



# West Ryde Before & After School Care Inc.

## Term 1, 2023 Newsletter

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### Welcome Back and Catch up!

WRBASC staff would like to welcome you back to a new school year! We hope you and your children are settling into the school term nicely. This term we have lots of new activities starting and some old and popular activities continuing at After School Care. We have also welcomed some new staff since our last Newsletter. So, a big welcome to Tin Tin, Tasmin, Casey, Sofia, and welcome back to Larissa! We would also like to farewell our staff members Nick, Will and Annabel and we wish them all the best in their future Careers.

### Vacation Care

For this Vacation Care and for all future Vacation Cares **NO** bookings can be made until permission slips are provided to the Centre for your child/ren. Please click [HERE](#) to complete permission slips.

The Centre is open for Vacation Care from **11<sup>th</sup> of April until 24<sup>th</sup> of April**.

Bookings for Vacation Care are **NOW OPEN** and **CLOSE** at **9am Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of March**. Please check page 7 of the VC program for updates to our Terms and conditions. If you require bookings after closing date, please email the Centre and our friendly staff will try and accommodate you. Please be aware there is a one off \$15 late booking fee.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the Vacation Care program.

### Holi Festival – 8<sup>th</sup> of March

Holi is an ancient Hindu tradition and one of the most popular festivals in Hinduism. It celebrates the eternal and divine love of God Radha Krishna. The day also signifies the start of Spring and the triumph of good over evil. Coloured powder being thrown during the festival represents the bonfire and signifies different meanings. If there are any events that you would like to celebrate with us, please let us know by speaking to our friendly staff or [via our feedback form](#).





## Gardening Club with Angela

Children have been participating in Gardening Club this Term. This club is open every Tuesday to whomever would like to attend. During Gardening Club, the children water the plants, weed, mulch, and maintain the garden area. Different children have enjoyed learning gardening skills, how different foods grow, and sustainability. WRBASC are currently building a partnership with Bunnings to supply gardening equipment to expand the children's learning. We can't wait for this program to expand, so we can start cooking with the produce.

## Term 4 Staff Led Sport Program

Due to its success over the previous terms, we are continuing to utilise our talented staff to run organised weekly skilled programs and games

**Monday** – Dancing with Mia L – Allows children to learn new movements no matter their ability.

**Thursday** – Hockey with Lewis – Allows children to learn passing, handling, coordination, and teamwork.



Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday there are programmed messy craft activities for the children. See display in the Centre for further information or check out our website for weekly [programming](#)

## Legendary Friends Program AKA 'Intergenerational Program'

Ten children from WRBASC and Ten Residents from Meadowbank Grove have started to participate in our pilot program, aim at building meaningful relationships within our local community. The children and Residents have participated in 5 sessions so far where they have shared afternoon tea, played 'get to know you bingo', made their own name tags, created their own creative story using a favourite toy and special item, singing and dancing, making/cooking scones, and knitting. Together, they have also come up with a new name for the program called Legendary Friends. And there is still a lot more to come! We are looking forward to the next 2 remaining weeks of the program, and opportunities to continue to enjoy each other's company going forward.

## VC FEES

In order to make any Vacation Care bookings, the annual membership fee must be paid, and families must have no outstanding fees.

The base rate for a Vacation Care day is \$70 with a maximum of \$120 depending on the programed

## Signing your child out of a session

You will need to locate your child/ren in one of our open areas and then sign them out on either our touch screens in the Centre or iPads in the library. You will need to use your mobile phone number and pin to sign out their child from care.

If you need help ask our friendly staff.

## Authorised Collectors

All Authorised collectors have their own pin when collecting a child. DO NOT share your own.





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## Allergy Awareness

At WRBASC we are an Allergy Aware Centre. We ask that families don't send any foods with their children to the Centre that contain nuts. Examples being Nutella (in a tub or sandwich) or Fruit and Nut bars.

Packing foods that may contain traces or is manufactured on the same machinery as nuts is perfectly acceptable. This is the main reason we remind all children that they are not to share the food packed at home with other children while in our care.

Your continued support in helping us promote this message is greatly appreciated.

## Knitting with Oma (Grandma) on Fridays

Every Friday we have a volunteer coming in from 3:45-4:45 to teach a group of 10 children how to knit. We can't wait to see what they create together.



## Craft Crate Day – On the 8<sup>th</sup> of each Month

Each Month on the 8<sup>th</sup> we will be getting a surprise package from Craft Crate with new and exciting wooden sustainable craft. Children will be able to build, colour, and create their own items to take home.

[www.craftcrate.com.au](http://www.craftcrate.com.au)

## Winners!

WRBASC children entered and won a Craft Cate Colouring in competition. They would like to thank everyone who participated for their time, creativity, and effort and so would we. The children's creativity and skill has won the Centre a Craft Crate voucher which will be used to provide the children with wooden sustainable activities that focus on developmental areas such as creativity, fine motor skills, collaboration, and imagination.



## Harmony Week – Week 9

March 20 - 24 we will be celebrating Harmony Week! We will be celebrating all different cultures throughout the entire Week through our Activities Program.

**HARMONY WEEK**

EVERYONE BELONGS



## Reminders for Parents/Carers

- **Late Pickup Fee**

Any child collected after 6:00pm will incur a \$20 fee for the first 10 minutes and \$10 for every 5 minutes thereafter.

- **Non-Notification Fee**

You must notify the Centre prior to the session starting that your child/ren will not attend. You will receive three warnings of non-notification before being charged. If no notice is given prior to the session starting a \$15 Non-Notification Fee will be charged.

- **Not Signed in/out**

You must sign your child/ren in/out of a care session using your personal login details. Failure to sign child/ren in/out will incur a \$15 fee.

## Confirming Income

If you received Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for the 2021-22 financial year, you must confirm your income.

Please see link below for more information.

<https://www.education.gov.au/early-childhood/get-help-fees>

## Feedback

If you would like to provide feedback on any aspect of our centre, please feel free to speak to the staff, email the centre, click the feedback links on our website or use our links provided to anonymously provide feedback.

Menu Feedback: <https://forms.gle/7tw9dN4ykUp26Ph59>

Program Feedback: <https://forms.gle/TYjuLTPFc324cDb38>

General Feedback: <https://forms.gle/KRPK126jjjDwRpH6>

# Thank You!

