo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction	- Mrs L Husarek	16-30 Florabella St, Warrimoo 2774
Infants Assistant Principal	- Mrs T Drummond - Ms S Lawley	Phone 4753 6182 https://warrimoo-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/
Primary Assistant Principal	- Mrs E Harris	<u>Uniform Shop Hours</u> - online orders can be made anytime
School Administration Manager	- Mrs J Mazenauer	Monday (non assembly weeks) 2:30pm - 3:15pm Thursday (odd and even weeks) 2:30pm - 3:15pm After Assemblies <u>Playgroup</u> - Friday - 9:15am - 11am



<u>Week 8</u>		NOVEMBER
Thursday	30	Presentation Day Assembly - 9:30am P&C Meeting - 7:30pm - 8:30pm
<u>Week 9</u>		DECEMBER
Friday	8	Year 6 Farewell Evening
<u>Week 10</u>		
Monday	11	Movie Day - Glenbrook Cinema
Tuesday	12	Talent Quest - Students only
Thursday	14	Reports sent home
Friday	15	Last day of school for 2023 Year 6 Assembly
<u>Week 11</u>		
Monday	18	SDD #1
Tuesday	19	SDD #2
<u>Week 1</u>		2024 Term 1—January
Tuesday	30	SDD
Wednesday	31	SDD
		February
Thursday	1	First day of school for students in Years 1 - 6
<u>Week 2</u>		
Monday	5	First day of school for Kindergarten students

PAYMENTS DUE

<u>Excursion</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due</u>
Movie Day	\$22.50	1/12



Blue Mountains Primary Schools Sports Association - BMPSSA

Dates for 2024 PSSA Representative Sport events can be found at

<https://www.bmpssa.com/calendar/>

Students will be required to register their interest through our school sports coordinator in 2024. These trial dates will be advertised to students throughout the year. We look forward to students taking these opportunities to represent Warrimoo PS and Blue Mountains PSSA.

Principal's Report

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Winmalee Public Speaking Competition

Last week Joshua, Mila, Lucius and Louis represented Warrimoo Public School at the Winmalee Public Speaking finals. I would like to congratulate all four students for representing our school so well and demonstrating true Warrimoo Public School spirit along the way. I would also like to make a special mention to Joshua who was the runner up of his competition being awarded 'Highly Commended'.



Presentation Day Assembly Warrimoo Public School

Presentation Day Assembly will be conducted on Thursday 30th November in our school hall. We look forward to welcoming our community to the event and sharing the assembly with you. The assembly will commence at 9:30am sharp.

Gold Assembly

On Thursday 23rd November, Week 7, Warrimoo Public School congratulated many of our students who were awarded with their Gold Award. I would like to thank them for their commitment, hard work and dedication throughout the year. Additionally, I would like to thank Mrs Mac for her amazing preparation of the assembly and afternoon tea and Mrs Pesle for her work in preparing the awards.



School Disco & Newcombe Ball

On Friday of Week 7, the Kindergarten to Year 4 students engaged in an exciting and enjoyable free complementary disco presented by 'Zing Activ'. The energy that the students and Zing Activ staff brought to the disco was amazing. I would like to thank everyone involved for your support of this disco which provided an opportunity to our school. Additionally, Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in a very active game of Newcombe Ball. Well-done all-round Warrimoo Public School.



Author & Illustrator Visit – Jodie McLeod & Eloise Short

Warrimoo Public School was very fortunate to have both Jodie McLeod and Eloise Short, author and illustrator of 'Leonard the Lyrebird', 'Lilah the Lyrebird' and 'The Black Cockatoo With One Feather Blue', visit our school on Monday. It was great to listen to a reading and meet them both. We thank the ladies very much for supporting our school and Mrs McRae for her organisation.



Glenbrook Movie Day

Week 10 is quickly approaching with the Glenbrook Movie Day scheduled for Monday 11th December. If you are yet to make payment and you would like your child/ren to attend I encourage you to make contact with our administrative team. We are looking forward to an enjoyable, fun event at the movies.



Semester 2 Student Reports

On Thursday 13th December, you will receive your child's Semester 2 School Report. I congratulate students on all their efforts and achievements and thank our staff for their continued hard work in their ongoing assessment of student learning outcomes.

School Uniform

As we near the conclusion of the 2023 school year I would like to remind us all about the importance of wearing full school uniform. As of late, I have identified a growing number of students wearing clothing outside our uniform e.g. hats, socks, shorts etc.

Uniforms play a crucial role in fostering a sense of unity within our school community. It promotes an inclusive environment, emphasising a shared identity. Uniforms instils a sense of pride and essential qualities that contribute to academic success and character development.

By adhering to the uniform policy, our students learn valuable lessons about responsibility and the importance of following guidelines, aligning with the principles endorsed by the New South Wales Department of Education. These skills are integral to their academic journey and personal growth.

I kindly request your continued support in reinforcing the significance of school uniforms at home. Your collaboration is vital in creating a positive and cohesive educational experience for your child.

The Importance of Regular Attendance

In regards to school attendance, the Department of Education has outlined that all students should be at school unless they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition or they are currently unwell. If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school, you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please ensure your child's contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three consecutive days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and will be followed up by the school.

2024 School Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments for 2024 are currently being taken. In order for us to prepare our classes and ensure that equitable class numbers are maintained it is essential that we have all the information needed leading into 2024 as early as possible. If you know of someone who is enrolling at Warrimoo Public School and has not yet done so, could you please pass on our school details? Additionally, if you have children in Kindergarten to Year 5 and are planning on moving at the end of the year, that information is important also.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable fortnight ahead.
My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

RFF Class News

During RFF, all the classes have been working in the Creative Arts. K-4 have been learning about the techniques of Drama. Years 5 and 6 have been learning new moves in Dance. Here are some action shots:



3/4G



3/4H



Stage 3



K/1L



2D



1B

PBL WINNERS



Week 6



Week 7



CONGRATS



Gastroenteritis – controlling viral outbreaks in childcare centres and schools

Last updated: 6 May 2019

Outbreaks of viral gastroenteritis are common especially in residential care settings and child care centres. Outbreaks are controlled by good hygiene, isolation of ill patients and disinfection.

What are viral gastroenteritis outbreaks?

A gastroenteritis outbreak occurs when two or more people have sudden onset of vomiting or diarrhoea at the same time in the same institution. In childcare centres and schools, you should suspect viral gastroenteritis if two or more children or staff have vomiting or diarrhoea within a two day period.

Viral gastroenteritis is highly infectious and outbreaks are very common and can be difficult to control. Outbreaks often occur in institutional settings such as nursing homes, hospitals, child care centres and schools. There are several things you can do to help reduce the spread of infection.

How do I prevent the spread of infection?

1. Hand hygiene

Good hand hygiene is the most effective way of preventing the spread of infection.

- Make sure that hand washing facilities and alcohol hand rub are available for staff, residents, children and visitors.
- Alert staff, residents, children and visitors to the outbreak and the need for thorough and frequent hand washing, and post hand washing signs in toilet and care areas.
- Staff and visitors should wash their hands thoroughly with soap and running water for 30 seconds and dry their hands with disposable paper towels, even if they have been wearing gloves:
 - If hands are visibly dirty
 - After using the toilet
 - After changing nappies
 - Before eating/preparing food
 - There are body fluids (e.g. blood, urine, faeces) on your hands.

Alcohol hand rub can be used to clean your hands for other situations.

2. Isolation and restriction

The following precautions should be taken to restrict the spread of gastroenteritis:

- Children and/or staff with vomiting or diarrhoea should be separated from the rest of the group as soon as symptoms appear. This may involve dedicating a room to the sick children before they can be sent home.

- Cases that reside in an institution (such as in a boarding school) should also be separated from non-infected individuals where possible. This includes separate facilities for hand washing, toilet and bathroom.
- Sick children and staff should be excluded from attending the facility for at least 48 hours after their symptoms have ceased.
- Visitors should be discouraged from attending the premises while the outbreak is occurring.
- If the outbreak continues and new enrolments are considered to be at risk of infection, consider closing the facility to new enrolments.

3. Cleaning

- Surfaces or objects that have been exposed to vomit or faeces must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as possible.
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning up. Mask, goggles and impermeable protective clothing offer additional protection if available.
- Use disposable towels to remove faeces and vomitus, and seal in a plastic bag before disposing of them (in a clinical waste bin, if available).
- Wash the surface or object with hot water and a neutral detergent.
- Where possible, disinfect hard surfaces and objects with freshly prepared sodium hypochlorite (bleach) 0.1 per cent solution. Leave the bleach on the surface for at least 10 minutes before rinsing with cold water, and allowing to dry thoroughly.
- Allow objects to dry thoroughly after they have been cleaned.
- Wash your hands after you have removed gloves and protective clothing.

Further advice is outlined in the [Gastro Pack for Childcare Centres](#).

Who should I contact?

Managers of facilities where an outbreak of viral gastroenteritis is occurring or suspected should:

- report the outbreak to your local public health unit.
- document the number of cases, dates of onset, duration of symptoms and report to your public health unit

Call 1300 066 055 (within NSW) to be directed to your local public health unit.

How can the public health unit help?

Public health unit staff have expertise in managing infectious disease outbreaks. Your local public health unit can provide advice and assistance on controlling further spread of the outbreak, samples that should be collected, and the type of testing that should be carried out.

Further information

- Viral gastroenteritis factsheet: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/viral-gastroenteritis.aspx>
- Norovirus factsheet: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/norovirus.aspx>
- Rotavirus factsheet: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/rotavirus-infection.aspx>

For further information please call your local public health unit on **1300 066 055** or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au.

News from Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction

Next year Years 3 to 6 will be joining our K-2 classes in the implementation stage of the changed English syllabus. This term we have started to trial the implementation of many aspects of the exciting syllabus.

Your child will begin to speak about their learning using terminology you may not have heard in the past

Tier 1 Tier 2 and Tier 3 words

Morphology of words

Etymology of words

Phonemes

Graphemes

Fluency Prosody

It is exciting to have seen the change in our K-2 and the growth teachers have been able to support students in. We look forward to our Year 3 -6 undertaking the same growth in their learning through challenging themselves to strive for success.

Some of the content that will be covered in each of the Syllabus Focus areas for English for Stage 2 & 3

Oral language and communication that focuses on speaking and listening.

Here is some of the content that will be covered

- Demonstrate appropriate language use when interacting in different contexts
- Listen actively to identify spoken information, acknowledging the value of others' contributions and for understanding
- Plan and deliver spoken presentations

Vocabulary – students deepen their knowledge and use of vocabulary to support oral language, reading and writing skills. They learn to choose the most appropriate words for different learning contexts

- Learning and using words by building their personal vocabulary
- Define and analyse words by applying morphemic knowledge to change word meanings by adding different prefixes and suffixes to a base word or root

Reading fluency

- use grammar and punctuation to express themselves effectively
- read with accuracy and with expression appropriate for the type of text
- recognising words with automaticity

Reading comprehension - is an active process of problemsolving and critical thinking about texts. It relies on the ability to recognise most or all words in a text.

- Read for interest and a wide range of purposes
- Identify different structures and features of persuasive, informative and imaginative texts
- monitor their comprehension

Creating written texts

- write longer and more complex texts for different purposes
- write for a purpose and consider their audience, even if it is just themselves
- apply knowledge of a topic and its related vocabulary, and combine these with an understanding of genre when developing ideas for writing
- craft a variety of sentence structures using knowledge of grammar and punctuation

Spelling enables students to build their vocabulary knowledge

- use a range of strategies to spell, read and write words that may be increasingly unfamiliar
- Explain how to segment multisyllabic words into syllables and phonemes, and apply this knowledge when spelling

Handwriting and digital transcription. Students develop skills to become fluent and legible when handwriting, typing, and using a word processor.

Understanding and responding to literature use quality literature to learn more about the world and their place within it.

- study a wide variety of texts in different modes
- discuss the relationship between images and language and how they work together to support meaning
- discuss author style in texts

We look forward to the new learning in 2024

Mrs Lorraine Husarek
Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction

Community News

Join your local Bunnings Christmas Family Event

FREE



Get into the spirit at the free Bunnings Christmas family event.
Thursday 7th of December from 6pm to 8pm
at Bunnings Valley Heights - Timber and Trade

Activities and fun for the whole family

Join us at our Timber and Trade centre for a night of Fun!
With a Free Community BBQ and Raffle, Craft, Face painting,
RFS and other emergency services, Community Stalls, Visit from
Santa and so much more!!!



Refer to your local
store for details
and book your
spot using the QR
Code above.

For more information contact us on 02 4751 0600
or visit www.bunnings.com.au/Valleyheights



Warrimoo Public School needs volunteer Ethics teachers!

"I get as
much out
of it as the
children do
- it's so
rewarding"



If you have a spare hour every Tuesday 10:00am-11:00am during school term, why not use it to help develop a future generation who have strong ethical reasoning skills and know how to have respectful discussions?

No previous teaching experience is needed.

Full, free training, all lesson materials and ongoing support provided by Primary Ethics.



If you want to help our students access this valuable program, contact our Ethics Coordinator Lachlan on:
lachlan_cumming@bigpond.com
or
[visit: primaryethics.com.au/volunteer](http://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer)



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OOSH / VACATION CARE ENROLMENT FORM / COMPLYING WRITTEN AGREEMENT

CHILD INFORMATION

In Confidence

First Names: Surname: Gender: Age:

Date of Birth: Centrelink Child Reference No. (CRN):

Other names that the child is known by: Year at School:

Address: Postcode:

Does this child attend Bush Babies OOSH before & after school care:?

Please nominate what your attendance at Bush Babies OOSH Vacation Care will be:-

Attendance Days & Times Required

Are Usual Days Flexible: Y / N

Week One	Monday	Tuesday 19/12/23	Wednesday 20/12	Thursday 21/12/23	Friday
Arrival Time	18/12/23				22/12/24
Pick Up Time	Closed				Closed
Notes			If your child is coming today pls sign Excursion Form.		
Week Two	Monday	Tuesday 9/01/24	Wednesday 10/01	Thursday 11/01/24	Friday
Arrival Time	8/01/24				12/01/24
Pick Up Time	Closed				Closed
Notes				If your child is coming today pls sign Excursion Form	
Week Three	Monday	Tuesday 16/01/24	Wednesday 17/01	Thursday 18/01/24	Friday
Arrival Time	15/01/24				19/01/24
Pick Up Time	Closed				Closed
Notes					
Week Four	Monday	Tuesday 23/01/24	Wednesday 24/01	Thursday 25/01/24	Friday
Arrival Time	22/01/24				26/01/24
Pick Up Time	Closed				Closed
Notes			If your child is coming today pls sign Excursion Form		
Week Five	Monday	Tuesday 30/01/24	Wednesday 31/01	Thursday 1/02/24	Friday 2/2/24
Arrival Time	29/01/24			Back to School	Back to School
Pick Up Time	Closed			Normal OOSH	Normal OOSH
Notes				AM & PM Care	AM & PM Care

Fees :- Fees will be charged for the individual day sessions of care provided under this agreement. Please note that fees may vary from time to time. Any variation will be notified via email.

Please Sign:

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother/Guardian 1 Full Name: Mobile:

Email:

Address:

Please Turn Over to complete.

BUSH BABIES OOSH / VACATION CARE ENROLMENT FORM Cont.

Father/Guardian 2 name: Mobile

Email:

Address:

I Confirm that the information already supplied on the formal Enrolment Agreement/Complying Written Agreement is still current. If any details change, I will notify Bush Babies directly via email. These include but are not limited to:- Authorised people to act in your presence. Eg. Pick up & be emergency contact details. Medical/Health issues, Court orders, PG Rated films & shows, photo's etc.

I agree for my existing Direct Debit details to be adjusted to pay for Vacation Care Days.

I agree to notify Bush Babies in writing if any of these details change.

Parent Name Date

Parent Sign:




December 2023/January 2024 Vacation Care



<p>Week 1: Tuesday 19 December 2023</p> <p>Jewellery making Workshop: Learn to make jewellery including bracelets, earrings, bookmarks or keyrings with our local Jeweller. Make a lovely Christmas gift.</p>  <p>Christmas craft making: Make pom pom decorations, paint and decorate pinecones for your Christmas tree.</p> <p>Christmas Movie-children's choice <u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS oval, school, OOSH room. Additional Cost: \$15</p>	<p>Wednesday 20 December 2023</p> <p>Christmas Cards: Making individual Christmas cards to take home.</p>  <p>Excursion to Possum Park: for lunch Children and staff will walk to Possum Park to eat their lunch and play on the park equipment and group games.</p>  <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS hall, OOSH room. Additional Cost: \$3</p>	<p>Thursday 21 December 2023</p> <p>Christmas decoration making: Fillable star bauble and other Christmas decorations to make, decorate and paint.</p>  <p>Water play: if the weather allows. Using water soakers to cool off and play. Please see below the email for a list of water gear to bring.</p>  <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS Oval, OOSH room, hall. Additional Cost: \$4</p>
<p>Week 2: Tuesday 9 January 2024</p> <p>Outside Games: Pickleball, catch and throw nets, basketball hoop, archery etc.</p> <p>Biscuit Decorating: Decorating milk arrowroot biscuits with coloured icing, sprinkles, lollies, marshmallows etc.</p>  <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, oval. Additional Cost: \$3</p>	<p>Wednesday 10 January 2024</p> <p>Messy activities: Children will make their own play dough and experiment with other messy sensory experiences.</p> <p>Movie & games afternoon: Enjoy watching a movie or playing board or card games with friends.</p>  <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, hall, oval. Additional Cost: \$3</p>	<p>Thursday 11 January 2024</p> <p>Art - painting your own ceramic dish: Use paints to decorate your own ceramic dish for your room.</p> <p>Excursion to Possum Park: Children and staff will walk to Possum Park to have a picnic lunch, play on the equipment and play group games.</p>  <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, hall, oval. Additional Cost: \$3</p>

December 2023/January 2024 Vacation Care



<p>Week 3: Tuesday 16 January 2024</p> <p>Things that fly: Join in flying various objects and compete in races, making our own paper planes of different varieties. Rockets, gliders, heli spinners etc.</p>  <p>Movie, games and craft: Enjoy watching a movie or playing board or card games with friends. Enjoy some quiet craft time.</p> <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, hall, oval. Additional Cost: \$2</p>	<p>Wednesday 17 January 2024</p> <p>Lucky Dip Box: Children choose from a bucket the name of a resource to decorate. These include different arts, crafts, etc, which we have assembled.</p> <p>Biscuit Decorating: using milk arrowroot biscuits, coloured icing, sprinkles, lollies, marshmallows etc.</p> <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, oval. Additional Cost: \$3</p>	<p>Thursday 18 January 2024</p> <p>Painting activity: Paint the wooden coaster using masking tape and paints. Making patterns on the wood for an abstract artwork.</p> <p>Water Play: weather permitting. Children are to bring their own towels and a change of clothes, tongs, rashie, and hat. Water soakers are provided.</p> <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, oval. Additional Cost: \$3</p>
<p>Week 4: Tuesday 23 January 2024</p> <p>Vacation care Olympics: Children will participate in VC Olympics for some competition as well as fun. Prizes may be available for best and fairest.</p> <p>Water Play: weather permitting. Children are to bring their own towels and a change of clothes, tongs, rashie, and hat. Water soakers are provided.</p> <p>Free play inside. <u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, Hall, Oval. Additional cost: \$3</p>	<p>Wednesday 24 January 2024</p> <p>Canvas Painting: Use seashells and canvases to make your own canvas to hang in your room.</p> <p>Excursion to Possum Park: for lunch Children and staff will walk to Possum Park to eat their lunch and play at the park.</p>  <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, Hall, Oval Additional Cost: \$7</p>	<p>Thursday 25 January 2024</p> <p>Party day - Pass the parcel, musical chairs and other party activities, including biscuit decorating and tattoos.</p>  <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p> <p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, Hall, Oval Additional Cost: \$8</p>

<p>Week 5: Tuesday 30 January 2024</p> <p>Creative:</p> <p>Children can use their creativity to enjoy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rock painting - Shadow drawing - And a variety of art <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p>	<p>Wednesday 31 January 2024</p> <p>Children's choice:</p> <p>Arts and crafts Games Movie Outside play</p> <p><u>Water play, if weather permits</u></p>	<p>Thursday, 1 February 2024</p> <p>Back to School Normal OOSH, before & after-school care</p>
<p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, Hall, Oval Additional Cost: \$2</p>	<p>Venue: WPS, OOSH room, Hall, Oval Additional Cost: \$2</p>	
<p>A message about water play:</p> <p>Please bring a bag daily so we can enjoy water play safely as the weather allows. Thank you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rashie - Towel - Change of clothes - Water shoes or tongs to wear on the oval (for foot safety) during the activity (as well as close in shoes). 	<p>Operating Hours 7.30am – 5.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday</p> <p>19 – 21 December 2023 & January 9 – 31 January 2024</p> <p>Email, Call or text us: 0491 754 286 director@bushbabieschildcare.co.au</p>	<p>Children must wear a hat and apply sunscreen between the hours of 9am and 4pm as required by Bush Babies OOSH Sun Protection Policy</p>



December Christmas Vacation Care 19 - 21 December 2023 & January 9 - 31 January 2024
Operating Hours 7.30am - 5.30pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Bush Babies OOSH has been providing before & after school care at Warrimoo Public School since May 2020. We pride ourselves in providing a safe and fun time for all involved. Vacation Care is a new addition we offer to our local community. The costs displayed are additional to the cost per day, and if we get many children taking part, we pass on the lower per-head cost for Incursions.

Incursions / Excursions

All children who are enrolled in Vacation Care Program are required to participate in an excursion/incursion if this occurs on the child's booked days. For excursions, a permission form is required. Any additional fees will be automatically charged to your account. Excursions may change due to weather. Can you please, email or tell an educator if your child/ren will be absent on any days that they are booked in especially on excursion days?

Email, Call or text us: 0491754 286
director@bushbabieschildcare.co.au

COST: Full fee is \$66.50 per day with additional cost for incursion/excursions. Bush Babies OOSH is approved and offers Child Care Subsidy on fees and additional costs.

***SUNCARE** – Sun protection is important to us at Bush Babies OOSH & Vacation Care. Children must apply sunscreen between the hours of 9am and 4.30pm as required by Bush Babies Sun Protection Policy & the Sun Smart APP (which determines UV rating – a rating of 3 and above requires sun protection).

What to bring?

Please ensure your child/ren bring the following items every day.

FOOD / DRINK – Children are required to bring morning tea & lunch. We will provide afternoon tea. We cannot heat/reheat children's food. We strive to be a nut-free service. Please send a drink bottle with your child.

HATS / SHOES – All children must have a hat to play outside.

It is also essential that all children wear enclosed shoes. Sneakers & socks are the best option.

CLOTHING – Children should wear seasonally casual clothes & a jacket or jumper as it can get cold quickly. Spare clothes can be sent for messy/water play.

SUNCARE – Sun care is very important to us at Vacation Care. The children will be required to apply sunscreen while in care. If your child requires sensitive sunscreen or you would like to pack their own, please feel free to pack it in their bag and let a staff member know. *see left

Toys – Children are welcome to bring their own toy or book to use during the day, especially in wet weather. Please NO ELECTRONICS

PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS.

ASTHMA / MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN

If your child has Asthma / Medical conditions, please provide a medical condition plan from your Doctor unless we already have this at OOSH.

MEDICATIONS – All medication must be in the original package with your child's name printed. Please leave medication with an educator with completed Medication Authority Form. (NOT in your child's bag).

BOOKINGS – Spots are limited please enrol by emailing the office. director@bushbabieschildcare.com.au Or by phoning (02) 4753 6822
 An enrolment form must be completed for all new child/ren and please advise of any changes to details.
 OOSH Mobile is 0491 754 286 for any last-minute absences.



Excursion Form – Parent Authorisation

Dear Parent's,

Please complete this form, which must be signed by a parent/guardian for **children** who will be attending the excursion. Please complete the empty fields, sign and return to an educator, alternatively via email or via the online permission form.

First Child's Name	
Second Child's Name	
Third Child's Name	
Reason for child transportation	Visit the local Park
Date of excursion	Wednesday - 20 December 2023 Thursday - 11 January 2024 Wednesday - 24 January 2024
Departure Address	16-30 Florabella St, Warrimoo NSW 2774 (OOSH building)
Destination Address	18 Arthur St, Warrimoo NSW 2774 (Possum Park)
Activities	Play on equipment and explore local grounds & picnic
Transportation means	Walking
Departure Time	11.30am
Return Time	2.00pm
Anticipated number of children	25-30 children
Anticipated number of educators	2-3 educators
Anticipated number of adults who are not educators (students/volunteers)	0
Ratio of Educators to Children	1 : 15
Any requirements for safety restraints required by law	N/A

Permission: I hereby give permission for the child/children listed above to attend the excursion detailed in this excursion authorisation. I understand that a risk assessment for this excursion will be available for viewing at the centre on the day of the excursion and that the service has written policies and procedures for excursions and the safe transportation of children. These are all available on request.

Name of Authorised Parent/Guardian:	
Relationship to Child/Children:	
Date:	
Signature: (Actual or online signature required)	



Parenting Programs TERM 1, 2024



Program	Date/Time	Location	Register
Cool Little Kids Six week program that gives parents skills to help their 0-5 year old children manage their anxiety.	Every Friday 16th Feb – 22nd Mar 10:30am – 12:00pm ** Limited childcare ** Must register	Gateway Family Services cnr Station & Henry St PENRITH	Phone 4720 6500 groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au
Tuning in to Kids Six week program that teaches parents to help children understand and regulate their emotions.	Every Monday 19th Feb – 25th Mar 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Online via ZOOM	Phone 4720 6500 groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au
Circle of Security Eight week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children.	Every Wednesday 14th Feb – 3rd April 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Gateway Family Services 70 Old Bathurst Rd BLAXLAND	Phone 4720 6500 groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au
Circle of Security Eight week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children.	Every Tuesday 13th Feb – 2nd April 10:00am – 12:00pm ** Limited childcare ** Must register	Gateway Family Services 14 Oak Street KATOOMBA	Phone 4720 6500 groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



Our parenting programs are funded by DSS and DCJ and are offered **FREE** to residents of Penrith and the Blue Mountains LGAs.

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Tuning in to Kids Parenting Program

6 week parenting program - FREE to register

Tuning In To Kids is a 6 week program that supports you to help your child understand and regulate their emotions.



The goal of the program is to help children to understand, regulate and work through their emotions so that they manage their behaviour and respond in socially appropriate ways.

The program will cover:

- Foundations of emotion coaching
- Regulating and working through emotions
- Identifying and validating emotions
- How to develop emotional intelligence
- Developing resilience and facing challenges



Parents and carers can learn the skills of emotion coaching



Help children develop emotional intelligence and resilience

DATES:
Monday evenings
19th February - 25th March

VENUE:
Online via ZOOM

TIME: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

COST: FREE

REGISTER NOW



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Cool Little Kids Program

6 week parenting program - FREE to register



Cool Little Kids is a 6 week program that gives parents skills to help their child manage and overcome anxiety.

If you have a 3-6 year old child with excessive shyness, anxiety or fears, this program will equip you with skills to help support them.

The program will cover:

- Understanding anxiety and shyness
- Causes and risk factors for anxiety
- How to respond to your child's anxiety
- Skills and strategies to deal with fear
- Dealing with setbacks and difficulties
- Maintaining resilience long term



Help your child manage anxiety, excessive shyness and fears



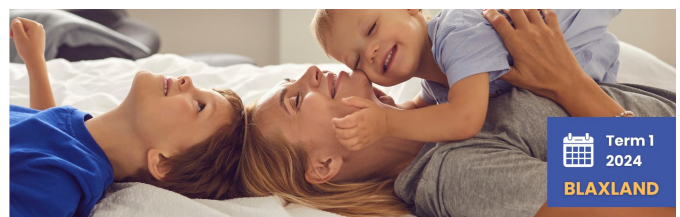
Learn simple Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) strategies



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BLAXLAND

Circle of Security Parenting

8 week parenting program - FREE to register



Circle of Security Parenting helps parents develop secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children.

The Circle of Security course helps parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years learn:

- How to help your child feel more confident and secure
- How to help your child manage their emotional responses
- How to better understand your child's emotional needs



build stronger parent/child bonds



learn positive parenting skills



promote secure attachments

DATES:
Wednesdays 14th Feb - 3rd April

VENUE:
Gateway Family Services
70 Old Bathurst Road Blaxland

TIME: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

COST: FREE

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