

# Newsletter Term 3, 2023

Hunters Hill Public School  
Out-Of-School-Hours Care

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**Dear Families,**

Welcome to Term 3!

We hope you have all had a lovely start back to school and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. HHOOSH is looking forward to sharing more fun and exciting experiences with you all throughout this term.

HHOOSH has had a busy and jam packed Winter Vacation Care. It was great to see so many faces taking part in the wide variety of incursions and excursions! There were many amazing experiences for students to participate in, with some highlights including our excursions to the Stardust Circus, Australian Maritime Museum and Timezone. The children also enjoyed our incursions experiences including laser tag, filmmaking and bubble soccer. Overall, we hope the children had an enjoyable school holiday! Please see some highlights below:



## **BASC Vouchers**

BASC Vouchers expired 30th June 2023 therefore any remaining credit families had, has been deducted from their accounts.

## **Welcome back Natalie!**

Thank you to all the families who have welcomed my return back to the centre from maternity leave. It has been such a wonderful past few weeks' reconnecting with children, families and staff.

Just a reminder, I will be currently returning 3 days week Monday – Wednesday and sharing the director's position with Chantell.



Chantell has done an outstanding job stepping into the Directors position and implementing so much that will support the children, families and centre.

If we have not already met, please come and say hello. I would love to introduce myself personally.

## **Raffle Ticket Award**

HHOOSH would like to acknowledge and recognise the outstanding achievement of....  
**James Habkouk!**

James is the first HHOOSH student to achieve 5 raffle tickets drawn and saved from our raffle box, which was achieved at the end of Term 1! As a special reward, James received a gift card of his choosing, this being a \$25 Roblox Voucher.

For those who may not be aware, HHOOSH utilises this raffle ticket system to reward positive behaviour. If a child actively demonstrates positive attitudes and behaviours at HHOOSH, a staff member can reward them with a raffle ticket which is placed in our raffle box. At the end of each week, 4 raffle tickets are drawn at random. Those children who are drawn are then able to pick a prize from the HHOOSH prize box, or they may choose to save it as James has done so, in order to receive a larger prize.



James is a valued member of our HHOOSH community who is always willing to lend a helping hand, whether it be leading a group activity or helping the younger students. We hope his achievement will motivate and inspire other children to contribute positively to our HHOOSH environment.

Congratulations James!

## My Family Lounge Information

A friendly reminder to all families that bookings for Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care are managed through the My Family Lounge App (App can be accessed on both Google Play and Apple App Stores). Please ensure the My Family Lounge App has been downloaded on your mobile device to follow the steps below. It is highly important that all families are able to book casual bookings as well as mark their child/ren absent from a session.

To book **CASUAL** bookings (Before, After and Vacation Care):

1. Log into your My Family Lounge app
2. Select the 'Bookings' icon in the home page
3. From there select the session you wish to book e.g., Hunters Hill Before School Care, Hunters Hill After School Care or Vacation Care.
4. Once you have selected your session, a calendar will appear. Select the day you wish for your child/ren to attend (days available will appear green).
5. After selecting the day, click 'Book Session'. The date will now appear purple.

To mark your child/ren **ABSENT** (Before, After and Vacation Care):

1. Log into your My Family Lounge app
2. Select the 'Bookings' icon in the home page
3. From there select the session you wish to mark absent e.g., Hunters Hill Before School Care, Hunters Hill After School Care or Vacation Care.
4. Once you have selected your session, a calendar will appear. Select the day you wish to mark your child/ren absent (days booked-in will appear purple).
5. After selecting the day, click 'Mark Absent'. The date will now appear Orange.

## ABSENT NOTIFICATION

All families MUST at all times notify the centre when their child/ren are going to be absent from their booking session, as stated in our policy.

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

If you fail to let HHOOSH know before 3 PM for an afternoon session, we will need to call you to confirm that your child is safe and a \$10 Non-Notified Absence fee will apply per occurrence.

Please note: 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 should notify HHOOSH using one of the options:

- Email: [hello@hhoosh.com.au](mailto:hello@hhoosh.com.au)
- Phone: 0424 474 064
- Marking child absent via the 'My Family Lounge App'.

## CANCELLATIONS

- Cancellation for permanent booking/s are required with two weeks written notices to the Centre Director
- Cancellations for casual bookings during school term will be charged if less than 24 hours' notice is given to the service.

## LATE COLLECTION

The centre operates from 7:15 AM to 8:45 AM for Before School Care, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for After School Care and from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM for Vacation Care (unless specified otherwise). The centre is unable to accept children outside of these hours. Should children be present after closing time of 6:00 PM, a late fee of \$20 (per family) per five minutes will apply.

## Sun Safety

A friendly reminder for all children and families to remain vigilant with their sun protection. Although we are still in the midst of Winter, we ask that families continue to reinforce the importance of sun safety and protection. Please ensure your child comes to school with sunscreen applied, a wide brimmed school hat and their water bottle. Here at HHOOSH, we also provide sunscreen during before and after school care sessions as well as vacation care. If your child cannot use our sunscreen, be sure to pack one they can use. Please note, in accordance with our Sun Protection Policy, when the UV index is 3 or above, staff and children are required to wear a sun hat to protect them from harmful UV rays. Otherwise, they must stay inside or under shade.

## Age requirements when signing in and out

Children must be signed in/out by a parent/guardian or authorised nominee only aged 18 or over. This is compulsory and a legal requirement. Persons collecting children from the Centre must be identified by name on the Enrolment Form. All persons collecting children who are not already known to staff on duty will need to supply the Centre with photo identification.

## Important Information

If your child is diagnosed with anything from food allergies, disability, anxiety, depression, or any other health conditions, it is extremely important that this is communicated to HHOOSH. Adding to this, religious dietary requirements as well needs to be communicated to the Centre. As per service policies, it is the guardian's responsibility to disclose this information to us. The more information we have, the better we can care and plan for your child, so the Centre kindly encourages families to keep line of communication open with HHOOSH.

## Recycling/Donations

If any families have recycled materials or supplies which you do not use or wish to keep anymore and are in good condition, you are welcome to donate them to HHOOSH. Any donations of stationary supplies, recycled materials, board games, Duplo or role play costumes are greatly appreciated by both the service and the children who use them for craft activities and other experiences.



### Term 3 HHOOSH Clubs

Our HHOOSH Club program is a unique and fun initiative that allows children to participate in a wide range of activities run by our experienced staff. Our Term 3 program for HHOOSH Clubs is as follows:

Day	Club	Description
Monday	Lego Masters	LEGO Masters is a fun and creative experience where children can experiment with their LEGO building skills. Each week, a theme will be set for the students to build a creation out of LEGO either individually or with their peers. This HHOOSH Club is a great way for children to experiment with their creativity and imagination, as well as fine motor skills.
Tuesday	Gardening Club	Gardening Club allows children to grow and maintain plants in our very own HHOOSH vegetable garden. The students work together to plant seeds, remove weeds and tend to their garden to see their plants thrive!
Wednesday	Cooking Club	Cooking Club is one of our most popular HHOOSH clubs! The children are able to work with one of our educators to cook, make or bake something of their choice! Children are able to suggest foods to cook through our Weekly Wednesday Wonders suggestions jar.
Thursday	HHOOSH's Ultimate Records	Ultimate Records is a favourite here at HHOOSH! The children are able to participate in a variety of challenges against their friends to break a HHOOSH record. Some examples from past records include plank holds, hula hooping and handball tournaments!
Friday	Workshop 4 Kids by Kids	Workshop 4 Kids by Kids is designed for children to run their very own workshop! The student can volunteer to teach the other children about a skill/interest they are passionate about. This club aims to develop children's confidence and leadership skills whilst building relationships with their peers.

### Homework Club

Throughout the year, it can become very busy balancing schoolwork and extracurricular activities. To make this easier, HHOOSH runs Homework Club from Monday to Thursday between 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Homework Club allows students to get their homework done during After School Care with support and assistance from a staff member. The aim of homework club is to develop confidence, good study habits and support busy families.

If you wish to sign your child/ren up to Homework Club, next to the sign-in/out iPad is a schedule where you can write your child/ren's name on the day/s you wish for them to attend the club.

## Introduction of Staff Members

Here at HHOOSH we have a proud and diverse team that reflect the centre's morals and provide the foundation for creating respectful and supportive relationships within the community. Meet our team!

**A big welcome to our newest staff member Trinity who has recently joined the team!**

### Trinity – Educator

Hi, I'm Trinity! I adore art and ancient history and was fortunate enough to do animal studies at Taronga zoo. When I'm not with friends or my cats, I enjoy playing guitar in my room that has too many trinkets. For a year I was a kids party entertainer and am now happily working at HHOOSH!



### Chantell – Acting Director/Assistant Director

Hi, I'm Chantell! I started my journey working in OOSH services since 2019 and since then, have watched over 250 children build their strong sense of identity. Having the opportunity to support children's wellbeing, learning and development has been a gift within itself. Outside work hours, I spend my time with loved ones and enjoy travelling/adventures. Some of my passions include sport, whether that is playing or watching, and the music industry.



### Ellen – Acting Assistant Director/Education Leader/Educator

Hi, I'm Ellen! I am currently in my second year of studying a Bachelor of Primary Education at Australian Catholic University. I've been working at HHOOSH for a year now! Some of my interests include travelling and going to the beach.



### Alessia – Educational Leader

Hi, I'm Alessia! I study Architecture at the University of Technology Sydney. I really enjoy going to the gym in my spare time!



### **Adam - Educator**

Hey, my name's Adam and I've been working at HHOOSH for around 6 months now. I'm currently studying Property Economics at the University of Technology Sydney and am in first year. Some of my favourite things to do are watching Formula 1 or going fishing with my brother.



### **Andrew - Educator**

Hello, my name is Andrew, I've been working at HHOOSH for a little over a year now. I am a 4th-year Psychology student studying at Macquarie University. In my spare time, I enjoy fishing and creative writing.



### **Ciara - Educator**

Hi, I'm Ciara! I'm a former Hunters Hill Public School student and I currently work as a High School Learning Support Officer. Since leaving school I have worked closely with children in a variety of different roles as it brings me joy being able to support children of all ages as they learn and grow. When I'm not working, I like to spend my time designing clothing, travelling, working out and spending time with friends and family.



### **Emily - Educator**

Hey! My name is Emily, and I am currently studying an accelerated course in Paramedicine. I have been working at HHOOSH for about a year now! When I'm not at work I really enjoy spending time with my friends and very grumpy cat, as well as being in nature as much as I possibly can.



### **David - Educator**

Hello, my name is David, I am currently studying a diploma in business at TAFE. My hobbies include watching movies and TV shows as well as writing my own. I'm also a fan of board games Chess and Trivial Pursuit.



### **Harrison - Educator**

Hi, I'm Harrison, previously I was a qualified carpenter but now I'm studying social work at Western Sydney University. I got into social work as I love helping individuals during their toughest times. I hope to work with children affected within any struggles they face. When I'm not studying you'll usually find me in the gym, a wood working workshop or spearfishing around the beautiful Sydney coastline.



### **Isaac - Educator**

Hi, my name is Isaac and I recently started at HHOOSH. I studied sport and exercise management at UTS, finishing at the end of 2022. A lot of my hobbies and interests revolve around sport whether it be playing or watching with friends. I also enjoy relaxing and watching movies and TV shows.



### **Olivia - Educator**

Hi, my name is Olivia and I'm currently studying a Bachelor of Speech Pathology at the University of Newcastle. My hobbies include going to the beach, tennis and travelling. If I could live anywhere in the world, I would choose London!



### **Sophie - Educator**

Hi, my name is Sophie, I am currently in my second year of university studying Marketing and Media at Macquarie University. In my spare time, I love going to the gym and keeping active. I also have a dog, a chihuahua and her name is Maple. I like taking her for walks and training her to do cool tricks.



### **Tom - Educator**

Hi, my name is Tom, and I've been working at HHOOSH for a number of years now. I'm big on sport, and love coming to HHOOSH and playing any type of sport with the kids. I love being able to watch the kids grow up and develop not only in their sporting abilities, but as people too!

