

Newsletter Term 1, 2023

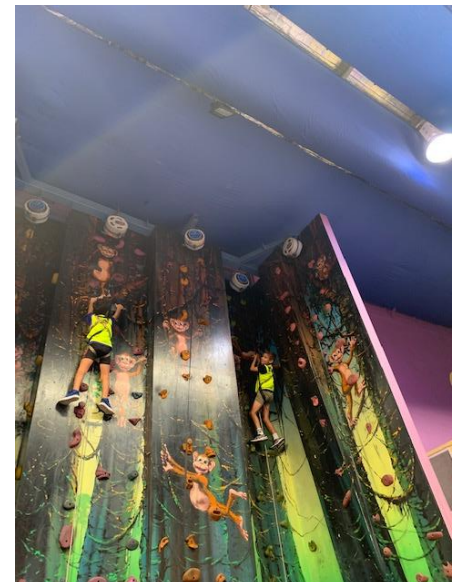
Hunters Hill Public School
Out-Of-School-Hours Care



Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you have all settled back into the new school year after the summer holidays! A big welcome to our newest families, especially our Kindergarten students for 2023. The transition into school is certainly big, but our Kindergarteners have shown great resilience and maturity!

We hope the children had a lovely time at our most recent Summer Vacation Care. There were many amazing experiences for students to participate in, with some highlights including our excursions to The Great Outdoors Nature Adventure in Mosman, Lollipop's Playland and Blaxland Riverside Park. The children also enjoyed their experiences during our incursions such as the foam party, Code Camp as well as our Feathered Friends experience. Overall, we hope the children had an enjoyable school holiday. Keep an eye out for information regarding our upcoming vacation care during the Autumn School Holidays!



BASC Vouchers

BASC Vouchers applications were closed on 31st January 2023. Vouchers that have been redeemed must be used by 30th June 2023 otherwise any remaining credit you have will expire. Vouchers can be used for Before School Care, After School Care and the upcoming Autumn School Holidays!

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
- 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

As the weather warms up and the UV reaches higher levels, we ask that families please be vigilant with sun protection. Please ensure your child comes to school with a wide brimmed school hat and their water bottle. Sunscreen should also be applied before coming to school. HHOOSH also provides sunscreen at the centre. If your child cannot use our sunscreen, be sure to pack one they can use. Sunscreen is kept available at the sign in desk and we ask that families please help reinforce the importance of being sun safe and looking after our skin. 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 16 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 1 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 1 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	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 whilst building relationships with their peers.
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	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!

Homework Club

Throughout the year, it can become very busy. Here at HHOOSH, we provide Homework Club that runs each week from Monday to Thursday between 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Homework Club is where homework tasks are addressed and completed under the watchful supervision of a staff member where assistance and guidance can be provided. It is designed 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.