



Tanderra OOSH News

Term 4 2019



WELCOME!

So here we are almost at the end of the year. The countdown to Christmas is on and so we have some important final messages before we all sign off and enjoy the Christmas festivities. Thanks so much everyone for your support in 2019. We hope you all have an awesome Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing those of you who will be back with us in 2020.

BUSH FIRES

With the recent bush fire situation and with much of the bush fire season still ahead of us, please note that FACEBOOK is the place where we will notify families if we have updates regarding bush fire status and it's impact on Tanderra.

This includes closure due to Catastrophic Fire Warnings, bush fire status in the local region which may affect us, any alternative arrangements affecting the children and/or the operation of the service.

Please check our Facebook page in times of uncertainty when you may need news affecting your children in our care.

Please be assured we have our bush fire and evacuation plans practised and ready to go.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hopefully everyone received their invitation to our Christmas Party via email. We also have paper copies at the sign out desk. On Friday 13th December from 6.30—8.30pm we will be partying and enjoying a jumping castle, karaoke/juke box, great food, slushies, music, games and so much more. Parents and carers are welcome to stay to relax and enjoy some food and a chat or drop the kids off and pick them up later...as you please! If you have pre-schoolers attending, you will need to stay with them for the duration.

Please RSVP to let us know who will be coming via email, in person or via the booking sheet at the sign out desk... Hope to see as many of you there as possible.



Facebook is a platform we are most able to access at all times including during evacuation, during power loss etc. So please LIKE us on Facebook.



THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you so much to our wonderful volunteers who have so generously donated their time and their care to the centre this year. We are so grateful to Deb, Tim and JB from Tim's Tidy up service who have looked after our yard so well each Monday when the kids are at school. You do such an awesome job and we really appreciate it.



Huge thanks also to Lisa Varjandi for her fantastic music classes that have been such a wonderful addition to our service each Tuesday. The children love your classes and enjoy their time with you so much. Thanks for all your time, care and effort Lisa. We truly appreciate all you do!!





Places for 2020

Everyone who submitted an re-enrolment form for their child for a permanent place for 2020 (as at time of publishing 3/12/19) has gained the place they needed.

Please hurry with your form if you haven't yet put it in.

New Children starting in 2020

We're looking forward to welcoming the new children including the brothers and sisters who will be joining their older siblings at Tanderra next year. It's a good idea for little ones to have at least a day or two in vacation care to get used to the new environment before school starts.

Vacation Care dates over December and January

We will be open for vacation care on 19th, 20th, 23rd December. Then closed for 2 weeks and will be re-opening on Tuesday 7th January—24th Jan inclusive.

Please note that we will be closed on Tuesday 28th January for the school development day. This is our one and only planning and prep day for the year.

All other school development days we aim to open for, so long as there is sufficient demand.



Farewell to Year 6

It's always sad to say goodbye to the year 6 children who we have loved having throughout the years and have enjoyed watching them grow and mature throughout their time with us.

The children attending Tanderra who are going to high school next year go with our warmest and best wishes for the next chapter of their journey.

Please tell your soon-to-be-high schoolers that they are welcome to call in to Tanderra from time to time to say hi and also that we are always here for them if they need our help and support at any time.



Feedback

Your feedback as parent users is invaluable in assisting us to know your needs and what we are doing well or not. If you have any feedback for us at any time, you can let us know by dropping us an email or making an appointment with the Co-ordinator to discuss a more involved matter.



CCS 8 week rule and absences

Some families who use the service on a casual basis and for vacation care only have found the 8 week rule onerous whereby a child's CCS enrolment ceases after 8 weeks of non use.

The Department is considering extending this period from 8 to 12 weeks. This will be helpful to families and to services alike. We hope it goes ahead.

Under CCS rules, if a child is absent for their last date of care, CCS will only be payable up to and including their last day of attendance. For this reason it is best to try to ensure your child attends their last day of care if you possibly can.



Lost Property

Don't forget that the contents of the lost property basket will be discarded at the end of the term. Please check carefully for your child's belongings.



Smoothie Recipe

By popular demand, here is the recipe for the smoothies we serve at Tanderra.

Berry Banana Smoothie (serves 2 children)

- 1 ripe banana
- 1 cup yoghurt (berry flavoured)
- 1 handful of frozen berries
- 2 cups milk

Blend all ingredients with a handheld food wand or similar blender. Serve.

Exchange the fruit and flavoured yoghurt for a different fruit of your choice...for example mango, passionate fruit etc.



Enjoy these happy snaps



Fee Increase

Fees will be increasing slightly from the start of the December vacation care period. From Thursday 19th December, 2019 full fees per child will be as follows:

Before School Care: \$20.50

After School Care: \$23.50

Vacation Care: \$52.00

Pupil Free Day: \$52.00 per child

As always, these charges are subject to CCS reduction according to income.

Vacation Care

Vacation care forms will be ready in the next couple of days. The programme is being worked on right now by children and staff. We'll email a link to everyone and post the forms on our website asap. Please remember that all days booked are payable once the holiday period starts, in spite of any notice period given for absences. For this reason, it's often best to wait until you're sure of your plans before booking.

And so, without further ado, from all the Tanderra staff we'd like to wish all Tanderra families, parents, children a very



...and a safe and happy New Year. Thank you for your support and friendliness throughout the year.

Best wishes from Suzanne, Aunty, Cathy, Annalisa, Elly, Tammi, Julie
& all of our casual staff