



Dear Families,

It is wonderful to see all the children's faces again and hear the familiar sounds from the playground! Families, thank you for your cooperation with the changes that have come with COVID-19. We have been through some challenging times over the last couple of months, having to adapt to new circumstances and change many of the ways we operate to best protect the community. Thank you also for your words of encouragement. We have had many lovely emails of gratitude which really helps sustain the team as we navigate this new normal. What has really stood out during this time is the incredible resilience of the community and the way we have each been so willing to do our bit to support one another and the wider community. A huge cheer for the children who have shown amazing resilience throughout all of this. Their little worlds were turned on its head for a while, not knowing when they would see their friends and educators again and having many of their regular activities cancelled. However, as we see the children, we see how adaptable they are. Most have come running through the doors, and have fallen straight back into routine, even when some parts had to be changed. It has been a real delight watching the children adapt so well and the little things we took for granted before – the privilege of being able to come to school, to work, seeing our friends and having a community to connect with – we now have deep and newfound appreciation for. A huge thank you to our HHOOSH Parent Management Committee. With their support, our team were able to carry through this time of much uncertainty with great confidence that we would pull through and make the best decisions for the service and community. Finally, I cannot express just how grateful I am to the amazing team of staff we have on board here at HHOOSH. Even during the most 'daunting' times when restrictions were at its highest, every one of our team members came to work each day, committed to bringing their best as we looked after the small group of children who continued to need care during our time of greater restrictions. These educators provided much normality during these unusual times, providing great care and assurance for our families, many of whom work in services which benefit the wider community.

AGM Meeting Annual General Meeting

Subject to completion of the Audit, the P&C Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) may be held on **Wednesday 5th August, Week 3, Term 3 at 7:30pm (Virtual Meeting)** to be followed by the General Meeting. Confirmation of this date will be sent out with a link and instructions on how to join to meeting. If you have renewed your membership for 2020/21, I will have your email contact but if you would like to attend the meeting and you are unsure if I have your details, please email Jennifer Bui (secretary@hhps-pandc.org.au).

All office bearers positions are open for election at each AGM, including:

- President
- Vice President (2)
- Secretary
- Treasurer

If you are interested in nominating yourself for a position, or you would like more information about the positions, Jennifer Bui provide you with the details. Nominations for office bearing positions need to be received in writing (email) and the nominee a paid member.

Policy Review:

Policies have been reviewed and uploaded. Please see the attached policies and procedures and if you have any feedback or questions please email hello@hhoosh.com.au.

Health Reminder

Please remember to comply with the following restrictions that are in place at the service. This will help to ensure the health and safety of our community.

- Those who have returned from overseas in the last 14 days –
- Those who have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days. - Those with fever or symptoms of acute respiratory infection (e.g. cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, fatigue) symptoms.
- Any person with symptoms of illness should seek medical attention and must not present to the service unwell.
- It is currently recommended that anyone, even with even mild symptoms, be tested for COVID19. - Those who are currently being tested for COVID-19 and awaiting a result. - Any individual given orders to self-isolate. Any person with a fever will be sent home, and asked to seek medical advice.

Term 3 Program & Events Calendar Program Calendar and Events

Please keep these events and themes noted:

- Week 2 (Wed 29 Jul): OOSH Educator's Day
- Week 3 (Fri 7 Aug): Red Nose Day
- Week 5 (Mon 17 – 21 Aug): Science Week
- Week 6 & 7 (Mon 24 Aug – Fri 4 Sept) – Paralympics
- Week 7: Vacation Care program available and bookings open
- Week 8 (Thur 10 Sept): R U OK? Day.
- Week 10 (Fri 25 Sept): Last day of Term 3

Keep an eye out for the program when it is released in Week 7. Our team is always open to new suggestions and feedback. Please send through any program feedback or queries to hello@hhoosh.com.

Educational Leader – Term 2 Report

It was wonderful to have most of the children return to HHOOSH this term. Children participated in an array of planned and spontaneous activities facilitated by our brilliant Educators. The main themes of this term were National Reconciliation Week which was in May as well as National Refugee Week in July in which the children focused on diversity which linked back to our Ramadan activities earlier in the term. The children completed planned activities in these areas which included engaging in texts, crafts and discussions with one and other. The HHOOSH garden is in full swing with the carrots, lettuces, kale and beans that the children planted to be harvested at the beginning of term 3. For cooking club this term, 3 children asked to teach other children how to main their favourite meals. Thank You to Phoenix Concha for showing us his Kale Salad, Cooper Wilson for his family's Broad Bean salad and Sam Fitzsimons for his Spinach and Feta muffins. This will be continued in the new

term with various children requesting to share their recipes. This term the group game favourites were Survival Tag, Hide and Seek, Bullrush and as always Handball. All in all, it was a great term and HHOOSH staff are looking forward to term 3.



Child/ren Absent

I would like to strongly address 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 regards 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 \$20 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 should notify HHOOSH by 1 of the options below:

Email: hello@hhoosh.com.au

Phone: 98161903

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

July Vacation Care

Thank you to all the bookings to parents during vacation care! It's been a fun filled Vacation Care term with all incursion run by HHOOSH Staff.

If you have any suggestions for future incursions email us at hello@hhoosh.com.au and leave some suggestions.

Thank you to the families who donated Jars and recycled materials to the centre.

Please enjoy some photos from our July Vacation

Care:



Staff

Natasha Tringas will be returning part-time from the 10 August 2020 after a year of maternity leave. Natasha will be returning as a Director and Natalie will be Acting Director on her days off. It will be great to have Natasha back on board with the rest of the team after the outbreak of COVID.

Child Safety

I would like to address the raising concern about children safety behind physical and online environments. I would like to provide you with some information aiming to teach age-appropriate personal safety strategies in an empowering manner with tools to engage in effective conversation about child safety. The aim is to educate children and young people about how to stay safe in physical and online environments and to support young victims of crime. This is to create a future where all children and young people are provided with education, protection, and support to be safe from abuse and risk of harm.



Australia's Biggest Child Safety

Ways to talk about personal safety with children

Having conversations about personal safety should not be scary for children. Being open and approachable is the most important thing.

- Discuss who children can talk to if they feel unsafe and what they can do.
- Practise using stories and scenarios to problem solve. Do not always make these about strangers.
- Reinforce basic safety messages and ensure children know the phone numbers of people they can call on for help or to talk to.
- Explain that it is okay to say 'no' to an adult or child if they are doing something that is not okay or makes the child feel unsafe. Let the child know they will not get into trouble if they tell you about an unsafe secret someone has asked them to keep.
- Remind your child that it is always okay to talk to you, no matter what the issue, you care about them and want to help them to stay safe.

Where to get help

Daniel Morcombe Foundation has resources to teach personal safety skills to children and young people, available from www.DanielMorcombe.com.au

Parentline 1800 30 1300 provide free telephone counselling and advice to parents and carers. Resources are available to support parents and carers to understand a wide range of issues related to raising children and young people www.parentline.com.au

The Australian Institute of Family Studies has an up to date contact list of relevant state or territory child protection agencies, if you suspect a child has experienced abuse or is at risk of harm

www.aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/reporting-abuse-and-neglect

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has resources to help children, young people, parents and carers.

They are committed to helping all Australians have safe, positive experiences online www.esafety.gov.au

Kind Regards,

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Out-Of-School-Hours Care

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