



Olympic Fever!

Well, we have definitely been in Olympic fever here at NOOSH!!

It's been great watching some highlights of the games, and re-enacting them on the oval at NOOSH! Making ourselves our own medals, and collecting the "Aussie Heroes" sticker packs from our Woolworths online shopping!

We know it's been a challenging time for many, facing the extended lock down period, and online learning for children at home.

However, it has been quite refreshing for our educators here at NOOSH to really settle in with the children that are attending, and giving more time for really important aspects of our program such as play and social connections between the educators and children.

During our programs, we have been celebrating NAIDOC week, where children have been introduced to "The Welcome to country" at roll call times. They have also looked at part of our own history in and around Normanhurst to Hornsby and what aboriginal influences have remained.

Did you know???!! There are more than 200 known Aboriginal heritage sites in Hornsby Shire, including rock shelters, middens and engravings.



What does "lockdown" mean for NOOSH??

As you are aware, Sydney's lockdown has been extended until the end of August.

NOOSH will **remain open** for those families who need care.

In regards to bookings and cancellations, we would like to confirm the following:

1. Your bookings will remain the same as they have been. Please do not alter your booking online.
2. If you need to make any additional changes to the bookings and/or cancellations you need to notify us via email at: normanhurstoshc@outlook.com
3. If your child is not attending, we will mark them as absent. The government is waiving the gap-fee. You may see the fee outlined on your invoice, but you will be reimbursed at a later date via your invoice/statement. The government is still able to pay us the CCS so that we can still function as a service and hold each child's positions here at our service.
 - When gap-fees are waived families will not have to pay any out-of-pocket costs for those days that their children are at home during the current stay at home period.
 - For more information about this see: <https://www.startingblocks.gov.au/covid-19/education-and-care-services/australian-government-announces-child-care-gap-fee-waiver-for-nsw-families/#:~:text=for%20NSW%20families-,Australian%20Government%20announces%20child%20care%20gap%2Dfee%20waiver%20for%20NSW,to%20current%20COVID%2D19%20restrictions>

Vacation Care

It was an unpredicted time during the Winter Vacation Care, where we did a quick turn-around of planning to ensure the children could still enjoy their Vacation Care activities at the centre.

During Vacation Care we enjoyed Pet Day, Slime and Sensory Day, an Inflatables Day, a NAIDOC day (at NOOSH), a Comic book and Stop-motion Day, a Nerf Gun and BYO device day, a Staff vs. Students Sports Day, a Board Games and Fort Day, an Olympics Day, a Wheels Day and a Laser Tag and Pyjama Day.

Vacation care seemed to go really well and the children adjusted well to the changed program and new restrictions. The children really seemed to enjoy Nerf Gun and device day, the Board Games and Fort Day and Wheels Day!

We would like to thank you for your feedback! We sent out a survey and we are very much appreciative of you taking the time to complete it. We will post some results of the survey in our next newsletter.

We thought we'd share some pictures of all the fun we had during Vacation Care!



If you have any other questions, or need any assistance with anything related to NOOSH, please feel free to email us: normanhurstshc@outlook.com

Some support/assistance available:

Early Childhood Education: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/>

Beyond Blue: <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

Lifeline: <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

Service NSW – Families: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/families>

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