

# Term 3, 2026 Newsletter

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



**Dear Families,**

## **Welcome to Term 3 at HHOOSH!**

As we welcome everyone back for Term 3, we are excited to begin another fun-filled term at HHOOSH! We hope all of our families enjoyed a relaxing break, and we'd like to extend a warm welcome to those joining our community for the first time.

In this newsletter, you'll meet our dedicated team, discover the exciting clubs, experiences, and opportunities planned for the term, and find important updates, reminders, and information to help you prepare for the weeks ahead.

Before we look ahead, we'd also like to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful memories made throughout Term 2. It was a fantastic term filled with creativity, laughter, learning, and growth, and we are grateful to have shared so many special experiences with your children. We look forward to building on those experiences and creating another term of memorable moments together.

## **Highlights from Term 2:**

- **Engaging Activities:** Throughout the term, children embraced a wide variety of experiences that encouraged creativity, collaboration, and active participation. From hands-on art projects and team challenges to interactive learning games, every week offered new opportunities to explore interests and build confidence. Our Wednesday Weekly Wonders initiative also continued to be a great success, giving children a voice in the program by allowing them to suggest their favourite activities to be included more regularly.
- **Skill Development:** A strong focus throughout Term 2 was supporting children's social, emotional, and cognitive development. Through collaborative games, creative experiences, and problem-solving activities, children strengthened their communication, resilience, and teamwork skills. It was wonderful to see many children challenge themselves by trying new activities, working alongside different peers, and embracing opportunities outside their comfort zones.
- **Memorable Events:** Some of the biggest highlights of the term included our engaging STEM experiences and ever-popular Cooking Club, where children enjoyed hands-on learning while developing practical skills. These experiences, along with many others, encouraged curiosity, creativity, and meaningful friendships, making Term 2 one to remember.

Please see some highlights from Term 2 on the next page!



## Vacation Care

Over the holiday period, we enjoyed a busy and exciting Vacation Care program. It was fantastic to see so many children participating in the wide variety of activities on offer. From hands-on learning experiences like The Science of Bubbles and the Science Explosion day, to creative sessions such as Arty Party Canvas, Porcelain Painting and Clay and DIY PourPalz day, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The children also loved getting active with Fliptastic Gymnastics, Little Bloomers Basketball, Survivor Challenge Arena and Minute to Win it, while our budding chefs had a great time making spaghetti from scratch and the traditional Italian crostoli dessert with Lisa.

Overall, it was a fantastic holiday program filled with laughter, learning, and memorable moments. We hope all the children had a great time and we look forward to sharing more exciting experiences throughout Term 3.

Please see some highlights below:



We can't wait to continue this momentum into Term 3, with more engaging experiences on the horizon! Stay tuned for updates on upcoming events, new activities, and more.

### Term 3 HHOOSH Clubs

| Day       | Club                                           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Monday    | Creative Arts                                  | Children will explore a variety of creative experiences, including origami, knitting, painting, jewellery making, clay modelling, recycled art, and seasonal crafts, while expressing their creativity and developing new artistic skills.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Tuesday   | Stem Club                                      | Hands-on learning through exciting experiments and challenges. Activities may include building projects, simple engineering tasks, and fun science investigations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Wednesday | Anime and Manga Club                           | Children will explore the world of anime and manga through character drawing, comic creation, Japanese-inspired crafts, origami, storytelling, and designing their own unique characters and adventures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Thursday  | Cooking Club<br>and<br>HHOOSH Ultimate Records | <p><b>Cooking Club:</b><br/>Children will become mini chefs as they prepare tasty recipes, explore new ingredients, and develop practical kitchen skills in a fun, hands-on environment.</p> <p><b>HHOOSH Ultimate Records:</b><br/>Our signature challenge club! Children will take part in creative and physical record-breaking activities, everything from speed challenges to quirky skill contests.</p>                                                                                                                      |
| Friday    | Gardening Club<br>and<br>Kids Art Hub          | <p><b>Gardening Club:</b><br/>A relaxing and rewarding way to end the week. Children will plant, water, and care for the garden while learning about sustainability and nature.</p> <p><b>Kids Art Hub:</b><br/>Children will follow guided drawing and art tutorials that cater to a wide range of interests and abilities. Each session, participating children will have the opportunity to choose a tutorial for the group, encouraging creativity, confidence, and collaboration while exploring new artistic techniques.</p> |

## 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 transitioning into a colder period, 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.



## Meet our HHOOSH team:

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 Sabian who has recently joined the team!**

### Sabian – Educator

Hi, I'm Sabian, a former Hunters Hill Public School student HHOOSH attendee. I'm studying to be a piano tuner/technician and have been playing piano myself for over five years. I also enjoy volleyball and tennis in particular, and other craft activities like origami. I've always thought I might like to be a teacher of some sort, and while I may have not fallen into that line of study, I remember how important having a kind, positive presence at HHOOSH was for me, and I'd like to pay that forward and be that for others.



### Chantell – Director and Educational Leader

Hi families! It has been an absolute pleasure being part of this wonderful community since 2021. Over the past five years, I've loved getting to know you and your children and watching them grow into confident individuals with a strong sense of identity. Since beginning my OOSH journey in 2019, I have had the privilege of supporting the wellbeing, learning and development of more than 450 children, something I truly find so rewarding.



HHOOSH is the fifth school I have worked at, and along the way I have made many fond memories that I will cherish for a lifetime. Outside of OOSH, my interests include going to the gym, bushwalks, NBA, dance and music. Working in OOSH has taught me that losing hats and jumpers is practically a full-time hobby for children!

### **Emily E – Educator**

Hi! My name is Emily and I am currently studying a Bachelor of Applied Science (Sports and Exercise Science). I have worked at HHOOSH since the start of 2025 but have been around Hunters Hill for a while as I went to HHPs from 2012-2018! I enjoy spending lots of time with family and friends and going to the beach. I also used to be a dancer, so some of you may remember me from this!



### **Emily H – Educator**

Hi! My name is Emily, and I used to attend HHPs and HHOOSH myself, I've now been apart of the HHOOSH team for over three years. I love working with kids which is why I also work with children aged 0-9 in the creche at Fernwood Fitness. I'm currently in my final year studying a Bachelor of Property Economics at UTS and hope to pursue a career in the property industry. Between uni and work, I also love spending time with friends and family.



### **India – Educator**

Hi, I am India and have been working at HHOOSH since December of 2024! I am currently in my final year studying a Bachelor of Psychology at Macquarie University. I have been working around children since I was fourteen, and I hope to eventually work with children when I finish my degree! In my free time I love swimming at the beach and shopping! I also enjoy spending time with family and friends and moving my body at Pilates!



### **Jock – Educator**

Hi, my name is Jock and I'm really into movies, reading, and running. I enjoy diving into different stories and perspectives, whether that's through books or films. Running is something I use to stay active and clear my mind. I am currently studying Education, with the goal of becoming a teacher and making a positive impact.



### **Kaya – Educator**

Hi, my name is Kaya! I am a first year student at UTS studying law and communications and proudly attended both St Joseph's College and Hunters Hill Public School. I enjoy playing sports, performing arts, and listening to music. I am thrilled to be working at HHOOSH!



### **Mia J – Educator**

Hi, my name Mia and I am a second-year university student, studying a Bachelor of Economics at USYD. I attended HHPS as a student myself and have been working at HHOOSH for one year. In my free time I enjoy reading, Pilates, and going on walks/getting coffee with friends.



### **Mia R-N – Educator**

Hi Hunters Hill Community, my name is Mia, and I'm currently studying a bachelor of primary education. I love all things netball, family, friends and being creative and most of all having fun.



### **Samantha – Educator**

Hello! I'm Sam and I'm a nursing student with two years experiences in OOSH services. I love being outside as much as possible and exploring as much as possible and exploring music and arts. I look forward to getting to know you all better.



### **Victoria – Educator**

Hey I'm Victoria and I've been working at HHOOSH since 2023! I'm currently studying a Bachelor of Medical Science at the University of Sydney and a Bachelor of Oral Health at the University of Newcastle. I like playing sport, especially soccer, which I have played since I was 5. I also enjoy playing piano, guitar and drums in my free time.



We are so grateful to be part of such a supportive and welcoming community. Thank you for being part of our journey, and we look forward to sharing many more exciting moments with you and your children throughout the year!

**From the HHOOSH team and P&C Committee**

