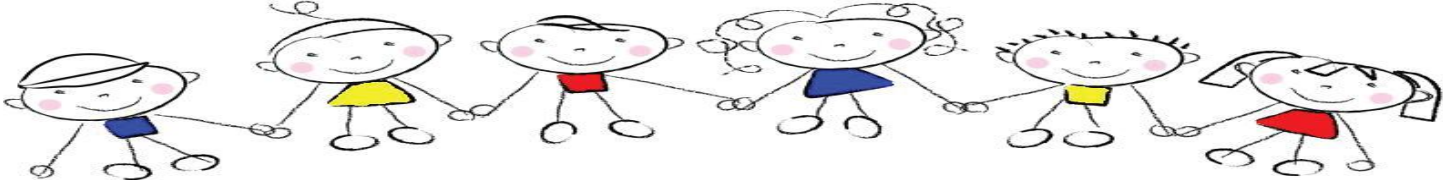


Greenwich Out of School Hours Inc



TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2015



Staff Updates

- Nicholas Meagher is stepping into the role of Certified Supervisor.
- Stella Tamvakeras has joined our team.
- Everie Icao has joined our team.



IT'S NEARLY CHRISTMAS!!!

Welcome everyone, to the end of yet another term and nearly another year! During Term 4 children have been learning about new countries and sharing their expertise about the countries that they were born in or brought up around. So far the children have chosen to learn about Japan, South Africa and Slovakia. They have also been getting into the Halloween festivities, making Frankenstein rolls, paper plate mummies and telling us about the costumes and the places they are going to visit for trick-or-treating.



Dec/Jan Vacation Care



School is finishing early this year on 16th December 2015. Therefore GOOSH will be open for vacation care from 17th December to 23rd December 2015. GOOSH will reopen on 4th January 2016 for some fun summer activities. Vacation care runs Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm daily during the holidays. Please make sure you book/cancel vacation care days before 4.12.15 so that you do not incur any additional fees.

Educator of the term!

Congratulations to Kate McRae for being such a vital part of our GOOSH team. Not only is she always smiling, but she has contributed so much to the success of the service and the quality of the children's programs. We will miss you so much Kitty, thank you so much for being you! Congratulations on getting into Medicine and have a beautiful wedding.

AROUND THE WORLD

Around The World Project

Welcome everyone, throughout this term the children have been researching, creating and sharing information that they have learnt about their selected country. Because of the huge success of this project and how much the children have been getting involved, kids committee have been deciding on a country to focus on for the week for GOOSH to learn about. Therefore, every afternoon we have been attempting to learn cultural dances, languages, history and trying country specific foods. This helps the children to engage with and understand different cultures and to respond to the diverse nature of the world we live in!

For children to develop an understanding of our geographical positioning within the world, our Certified Supervisor Mike Brislee is creating a world map to extend students visual understanding of our country and the countries that they have been investigating.



The NEW GOOSH LIBRARY

This term we received some new children's books for the GOOSH bookcase from the WITTICH family. These books have helped GOOSH to make a little library for the children to enjoy with colour coded sections for differing age groups. GOOSH would like to say a huge thank you to Rhys Wittich and his family for the lovely donation!

Yoga in the mornings

Our Certified Supervisor Kate McRae has been learning and teaching the children yoga poses for better concentration, improved confidence and ways in which they can exercise during the morning.



Committee Message

If you are interested in having a say about how GOOSH is operated and run please join our Committee of parents. We meet once a term at 6pm with our next meeting scheduled for **Thursday 12th November 2015**. Hope to see some new faces!



MORNING YOGA



Directors Message

I hope that you have an amazing Christmas and New Year break.

At the sign in desk there are GOOSH surveys. Please take the time to fill out a survey with your child/ren and place in the box provided. This really helps myself, the team and the committee to better run the service and take on board new suggestions/comments.

I look forward to a bright new year with you all ! For those students finishing year 6, have a great start at a new school and we hope that you come back and visit! Have a safe and happy long holiday.

See you back on 4th January 2016!!!

Emily Fleming

Breakfast

We ask that parents keep in mind that breakfast is served between 7:00am and 8:00am in the mornings. If children are dropped off after 8:00am only fruit will be available for the children to eat.

Our new breakfast menu is now in full swing, providing nutritious healthy options. If you have any ideas on other great breakfast options please don't hesitate to let the educators know.

A new option suggested by a parent was to have a cereal that was free from wheat. We have taken that suggestion on board and now have Freedom Ancient Grain Flakes! Come and try...



YEARS 5-6

PRIVILEGES/RESPONSIBILITIES

Children at GOOSH in years 5 and 6 have been given special privileges and responsibilities to encourage their sense of independence and being positive role models for the younger children. Through this new program GOOSH has decided to allow these children to serve fruit at afternoon tea, to help mentor the other children's sporting activities, help with homework and have also been provided with their own senior sporting equipment.

As this system was decided upon by the children during Kids Committee the children have responded well to the changes and are embracing their new roles within GOOSH.

Child Absences

Just a reminder that if your child/ren will be absent on any given session, please make sure you contact the service on (02) 9436 1894 by 9:00am for a morning session and 3:00pm for an afternoon session. Messages are not passed between the OOSH service and the school office so if the Goosh telephone is not answered please leave a telephone message. A fee of \$15.00 will be charged against your OOSH account if you do not notify us of your child/ren's absence.

2016 Enrolments

2016 online Enrolments are in full swing. In 2016 GOOSH will be moving to direct debit only. Please make sure you read the new 2016 Parent Information Booklet located on the website and you should have also been emailed the new Fees Policy.

Please make sure to re-enroll for next year as soon as you can. You can also enroll any siblings starting Kindergarten for 2016 during this time. All other new Kindergarten families will be enrolling on Monday 2nd November 2015, so please make sure you have booked your days.

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PHOTOS OVER THE TERM



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