



Oatley OOSH Care Navigator

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Welcome to Term 3!

Dear Parents,

We're more than half way through the school year – time honestly flies when you're having fun!

In this edition of our Oatley OOSH Navigator, we will talk quite a bit about OOSH Educator Day. This year marks the fourth Educator Day dedicated to OOSH Educators, and we are so grateful for the team that works for us.

Also of note, our school holiday program and a Seniors program update, as well as a bit about NAIDOC week and something about World Refugee Day.

There's a lot going on at any given time at Oatley OOSH, and we're proud to share it with you.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter.

As Ever,

Darren Brisbane

General Manager

Oatley OOSHCare Incorporated

Committee Meeting

Our Executive Committee:

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We hold 6 committee meetings a year, which are open to our parents and interested stakeholders. Our next committee meeting date will be in the first week of March. Details will be provided as soon as they are available.

OOSH Educators Day 2023

By Darren Brisbane



HAPPY OOSH EDUCATORS DAY to OOSH Educators everywhere - but especially to our fantastic team of educators at Oatley OOSH-Care Inc.

Last year and this year we have asked the world of our team, and they have made every effort to deliver. The countless hours of training and reflection, the planning, and of course the work that they do with the children and families of our community are reflective of the type of people who keep Oatley running.

It was nice to be recognised by the NSW Minister for Education, Prue Car - <https://fb.watch/oaHd-Ir6K4/>



Whether you're an experienced OOSH hand, our newest recruit, or even one of our junior staff - you are appreciated and you are needed.

OSHC Educators Day Cocktail Party

By Jessica Dawson

On Saturday the 22nd of July Oatley OOSH was fortunate enough to be invited to the annual OSHC educators day cocktail party.

This event is great for networking with other services within the OSHC sector and getting to know the experiences of other educators, coordinators and directors.

Not only is this event great for networking but it is also an opportunity to have a bit of fun with our fellow staff members. The night started off with some delicious cocktails and good music and I was fortunate enough to reconnect with educators I worked with in previous services.

It was lovely to see how far we have all come in our journey of being educators. Throughout the night everybody had a great time meeting new people as well as reflecting on the experiences and memories we have made at OOSH.



Winter Vacation Care

By Sam Walter

Oatley Out of School Hours (OOSH) program wrapped up its July vacation care with flying colours. Throughout the winter vacation care period, the Oatley OOSH team organised a diverse range of engaging activities, workshops and excursions that captivated young minds, making it a fun holiday for all children!

Our two excursions were by far the most popular days where we spent them at climb fit and Flipout. Our other popular days were in-house workshops spent with 'Brickz for Kidz' and 'Robotix'. Both of which gave our students participating glowing reviews! I wanted to

thank all the children for being so well behaved during these days! It is always great to hear back from the activity organisers.

We had a lot of suggestions over the holidays to implement for the next upcoming ones which are already in the works! This includes an all new Oatley youth schedule – Expect our vacation care schedule to be released by week 5 this term. Both the standard program and Oatley youth will be released together.



Seniors Program Update

By Jessica Dawson

Term 3 is welcoming a new program leader for our successful senior program! Unfortunately our previous senior program leader Josh has moved on from Oatley OOSH, he will definitely be missed by our seniors who adored his fun and playful nature. The seniors started off term 3 eager to help me plan activities and excursions for the exciting term ahead. The seniors had some great feedback on how they would like to see the program run, this included a more diverse range activities such as cooking, sports, self care days, learning to use public transport and being independent in public settings. To help the senior students see the progress they are hoping to make this term they completed an activity in which they wrote a letter to their future self.

the seniors are all very eager to read their letters again at the end of term 3. In these letters the seniors wrote out some goals they would like to achieve as well as some fun questions for their future selves.

Overall I am very grateful to have the opportunity of working with the senior students and I can't wait to see how much they learn and grow throughout term 3!



Sunflower Wall for World Refugee Day

By Jacinta Smith

The children coloured in Sunflowers and wrote messages in the centre for World Refugee Day. World Refugee Day is celebrated every year on the 20th of June. It was established in 2001 by the United Nations as a day to celebrate and honour refugees. It provides a global opportunity for people to learn about the lives of refugees. The 2023 theme for World Refugee Day was 'Hope Away from Home'. This theme highlighted the importance of including refugees into their new communities the after having to leave their homes. This activity aimed to start a conversation with the children at OOSH about refugees, who they are, and how we can support them. We hoped to help kids start to think about how we could make our OOSH community a safe and welcoming environments for refugees.



Oatley Fishing Trip

By Ashleigh Roe

During the holidays the seniors headed down to Oatley Park for a spot of fishing fun. Most of the children had never fished so it was something new. However, a few children have, such as Xavier, who led the charge and explained how to cast the rod, helping the other children. We ran into a few hiccups though, with the lines locking, so Xavier used the fishing wire to do some hand fishing.

Improvise, adapt, overcome!

We were all a bit grossed out by the bait which had a very distinct smell... however, we soon quickly found that the fish AND a few sneaky crabs really liked the bait.

Jack was in his element. He was SUPER close to catching a really big fish but the fish are a bit sneaky in the Georges River and evaded him!

All the kids had a go at fishing, and got really good at casting, but the stinky bait and fishing overall wasn't very popular unfortunately! But they all partook in it and they learnt a new skill.

As Quinn says, "the walk was nice to the park, but the fishing was terrible!".

So we will review for next time and see how we go with another fishing adventure at OOSH!

Robotics Workshop

By Olivia Stojanovski

In the holidays we had a Super Robotics Incursion where children got to learn about robotics and how to use them.

Children teamed up and rotated between different activities where they got to control different types of robots to play fun games such as soccer, boxing, dancing, bumper cars, bowling, obstacle courses and so on.

Children competed against each other to win various challenges with their robots. Children really enjoyed learning about the different types of robots and seeing how they work in action. It was so much fun!



Flipout Caringbah

By Jessica Dawson

In Vacation Care we had the opportunity to go to Flip Out in Caringbah.

We had a blast jumping the day away on all of the different trampolines Flip Out had to offer.

Some of the activities the kids participated in included a trampoline dodge ball game, trampoline basketball, foam pit and jumping castle obstacle course.

Not only did the juniors have fun jumping, some staff also joined in on the fun too



NAIDOC Week



By Jessica Dawson



This month Oatley OOSH participated in celebrating NAIDOC week. NAIDOC week is an opportunity for us all to recognise and celebrate the incredible history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people.

Towards the end of Term 2 we spoke to children about the rich indigenous history in Oatley that many people are unaware of. The traditional inhabitants of Oatley are the Biddegel (sometimes called Bidjigal or Bedegal) people of the Eora Nation, who shared a common language.

A recent exhibition at the Hurstville Museum told the story of “Guraban”, which means where the saltwater meets freshwater. We shared this story with the children so we can recognise the significance of the Georges’ River. The children were inspired to translate this story into art by creating a wave of hands painted with various First Nations designs, some featuring native aquatic animals such as platypuses and turtles.