

Mimi OOSH Newsletter

TERM 3 NEWS



Term 3

Welcome

Hello everyone welcome to Term 3, the year is surely going by fast. Hope you all had a little rest during the school holidays we were busy here with our winter vacation care. We had a lot of new experiences for the children to engage in.

Vacation Care

Spring Holidays Term 4

Dates

Our next holiday program for our spring vacation care is due out on the 3rd of September with holidays commencing on Tuesday the 2nd of October as Monday the 1st is the labor day long weekend. Also remember Term 4 is the only term where there is not a pupil free day so children will return to school on Monday the 15th of October. The last day of term 4 is Wednesday the 19th of December. We will be open for Thursday the 20th and Friday the 21st then will reopen 3 weeks later on the 14th of January.

Reminder

Please call us if your child is NOT attending

We spend a lot of time chasing up children who have not arrived at Mimi's OOSH for their permanent afternoon booking. This takes us away from looking after the children who are present. If your child is away from school or not coming to after school care could you please give us the courtesy of calling or emailing so we know. If you don't do this there is now a child search fee of \$6. We have a duty of care to ensure all children are where they are supposed to be.



VACATION CARE FUN July 2018



Fee Increase Term 3 2018

Due to increasing costs New permanent/casual increases will begin the week of the 6th of August.

all fees will increase by \$1.

Any extra days added (casual days) for anyone permanent or not they will be charged at the casual rate.

See below for the new price list.

*Casual before school care \$18. Permanent before school care \$17

*Casual after school care \$20. Permanent afterschool care \$19

*Vacation care \$45

*Late pick up fee \$2.00 per minute

*Enrolment booking fee \$26

*Missing child fee \$6.00

Mel Dyble and her Thermomix

The lovely Mel Dyble came with her thermomix to do a small demo for the educators (we enjoyed some lovely risotto) and then provided the children with a non-allergy creation for afternoon tea the children and educators enjoyed some fruity ice cream treats.

If you are interested in purchasing one for your family please let me know and I can get you in contact with Mel.



Super Sports Camp

Our super sports camp was successful last term so we will continue this term. It is held every Tuesday and the cost is \$10. The children learn about sportsmanship and play a variety of multi sports games. Please see myself if you are interested.

-Enrolments term next year.

If you are planning on dropping days next term/year or if you want more let me know, lately there has been an increase in enrolments. In term 4. I will begin to give the few remaining places to the families on the waitlist for next year so please inform me straight away if this may affect you.

Parent feed back form.

This term I have included a parent feed back form. Your input means a lot to us all responses are confidential. I will leave a feed back box on the sign in table.

Donations for Our Mimis OOSH Shop

At Mimi's we have our own shop. It's called the Mimi's OOSH shop. The children can earn OOSH dollars for being kind, conducting random acts of kindness, being a good friend among lots of other ways.

The children can also lose OOSH dollars.

The children can save or spend their OOSH dollars on gifts from our special shop.

OUR SHOP IS RUNNING LOW

WE NEED YOUR DONATION OF OLD TOYS, PENCILS, AND ODDS AND ENDS.

Anything you think children will enjoy. They really embrace this concept while teaching them a little bit about the value of money. Star has made personalised bankbooks so the children can track their savings or spending. Most of the time they enjoy buying things for family and friends.

History of Mimi's.

Mimi's wonderful history

Mimi Children's Guest house was originally founded in 1952 by Daisy Nina Hewison, also known as Mimi. Mimi is the late mother of Judy Hewison whom still is the Owner/Operator of this service. Mimi's story begins in 1946 when she moved to Cronulla with two small daughters soon after the Second World War, firstly renting premises at 59 Ewos Parade Cronulla where Mimi Children's Guest House was established, then purchasing no 61 the family home that become Mimi Children's Guest House in 1962. In the 50's the demand for a long day care arose. Mimi moved from Ewos parade to our current address at 10/12 John Street Cronulla.



Mimi went into partnership with her daughter Judy Hewison the premises was renovated to council specifications and thus commenced the Mimi Children's Guest House now known as Mimi Kindergarten. At the time Mimi's was established, there was very little childcare available except in institutions such as boarding schools, So Mimi decided to meet the gap particularly for sole parents, and parents working odd hours, this was very forward thinking for this time.

Mimi's personal experience as a nurse and shift worker in Queensland made her aware of the needs of working parents with no family nearby to assist. Children travelling internationally and from interstate, children whose parents were ill or children whose parents were on business were all eligible for Mimi's unique early services. Mimi Children's Guest House accepted permanent boarders who would stay everyday but Saturday, Holiday children resided for the full week. Several foster children lived most of their childhood and teenage years at Mimi's.

Upon reaching school age children attended the local infants and primary school and most returned for before and after school and vacation care. All children were encouraged to attend classes in dance, music, guides, brownies, soccer or cadets. Children were encouraged to participate in these activities and did so whether the families were able to finance them or not. "As a result Mimi Kindergarten's business was not always a profitable one".

During the 1960's Judy Hewison saw the need to support families who had difficulties with delivering children to and from the service and school without transportation of their own and that was the beginning of the Mimi Bus service originally a Combi Van and since a series of busses that have made 1000's of trips around the shire collecting children from home to school, the Mimi Kindergarten and OOSH Bus service continues to serve the local community.

As of 1988 records had shown that 68 staff and volunteers have worked at Mimi Kindergarten and OOSH in the past 24 years Mimi Kindergarten and OOSH has had at least half this amount again. One of the unique aspects of this service is the Long-term employment of staff. Also unique to Mimi Kindergarten and OOSH is the fact that many children who themselves attended this service have now enrolled their own children. Mimi Kindergarten and OOSH continues to operate with the same "Philosophy and principles that have applied over the years and have contributed to a long and successful history. Mimi Hewison was nominated for a Shire Senior Citizen Award, and she also received recognition for her work when she received inaugural Cronulla Rotary Club Pride of Workmanship awards.

In 1995, the Minister for Community Services Mr Dyer, presented Mimi Hewison at Parliament House with a special award for her Service to children as part of the celebrations for National Children's week. Judith Hewison Mimi's daughter continues the tradition with 50years as Owner Operator providing service to the local community.