

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

APRIL 2025

Our Lady of Good Counsel OSHC, Forestville

Hours: 7.30am – 6.00pm

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BOOKINGS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Our vacation care service operates between **7.30am - 6.00pm** for children up to 12 years old who are currently enrolled in primary school.

We are licensed to enrol **105** children per day and are always required as per regulations to maintain the approved staff to child ratio.

We are excited to share with you our vacation care program. We have planned our vacation care program to offer children the time to relax and have fun with their friends, building new friendships and having the opportunity to experience wonderful activities.

Risk assessments have been completed for our vacation care program including any outside providers. We welcome families to request these from your service supervisor for your review.

The vacation care program has been planned thoughtfully, with fun in mind and feedback from children and parents.

STAFF

Educators are employed because of their experience and knowledge in childcare and all educators are involved in ongoing training. At parent sign in area, you will find the details of which educator is in charge between the hours of **7:30am – 6:00pm**.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CHILDCARE SUBSIDY (CCS) DURING VACATION CARE?

We are approved to process your Childcare Subsidy payments from the federal government. However, we are not in control of how much subsidy is paid by the government to each family. If you have questions about Childcare Subsidy please contact Services Australia on 136 150.

You must have a formalised account with the centre to receive your fee reduction.

The package helps parents with children aged 0 – 13 work, train, study, and volunteer. It will be paid directly to services. You will need to complete a Centrelink Childcare Subsidy if you have not already. You can complete your assessment through [MyGov](#) using your Centrelink online account or via the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app. In order to receive your Childcare Subsidy it is essential that your child/children attend their first and last booked session with the service or you will be required to pay full fees for the absent day.

HOW DO I MAKE A BOOKING?

We will now be using **BookMe** on **HubHello** to book online. Please follow click on the below link for a how-to on booking in with BookMe:

https://vimeo.com/698036152?embedded=true&source=video_title&owner=5522719

If booking for the first time, you will need to also complete an enrolment form to access this please reach out the coordinator via email:

oshc.forestville@catholiccareddb.org.au

WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES?

Incentre cost is **\$71.50 per day**, additional costs depending on the incursion or excursion will be reflected in the program.

Excursion – these days are when we leave the centre and travel to a location on foot or by bus.

External provider – we have someone come out to the service and they run an activities or experiences.

Internal provider – we purchase activities to run with the children.

Centre Day – activities using service equipment.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EXCURSIONS?

Excursions are planned and focus on the interests of children enrolled at the service. Risk assessments are completed by the coordinator in consultation with Catholic Care to ensure that the safety of all children is always maintained. Excursions are staffed at a staff to child ratio of 1:10, however this ratio may change dependant on the type of activity.

Information pertaining to excursions will be provided on the permission forms and parents/carers are welcomed and encouraged to read the supervision and risk assessments completed by the service. Some excursion venues may require parents to sign a waiver which cannot be completed by the service. These waivers must be returned to the service along with all other vacation care documentation.

MEALS

Families are to provide food for their children enrolled in the vacation care program unless otherwise specified in the program. Please do not send any food that requires heating as we do not have the facilities to do so (We are not permitted to reheat food due to regulations).

Due to the severity of some children's allergies, we are nut and egg aware. **Please do not send any food with nuts or egg.**

If your child has allergy or dietary restrictions, please make an appointment to discuss with staff prior to vacation care.

PROGRAMMING & EVALUATION

During each school holiday period children are asked to provide ideas and comments for the current and next school holiday program. Evaluations can be found in our daily evaluation located on the sign on desk.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR & SUN SAFETY INFORMATION?

Please make sure to clearly label all items of clothing. It is important to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and the daily activities.

Our Lady of Good Counsel OSHC implements CatholicCare's Sun Protection Policy which is endorsed by the Cancer Counsel. Our Practice Guidelines require us to ensure children are using shade during play outdoors wearing sun safe clothing and hats. Application of sunscreen every 2 hours and avoiding outdoor play during peak UV times. Singlets are not sun safe clothing. Children must also wear sensible shoes for walking and playing **(i.e. enclosed shoes or strap-on sandals, no thongs/flip flops unless a water day is programmed)** and bring a jumper or a jacket and a drink bottle each day.

Educators will ensure that sunscreen is applied throughout the day. If you prefer that your child, use a different sunscreen to the one provided by CatholicCare please ensure they have it in their bag and educators will remind them to apply it.

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEED'S MEDICATION?

Prescription medication can only be administered by educators with written permission from the parent/guardian. This is actioned by completed a medication form available at the OSHC service.

Medication must be handed to an educator in its original packaging with the prescribed dosage information and use-by date. Non-prescription medication cannot be administered by educators, as per CatholicCare policy.

For further information, please see the Centre Coordinator.

Please understand that booked outings and scheduled activities may be cancelled or substituted dependant on weather or extenuating circumstance that impact the safety, health and wellbeing of the children .

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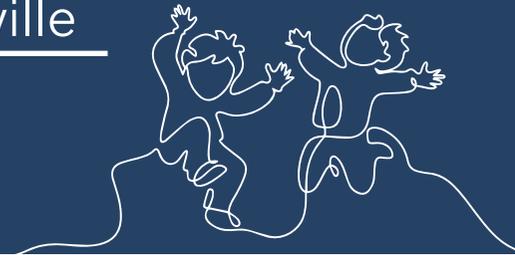
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MONDAY
14 APRIL

TALENT SHOW DAY

Children will work in groups or individually to produce an act or performance to enter into the talent show – this could be acting, singing, dancing or any other performance, the sky is the limit! Everyone will have plenty of time to rehearse before the educators judge the competition in the afternoon.

There will be heaps of prizes to be won and fun to be had!

\$ INCENTRE
\$71.50



TUESDAY
15 APRIL

LINE DANCING WORKSHOP

Come get your country on, as we welcome the talented artist: 'Do it With Denise' to host a fabulous line dancing class! We will be guided through catchy, easy to learn steps and hop, skip and shuffle through a variety of exciting moves! Bring your cowboy boots, hats and any country themed accessories. A fun and musical day, full of country music, dancing and memories with our friends!

\$ EXTERNAL INCURSION
\$87.50



WEDNESDAY
16 APRIL

CANDLE MAKING DAY

Embrace your inner creativity, whilst making and designing beautiful candles with your friends. Children will have the opportunity to design their very own candles including the scent, jar and colour. Whether creating a special gift or a personal item to enjoy at home, it's a hands-on experience that's both fun and rewarding!

\$ INTERNAL INCURSION
\$81.50



THURSDAY
17 APRIL

EASTER CRAFT EXTRAVAGANSA

Get ready for an egg-citing day! We couldn't have an easter holidays without an easter craft day! Get into the easter spirit with a day packed full of craft activities! From plaster making to easter egg decorating, the children will love a day full of chocolate, bunnies and all things easter. There might even be a special egg hunt at the end of the day!

\$ INTERNAL INCURSION
\$81.50



FRIDAY
18 APRIL

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

It's Good Friday. We are closed today, but look forward to seeing you next week.

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MONDAY
21 APRIL

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

It's Easter Monday. We hope you have a lovely Easter, and look forward to seeing you tomorrow.



TUESDAY
22 APRIL

RECYCLED CRAFT DAY

Let's get creative and sustainable with recycled craft! Children will have the chance to transform everyday items into amazing works of art! We will upcycle ordinary materials into something truly extraordinary. From cardboard creations to plastic bottle masterpieces the possibilities are endless. Let's reduce, reuse and craft our way to a greener world together!

\$ INCENTRE
\$71.50



WEDNESDAY
23 APRIL

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Get ready to head outside and enjoy nature with an awesome local bushwalk, to explore the great outdoors! We will embark on a journey to the end of Currie Road and embrace nature and culture through exploring the bush, nature and Indigenous rock carvings. Children will also get the opportunity to engage in a yarnning circle as well as a delicious picnic.

Please arrive by 9:30am.

\$ EXCURSION
\$97.50



THURSDAY
24 APRIL

KUNG FU DRAGONS

Unleash your inner karate kid, and learn awesome and important self-defence moves, as we welcome Dragon Tao Kids Kung Fu! The children will learn essential life skills while having fun in a positive, supportive environment; this session promotes respect, empathy, and teamwork – all through the art of Kung Fu!

\$ EXTERNAL INCURSION
\$87.50



FRIDAY
25 APRIL

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

We are closed for ANZAC Day. See you next week.

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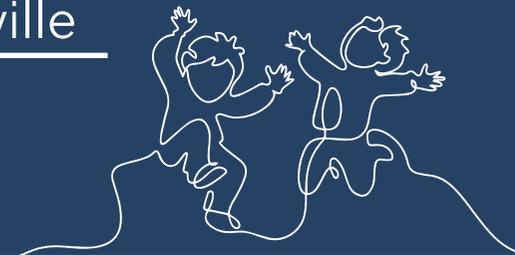
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**MONDAY
28 APRIL**

PJS AND MOVIE DAY

Get comfy and join us for a Movie Day in your favourite pyjamas! Bring your pillow, snuggle up, and enjoy popcorn and fairy bread while we chill out and watch some film favourites! Don't worry there will be plenty of dance breaks, nature activities, and brain breaks between movies to keep the energy high.

**\$ INCENTRE
\$71.50**



KOORI KINNECTIONS

We're excited to welcome back our friends at 'Koori Kinnections' to guide us through celebrating Indigenous culture through food, traditional games and stories. The children will enjoy making meatballs and damper alongside their friends whilst learning about Australia's Indigenous heritage in a fun, interactive way.

**\$ EXTERNAL INCURSION
\$87.50**



SEE YOU NEXT HOLIDAYS!