



# VACATION CARE PROGRAM



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Program*

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# WEEK 1

## MONDAY 2 JANUARY

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY



## TUESDAY 3 JANUARY

### NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Welcome to January Vacation Care. Today we are celebrating the new year, 2017. Let's make a toast to new beginnings and new year's resolutions. We are going to party in style and make some fireworks of our own.

#### INSIDE:

- mini marshmallow poppers
- new year's eve bingo
- dancing games - freeze

#### OUTSIDE:

- donut on a string
- apple bobbing
- clothes peg game

#### CRAFT:

- make party hats
- fireworks ring
- new years wishing wand

#### AFTERNOON TEA:

- party horns

#### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2

## WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY

### CONSTRUCTION DAY

It's time to get building, and its all going to get done by kids. Let's get our construction hats on and start creating. We will be hammering, manipulating and building all day.

#### INSIDE:

- playdough creations
- lego competition
- marshmallow skyscrapers

#### OUTSIDE:

- hammers and nails with balsa wood
- wheelbarrow relay races
- running races

#### CRAFT:

- paddlepop and peg creations
- make your own tool belt
- creativity with natural materials

#### AFTERNOON TEA:

- building cars out of food

#### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.3

## THURSDAY 5 JANUARY

# NATIONAL BIRD DAY

Today is National Bird Day and we are going to do all things birds, which means a lot of feathers. We might even watch "Angry Birds" the movie. Hoping to go on an egg hunt and make some cool flying birds of our own.

### INSIDE:

- birdseed playdough
- bird colouring competition

### OUTSIDE:

- egg hunt
- egg and spoon races
- bird call competition

### CRAFT:

- woven birds
- paper plate birds
- hand print birds
- peg birds

### AFTERNOON TEA:

- chocolate birds nests

### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 5.2

## FRIDAY 6 JANUARY

# CHINESE LUNCHEON

2017 is the year of the Rooster so today we are going to find the rooster, do some Chinese activities and eat Chinese for lunch. Yummo!

### INSIDE:

- learn how to use chopsticks
- skittles and chopsticks minute to win it
- chess

### OUTSIDE:

- find the rooster
- cat and mouse parachutes
- hopping chicken

### CRAFT:

- Chinese lanterns
- paper chain dragons
- concertina dragons

### AFTERNOON TEA:

- Chinese lunch at the Scone Bowling Club  
Costs TBA

### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 5.3



# WEEK 2

## MONDAY 9 JANUARY

### MR MAKER CRAFT DAY

We all know Mr Maker from the show on ABC. Today we are going to become little Mr Makers and get our creative on. We will open up the craft cupboard and delve inside, making lots of amazing creations.

#### INSIDE:

- touch-and-feel box
- lego sculpture building
- masking tape match box track

#### OUTSIDE:

- fun with the parachute
- scarecrow tiggly
- make your own hop scotch (hop scotch games)

#### CRAFT:

- scribble sheep
- hand print fish
- button drawings

#### AFTERNOON TEA:

- cold rock mash icecream

#### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.3, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.2, 5.3

## TUESDAY 10 JANUARY

### SPLISH SPLASH SPLOSH

Splish, splash, splosh says it all. All things water and mess outside. Bring your swimmers and towels today because we will all be getting really wet. Lots of fun and games, and we will bring out the slip and slide.

#### INSIDE:

- fishy challenge
- balloon volleyball

#### OUTSIDE:

- drip, drip, splash
- water ballons
- basketball toss
- roll 6 and splash
- pass the water
- clamming for marbles

#### CRAFT:

- sand art
- make water sponges
- underwater pictures

#### AFTERNOON TEA:

- water iceblocks

#### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2

## WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY

### INFLATABLE WORLD EXCURSION

Today we are heading to Newcastle.

We'll leave SOOSH at 8am by bus and head to Speers Point Park where we'll have morning tea and enjoy what's on offer at the park.

We'll then head to Inflatable World at Warners Bay for some crazy fun.

We'll head home from here at 3.30pm.

Make sure you wear your enclosed shoes and bring morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and drinks

Cost TBA

## THURSDAY 12 JANUARY

# WHEELIE THURSDAY

Bring your scooters, skates, bikes etc, as well as your helmet and protective gear. Zoom around the skills course.

### INSIDE:

- categories
- battleships
- crazy pics

### OUTSIDE:

- sponge relay
- parachute games
- obstacle skills course

### CRAFT:

- car foot prints
- spinning 3D hot air balloons
- popsicle stick cars and tractors
- paper plate cars

### AFTERNOON TEA:

- design a car out of cabanossi, cheese and crackers

### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2

## FRIDAY 13 JANUARY

# CAPT. UNDERPANTS & RUBBER DUCKY DAY

Today is National Rubber Ducky day, so we thought we would combine Captain Underpants with rubber duckies. You'll need to wear your undies on your head, just like Captain Underpants, the book.

### INSIDE:

- who's got the ducky?
- fish catching game
- who can keep the feather in the air longest by blowing?

### OUTSIDE:

- bird races (penguin waddle, rubber ducky relay)
- egg/feather & spoon race
- rob the nest

### CRAFT:

- underwear colour in
- paper plate duckies
- paper planes decorated/coloured like birds

### AFTERNOON TEA:

- yellow duck cupcakes

### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3



# WEEK 3

## MONDAY 16 JANUARY

### SCIENCE DAY

Today we are going to go green in more ways than one. Dress up in your green clothes. We will be eating green food and going green out in the garden. Get creative with natural products and let's get sustainability friendly.

#### INSIDE:

- eco OOSH checklist
- green volleyball
- clay sculptures

#### OUTSIDE:

- refresh the vegetable garden beds
- worm farm
- collect nature products
- water gun fun

#### CRAFT:

- create collages with nature products found outside
- make a potplant scarecrow
- nature head collages

#### AFTERNOON TEA:

- pesto pasta, green fries and green smoothies

#### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 5.1, 5.3

## TUESDAY 17 JANUARY

### MAKE A BEAR DAY

A beary good time ahead today! Today is all about making our own teddy bears from the company "Make My Bear". Bring in your teddy bear for a picnic at lunch. We will get to play lots of fun teddy bear games. Cost is \$12 per bear added to your account.

#### INSIDE:

- sleeping bear
- honey I love you
- rainbow room

#### OUTSIDE:

- what's the time Mr Bear?
- bumble bee tag
- human rock, paper, scissors

#### CRAFT:

- teddy bear ears
- pompom teddy bears
- fork bear

#### AFTERNOON TEA:

- teddy bear toast

#### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.3, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 5.3

## WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY

### MAITLAND POOL DAY

Today we'll be catching the bus to the Muswellbrook train station and then catching the train to Maitland Pool for the day.

We'll travel all the way back to Scone on the train in the afternoon, with pick-up at the Scone Train Station at 6.20pm.

Bring your swimmers, towel, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and drinks.

You can also bring some spending money (no more than \$10).

Cost TBA

## THURSDAY 19 JANUARY

# POPCORN & MOVIES

Today we will be heading out to see a movie at Muswellbrook cinema, but in the morning we will play games and make some Disney craft. Cost of movies is extra, with a drink and popcorn included in the price.

### INSIDE:

- Cars hotwheels race way
- Frozen themed scavenger hunt
- Disney character celebrity heads

### OUTSIDE:

- super dooper hero obstacle course
- Jungle Book lily pad relay
- three legged races

### CRAFT:

- paper plate Nemo
- make your own Disney princess wand
- Minion and Good Dinosaur paper plates

### AFTERNOON TEA:

- N/A popcorn/drink at the movies

### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.3

## FRIDAY 20 JANUARY

# SWIMMING POOL AFTERNOON

This afternoon we will head to the Scone pool and cool off, but before we go we will have some water fun of our own at SOOSH. Bring your swimmers and towel.

### INSIDE:

- smarties suck
- board games
- ping pong cups

### OUTSIDE:

- loads of water based games
- bucket relay
- pass the water
- water balloon baseball
- roll 6 and splash
- wet sponge 'hot potato'

### CRAFT:

- hama beading
- blossoming trees
- free painting

### AFTERNOON TEA:

- fruit salad, crackers and dip

### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 5.3



# WEEK 4

## MONDAY 23 JANUARY

### CAMPING DAY

Today we will hit the great outdoors of SOOSH and go camping. We will sit by the fire (pretend) and roast some marshmallows and tell stories. Bring a tent if you have one and camp chairs.

#### INSIDE:

- fishing
- 'camper says' game

#### OUTSIDE:

- set up a campfire
- find rocks to make pet rocks
- set up tents or boxes
- red rover

#### CRAFT:

- hand print camp pictures
- set up mini camping ??
- gone camping

#### AFTERNOON TEA:

- make damper

#### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.1

## TUESDAY 24 JANUARY

### SOOSH TALENT SHOW

Get ready to show off your vocal cords because today you will be up in the spotlight. You can show off your talents, whether it be singing, dancing, juggling or magic tricks etc. I can't wait to see all your amazing talents! (bring costumes if needed)

#### INSIDE:

- talent show practice
- concert afternoon
- 'try not to laugh' game

#### OUTSIDE:

- soccer
- bounce
- relay games

#### CRAFT:

- make tickets for the show
- signs for the show
- make microphones

#### AFTERNOON TEA:

- icecream cone microphones

#### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, .3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2

## WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

### AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Aussie Aussie Aussie Oi Oi Oi! Crickey, its Australia Day tomorrow. We will be celebrating a day early at SOOSH. Wear your green and yellow. It's going to be a bottler of a day, fair dinkum mate! We will be throwing a few snags on the barbie too.

#### INSIDE:

- ballon volleyball
- coloured bottle bowling
- animal puppet shows

#### OUTSIDE:

- toss the thong (distance and target competition)
- cricket
- kangaroo bull rush

#### CRAFT:

- paper plate opera house artwork
- make your own kangaroo and joey
- build a sydney harbour bridge
- Australian native animal colour in

#### AFTERNOON TEA:

- snags and bread

#### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.2, 2.3, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 5.1, 5.3



## THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

# AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



No SOOSH today but bring the family to free Australia Day celebrations in Aberdeen, Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone.

See Australia Day awards given to worthy citizens young and old, hear the inspiring stories of Australia Day Ambassadors.

**Aberdeen** - 1pm Awards ceremony and lunch at the Sport and Recreation Club, Jefferson Park.

**Merriwa** - 11am Awards ceremony and free barbecue lunch, Merriwa RSL Club

Free Merriwa pool entry 2pm to 6pm with games, prizes, free sausage sizzle, and a local DJ playing great Australian music.

**Murrurundi** - 8am Markets open at Wilson Memorial Oval

10am Parade and entertainment including entertainment from accomplished song writer Pat Drummond.

11.30am Awards ceremony and games, followed by the Mayor's 7 vs Murrurundi 7 cricket match

Free Murrurundi pool entry 1pm to 6pm.

**Scone** - 10.30am Awards ceremony at Scone Council Chambers. Scone Pipes and Drums Band will be playing for the 20th year and Scone Singers will be there.

Free Scone pool entry noon to 4pm

## FRIDAY 27 JANUARY

# PJ DAY CHILL OUT

Today is the last day of vacation care. Some children will be happy and some will be sad, but let's end on a happy note.

Today is all about as much or as little as you want. Come in your pj's today, and you get to choose what to do...within reason.

If its hot, bring your swimmers and towels and we can all get wet.

Parents, please bring a plate of party food to share for afternoon tea.

**It's going to be fun!**

### OUTCOMES:

1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2



## SOOSH VACATION CARE INFORMATION

**Cost:** \$48.00 per child per day

(Excursions and special activities may include an additional fee - see Vacation Care Program for details)

**Hours:** 8.00am - 6.00pm

Late Fee: \$15 for the first 15 minutes after closing time and then additional \$15 for each subsequent 15 minutes or part thereof after per child. That is, 6.00pm - 6.15pm = \$15.00; 6.15pm - 6.30pm = \$30.00

### What to send with your child:

- Hat, appropriate clothing and footwear for seasonal change and excursions.
- Children and staff must wear hats, sunscreen and appropriate clothing whilst participating in outdoor activities. SOOSH provides sunscreen.
- BYO lunch and morning tea - afternoon tea is provided. PLEASE ensure that the meals you provide are healthy and nutritious.
- SOOSH is a nut free zone.
- Please ensure all property is clearly marked with your child's name.

**Age requirements:** SOOSH accepts children from the ages of 5 - 12 years, however, children must be attending or enrolled to attend Primary School prior to starting care. Children are regarded as being school aged from 1 January in the year they are enrolled to attend school. An enrolment form for all children attending SOOSH must be completed prior to child/ren starting care.

**Child behaviour management policy:** Bullying, bad language and harassment of other children and staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Extreme or consistent bad behaviour will result in the child being sent home.

**Child not attending on a booked day:** If your child is sick or not attending on a booked day please call and inform the staff before the session starts. Normal fees apply.

**Booking your child into SOOSH:** Use a Vacation Care Booking Form; all verbal bookings must be followed up with a completed and signed booking form.

**Cancellation of booking:** Fees will not be refunded unless a minimum of two weeks notice is given.

**Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate:** Available to eligible families. Call the Family Department of Human Services on 13 61 50 to discuss your circumstances and entitlements. Note: a CRN must be provided to claim any entitlements.

**Priority of access:** SOOSH services are offered to the general community. Priority of Access will be given to:

1. A child at risk of serious abuse or neglect.
2. A child of parent/s who satisfies the work/training/study test under Section 145 of the Family Assistance Act.
3. Any other child.

Priority 3 children may be asked to vacate a place if a higher priority child requires care. Children who have not yet commenced school may also be asked to vacate a place if another child attending school requires care.

**Payment of fees:** Bookings will not be accepted without payment of outstanding fees.

- Eftpos: in person at SOOSH in advance
- Cash/Eftpos: Upper Hunter Shire Council
- Direct Debit: authorised to pay full balance of account, weekly in arrears

NON-PAYMENT MAY RESULT IN YOUR CHILD'S POSITION BEING CANCELLED.

If you need further information on the services available, to enroll your child or about the Government's Childcare Subsidy then please contact the SOOSH Co-ordinator on (02) 6540 1177 during SOOSH hours.

## **'MY TIME, OUR PLACE' OUTCOMES!**

In December 2009, all Australian Governments agreed to a new National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care. This means that all Australian children, regardless of their location will get the best possible start in life through high quality early childhood education and care and school age care services. Outside School Age Care services became included in the scope of this National Quality Framework from 1 January 2012. Outside School Age Care service now operate under a new National Law and Regulations, and National Quality Standards.

'My Time, Our Place' - Framework for School Age Care in Australia is a key component of this National Quality Framework. The vision of 'My Time, Our Place' is for all children to feel safe and have enjoyable experiences. It will guide educators to provide play and leisure-based experiences that are engaging and building foundations for life-long learning.

Through the five learning goals, educators will assist your child to develop:

1. A strong sense of their identity
2. Connections with their world
3. A strong sense of wellbeing
4. Confidence and involvement in their learning
5. Effective communication skills

While the Vacation Care activities and experiences have been intentionally planned to promote the learning goals of 'My Time, Our Place', the program is also designed to be flexible and allow your children to have fun!

Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity

- 1.1 Children feel safe, secure and supported.
- 1.2 Children develop their autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency.
- 1.3 Children develop knowledge and confident self identities.
- 1.4 Children learn to interact in a relationship to others with care, empathy and respect.

Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

- 2.1 Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities in an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation.
- 2.2 Children respond to diversity with respect.
- 2.3 Children become aware of fairness.
- 2.4 Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment.

Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

- 3.1 Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing.
- 3.2 Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing.

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

- 4.1 Children develop dispositions such as curiosity, co-operation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.
- 4.2 Children use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.
- 4.3 Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.
- 4.4 Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials.

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

- 5.1 Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes.
- 5.2 Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning of the those texts.
- 5.3 Children collaborate with others, express ideas and make meaning using a range of media and communication technologies.



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