

Newsletter- Term 3, 2021

Dear Families,

Thank you to all the children and families who had attended during Term 3 and all the families who supported our service from home during the lockdown.

Our team here at HHOOSH are missing all the children and families, and the normal hustle and bustle of the day. We understand what an incredibly difficult time this was for everyone. It has been a challenge trying to balance work, home, and school responsibilities and we have all worked well together to help support the children and families through this tough time. Our services are looking forward to having all the children return in Term 4.

National Children's Week is in October 23 to 31 October

This year's theme is 'children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others'.

Early education and childcare services play an important role in children's social development, and this is often where children begin forming friendships.

A range of events and activities have been organised across the country. These focus the attention of the wider community on children, their needs, and achievements.

[Children's Week Council of Australia \(childrensweek.org.au\)](http://childrensweek.org.au)





Assistant Director – Chantell Machuca

Hi families, it has been an absolute pleasure to have met the children thus far and am looking forward to meeting more as Term 4 transitions into pre lockdown procedures. I am eager to working closely with all the lovely children within this service as well as collaborating with parents in the near future. Below are new structures and routines I have applied to HHOOSH which have been in working progress since Term 3.

Weekly Wednesday Wonders

Reoccurring planned program 'Weekly Wednesday Wonders' is implemented every Wednesday in After School Care to enforce children's voices into programming. This allows them to contribute and express their interests and likes into the weekly planning as well as exploring new likes and their curiosity. This lets the children feel recognised in the service for who they are, allowing them to identify themselves as an individual. Listed below are the categories children are able to suggest ideas in:

Weekly categories

1. Exploration (Arts, craft, visual arts and culture)
2. Science
3. Cooking Club (Healthy recipes to make)
4. Expressive (Music, drama, language and role play)
5. Active games (Group games of sport)
6. Cognitive games (Problem solving games)
7. Show and Tell (Club)
8. Kids Art Hub (Club)

Termly categories (happens first Wednesday back only)

Menu (Suggestions for Before and After School Care for that term)

HHOOSH Clubs (Suggestions for clubs to run that term)



TERM 4 HHOOSH CLUBS

Monday: Kids Art Hub - children learn to draw step by step by watching video tutorials from family friendly YouTube channel 'Art for Kids Hub'. There will be different categories to draw each week suggested by children in Weekly Wednesday Wonders.

Tuesday: Lego Extension - children loved doing Lego Masters at HHOOSH last term, therefore this term we will be doing an extension on the activity. Children will be challenged to use the BrickIT app to follow building instructions by scanning Lego pieces and helping them explore many different guided creations.

Wednesday: Cooking - this term cooking is directed by children's interests as voiced in Weekly Wednesday Wonders. Cooking club aims to teach children how to cook healthy food using a variety of techniques.

Thursday: Gardening - this term will focus on maintaining the garden and harvesting the new vegetables growing. We hope to harvest the carrots soon to make way for cucumbers, zucchinis and cherry tomatoes that are currently growing in the greenhouse.

Friday: Show and Tell - This club was suggested by a child in Weekly Wednesday Wonders. Each week there will be a different theme where children will speak and may bring in any props that they want to support their presentation. Props included but are not limited to, toys, drawings, pictures, books and games. Children will be responsible to keep their prop safe whilst at HHOOSH



Raffle Tickets

Introducing our new reward system this term for positive behaviour at HHOOSH, children have the chance to gain raffle tickets throughout the week to enter the draw every Friday in After School Care. Four children are to be drawn out each Friday, having the choice to use their raffle ticket straight away for Box A or to save it for a bigger prize. There are three prize boxes for children to work towards. (if a child does not attend on a Friday, their raffle ticket will be kept and the child can make a choice to either use or save their raffle ticket when they next attend the service).

Prize box order	How many tickets they need to be <u>drawn</u> to gain access to this prize	Inside this prize box
Box A (Can only choose one)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water pistols • Play-Doh • Lollies, chocolate and pringles • Bubble blowers • Fancy pens, notebooks, stickers and puzzles
Box B	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child chooses one activity they would like to do the following week on a day they attend e.g., soccer, specific art craft... <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two prizes from box A
Box C (End of term prizes)	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child gets to choose appropriate item they want under the value of \$30. This can include but is not limited to: Nerf gun, small Lego set, sport balls, colouring-in set, craft supplies etc...

For further information in regard to the raffle ticket system please feel free to have a chat with Chantell.

Educational Leader – Tash Barrow

Term 3 flew by at HHOOSH this year.



Children participated in a number of engaging activities throughout the term, despite having less attendance at the centre. Children particularly took an interest in science this term, conducting experiments such as Coke and Mentos explosions, Mentos dissolving, crystal making and solar oven S'mores.

Children also really enjoyed gardening club and preparing our garden for Spring. This means by the end of term four, children should have carrots, cherry tomatoes, strawberries, lavender and more growing in the veggie garden. This initiative teaches children gardening skills and encourages them to care about the environment around them.



One other favourite this term was cooking club, with some big hits being bruschetta prepared by Ethan H and delicious rice paper roles prepared by Pelin O, James H and Julia S. Term 3 was an enjoyable time for those children present, though the team at HHOOSH are definitely looking forward to seeing all children return.

Look out for our Welcome Back HHOOSH Halloween Party to celebrate the return of the students on the 29th of October, more information to follow.

Term 4 Events Calendar

Special Days & Events in Australia in **October** 2021

Saturday, 2 October – **World Smile Day**

Monday, 4 October – **Labour Public holiday Day, ACT & NSW**

Monday, 4 October – Sunday, 10 October – **World Space Week**

Tuesday, 12 October – Sunday, 17 October – **Superhero week**

Monday, 25 October – Saturday, 30 October – **National Children's Week**

Wednesday, 27-October – **Children's Day**

Sunday, 31 October – **National Grandparent's Day**

Sunday, 31 October – **Halloween**

Special Days & Events in Australia in **November** 2021

Tuesday, 2 November – **Melbourne Cup Day**

Thursday, 4 November – **Diwali**

Tuesday, 16 November – Sunday, 21 November – **Road Safety Week**

Monday, 8 – Sunday, 14 November 2021 – **Recycling Week**

Thursday, 11 November – **Remembrance Day**

Saturday, 20 November – **Universal Children's Day**

Special Days & Events in Australia in **December** 2021

Friday, 24 December – **Christmas Eve**

Saturday, 25 December – **Christmas Day**

Sunday, 26 December – **Boxing Day**

Friday, 31 December – **New Year's Eve**

Vacation Care - September/October Vacation Care

Despite the greater lockdown due to COVID, vacation care was a great hit with incursions planned and run by the HHOOSH staff. A huge thank you for your support and co-operation during this lockdown.



Paint and Sip



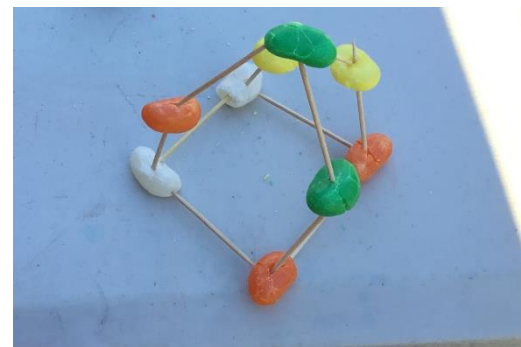
Scratch boards



Colourful clay sculptures



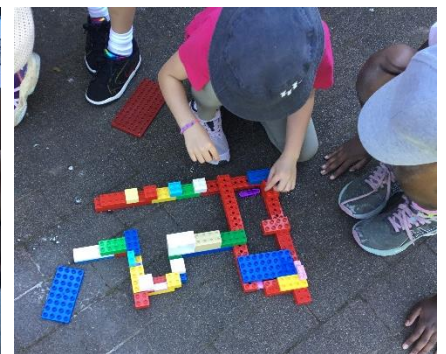
STEM day: Jellybean structure



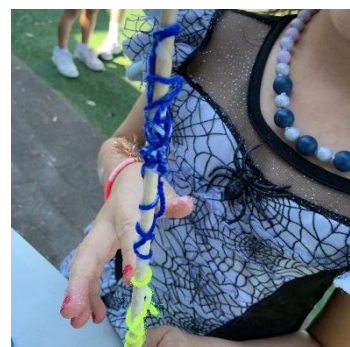
Tie dying bags



Building Hexbug mazes



Pyjama and movie day



Wizard day making wands



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Child/ren Absent

I would like to strongly request that all families must at all times notify the centre when their child/ren are going to be absent from their booking session of care as stated in our policy!

It is not the school's responsibility to liaise with HHOOSH staff on a daily basis regarding student absences, nor is it a reasonable expectation of either HHPS or HHOOSH staff.

If you fail to let HHOOSH know before 3PM for afternoon sessions, we will need to call you to confirm that your child is safe, and a **\$10 Non-Notified Absence fee will apply**. If we are unable to reach anyone to verify your child's absence, we will then need to follow our missing child procedure which may result in a call to the local police to assist in our search.

You need to notify HHOOSH by ONE of the options below:

Email: hello@hhoosh.com.au

Phone: 981 61903 or via text 0424 474 064

Or marking them absent via the 'My Family Lounge App'

Medical Conditions Policy

A reminder that if your child has a medical condition, or develops one, such as epilepsy, eczema, allergy or asthma, please refer to our Policy on [Medical Conditions](#) for actions to take in order to provide the additional information we require to keep your child/ren safe.

2022 Re-Enrolment

2022 Enrolments will be due for re-submission. Please keep an eye out in November for more information on submitting your 2022 enrolment forms and children's attendance days.