DARLINGTON SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

December 2023 / January 2024

MISSION STATEMENT: HOSCA’s unique program enhances childrens’ wellbeing and their connections to community, to their environment, to their natural world, and each other.

**Please keep this form handy so you know our daily plans.**

HOSCA has regular Protective Behaviours activities which aim to increase your child’s personal safety and communication skills. During Summer we have a strong emphasis on fire safety to ensure we all feel safe with our procedures. Our Policies are available to view.

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| Week One. Monday 11th – Friday 15th December 2023 | | | | |
| Monday  Pompom decorations | Tuesday  Gingerbread house making | Wednesday  Christmas tree decorations | Thursday  Nature art by the creek | Friday  Schools Out – lets play!  Water obstacle course |
| This week we have before and after school care for some, Vacation care for others. So in between our regular programming we will be having some extra fun as we enjoy everything we love about Christmas. I wonder how much water there will be in our creek when we visit? We have a lot of Christmas crafts to keep us all busy, and a wet / muddy obstacle course to explore (an extra set of clothes would be helpful on this day please). | | | | |

**Things your child needs every day**: wide brimmed hat and a sleeved shirt (tee shirt) in line with our sun smart policy. (Please ensure ALL your child’s belongings, including clothes are labelled). We will be doing a lot of water play to keep cool these holidays so some boardies and a rashie in your child’s bags will be a great addition.

**Things your child needs for outings**: wide brim hat and sleeved shirt, water bottle, appropriate footwear for the excursion. Packed lunch or money to buy lunch. If your child is bringing money for lunch, please give it to an educator upon arrival so we can support your child with purchasing their lunch.

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| Week Two. Monday 18th – Friday 22nd December 2023 | | | | |
| Monday  **Incursion 10am**  Messines Bee Farm 9am | Tuesday  Dress up as Christmas | Wednesday  Disco and musical games | Thursday  **Incursion 10am**  Magic Dale - Magician | Friday  Santa cookies and reindeer food. |
| This week is all about the magic of Christmas as we patiently wait until Christmas Day to celebrate with those we love. So we will bake, and make, dress up, dance, create and be amazed by Magic Dale – so much fun!  From ALL of us at HOSCA we wish ALL of YOU a Safe and Blessed Christmas.  We are looking forward to sharing a joyful new year full of beautiful moments with you. | | | | |

**Food**: HOSCA provides morning and afternoon tea every day. Lunch is offered (except for excursions) at an additional cost of $5.00, you can see the menu on our fridge. Dietary requirements will be catered to. There is a daily list to write your child’s name on by the tablet if they require HOSCA’s lunch.

**Planned Activities** at HOSCA come from your children’s ideas and from families. Educators plan experiences based on children’s observations, children’s interests, and feedback, ensuring our values are embedded through our wonderful Natures Nurturers program and the habit trackers within your child’s book.

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| Week Three. Tuesday 2nd January – Friday 5th January 2024 | | | | |
| Monday  Public Holiday  Happy New Year  Centre is Closed | Tuesday  **Incursion 9.30am**  Meraki Boho painting class | Wednesday  Water Play Day | Thursday  Pool noodle battles | Friday  **Excursion 4-8yo 10am – 2pm**  Lollipops Playland  **At HOSCA 9yrs+**  Minute to win it water games 😊 |
| Welcome to 2024 in the season of BIRAK, it is a dry, hot time so let’s remember to keep our garden (and ourselves) nurtured. As always, we have some great experiences planned for you, with the wonderful Meraki Boho here to share her lovely painting skills with us, a fun packed visit to Lollipops for the 4 – 8year olds, and challenges for the over 9year olds with some tricky minute to win it games – guaranteed to provide lots of laughs! | | | | |

**Excursion Times** are the times we leave and return to the centre, please be at HOSCA before the time stated so your child doesn’t miss out on going with us.

**Sun Smart** posters are by the door and state the times that we need to wear our wide brimmed hats outside. Sunscreen is provided at the centre, we understand if you prefer to supply your own, Educators will remind the children and help apply sunscreen if needed.

**Fire Danger Rating** poster is by the door. This is updated daily, and the Fire Danger Index rating is monitored by the Nominated Supervisor. If we become aware of a Bushfire Advice, we will monitor channels to stay informed. If there is a Watch and Act Advice, we will contact the controlling agency to seek instructions as to whether we need to move to a safer location or to evacuate. If we need to act, we will let you know.

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| Week Four. Monday 8th – Friday 12th January 2024 | | | | |
| Monday  Lego Bay Blade challenges | Tuesday  Make our own emergency vehicles | Wednesday  Recycling games | Thursday  **Excursion 11am – 3pm**  Brownes Dairy | Friday  **Excursion 9yrs+**  **9am – 3pm**  Outback Splash  **At Hosca 4-8yrs**  Disco and Karaoke |
| An absolute favourite at the moment is the bay blades challenges, so let’s get into it. We have recycling on our Habit Trackers this year, and we are on a mission to learn a lot more about recycling. Brownes Dairy is Australia’s oldest dairy (est. in 1886) and we get to visit and see how they make their fabulous products – I hope we get an ice-cream – yum. The big kids (and I don’t just mean the educators!) are off to Outback Splash on Friday for a day of water sliding fun, while the 4-8 year olds party hard at Hosca with Karaoke and a dance party 😊 | | | | |

**Recycling** at HOSCA, there are bins as you enter that take batteries, bottle tops, bread tags, cans, and bottles. We are proud to be connected to **second bite** through Amelia and offer bread products, fruit, and vegetables to families on a regular basis, please help yourself, you will see these items by the front door.

We LOVE our **Garden** and spend a lot of time with it, either playing, nurturing, harvesting food, planting food, and watching what happens with the seasons including bugs, butterflies, and tadpoles. Planning experiences with children in and with the garden, generally appreciating it, we invite you to let your children show you around our garden.

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| Week Five. Monday 15th – Friday 19th January 2024 | | | | |
| Monday  **Incursion 10am**  Worm Farm | Tuesday  Paper Aeroplane golf | Wednesday  **Excursion Times TBC**  Movies | Thursday  Mini golf around the fire break | Friday  **Incursion 10am**  Magic Dale Magician |
| We all get to make our own worm farms to take home and we will be learning all about how to care for them with a worm guru. Using recycled paper for our aeroplane golf tournament which will then get composted when we are finished with them. We will let you know what movie we are seeing when we find out. We are setting up a mini golf course around Hosca’s fire break so we can practice our golf skills. Another visit from the incredible Magic Dale – I wonder if we can figure out how he does some of his magic this time. | | | | |

Sometimes our **Excursions** are for specific age groups. This is written next to the Excursion eg: 4-8yrs / 9yrs +. On these days if your child is not in the age group specified, they will be staying at HOSCA with fun planned experiences to participate in. If you or your child are not comfortable with the split outings, maybe because they are leaving a sibling, please chat with us as we can accommodate for changes if required.

**Thank you** for choosing HOSCA to care for your children, our hopes are that your children have gained knowledge, improved on some skills, and learnt new ones, nurtured their sense of community, and have felt comfortable and connected during their time here. We appreciate any feedback.

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| Week Six. Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th January 2024 | | | | |
| Monday  **Excursion**  **10am – 2pm**  Colour run and water fun at Hosca Mundaring | Tuesday  Back to school bag tags, and jewellery making. | Wednesday  **Incursion 10am**  **Indigenous Tours**  Cooking with food from our garden | Thursday  **Excursion 10am – 2pm**  Lake Leschenaultia | Friday  Public Holiday  Australia Day  Centre is Closed |
| On Monday we DEFINITELY need spare clothes to change into please after the colour run at Hosca Mundaring. As we start to get excited to be back at school next week, we’re making some bag tags. More water play and games, crafts, board games, cooking and eating of-course, and a picnic at Lake Leschenaultia – sorry but we will not be swimming. | | | | |

NEW\*\***Excursion/Incursion costs** have been added effective from the 26th September 2023. All paid Excursions/Incursions will incur an additional cost of $15 per child to cover admission costs. If the outing costs us nothing eg: going to the community garden or Naidoc celebrations there will be no added charge to you.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We gather today in this special place to continue our learning journey together.

We acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, as the traditional

custodians of this land upon which we meet.

We pay our respect to the Elders of the past, present, and future and acknowledge

their spiritual connection to country.