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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Mrs Cronje will be taking extended leave from her role as the leader of our **Quality Teaching** program from the start of Term 2 through until the end of the year. Cat has made a truly outstanding contribution to our school in this role during the past five years and has worked extremely effectively with all class teachers in order to implement the **Explicit Instruction** program from Kinder to Year 6, while at the same time providing great support to our early career teachers and sharing Assistant Principal responsibilities with Mr McNamara. On behalf of all members of our school community I thank Cat and wish her the best for her well-earned break from teaching. I have asked **Cathie Ruecroft** to accept responsibility for continuing on with Mrs Cronje's Quality Teaching program initiatives with a particular emphasis on supporting the early career teachers in the infants classes. Cathie will also play a leading role in the **External Validation** process which our school will*

Vision Statement

Rathmines Public School's vision is to pursue and celebrate excellence in all areas and to ensure every student has the opportunity to experience success within a supportive, safe, personalised and engaging learning environment which is free from all forms of discrimination.

Our vision is to educate students for life, to enable them to act with moral and ethical integrity, to foster their sense of wellbeing and to develop their personal values of honesty, resilience, empathy, respect and responsibility.

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complete during Term 2 and early Term 3. To avoid disruption to the students in Cathie's Kinder class **Mrs Michelle Budden** will take over the responsibility for teaching KR from the start of Term 2. Michelle and Cathie will implement a transition process for the Kinder students during the remainder of this term.

Parent Information Sessions

I trust that the parent information sessions conducted last week proved to be beneficial for parents and carers. Overviews of the content covered in the meetings are available from class teachers for anyone who was unable to attend due to other commitments. Any feedback that you would like to offer re the change to a later time (5pm) for these meetings will be welcomed and will assist in our planning for next year's information sessions. I take this opportunity to once again stress that the meetings should be seen as a first step in developing a relationship of shared responsibility with class teachers for your child's education. As the school year progresses I encourage you not to hesitate to contact class teachers regarding an appointment if you wish to discuss any matters of concern. Formal **parent teacher interviews** will be conducted in week eight of this term: **(A to L) families Monday 15th March, (M to Z) families Wednesday 17th March**. Details re the process for booking interview times will be published next week.

Year 6 Camp

I am sure all of our Year 6 students are looking forward to travelling up the coast to **Pacific Palms** for their outdoor education camp on Monday and Tuesday in week seven. During the two days away the children will participate in a range of outdoor education activities designed to not only challenge them both as individuals and as a group and but also to build their class spirit and sense of cohesion. I thank **Miss Case, Miss Dole and Mr Elston** for their readiness to take on the extra responsibilities associated with taking a large group of students away on an overnight excursion. I am confident that the children will show their appreciation to the teachers by the exemplary manner in which they conduct themselves during the two days.

School Debating

Mrs Bristow and Mr Ruecroft have once again volunteered to share their knowledge in the skill of debating through the coordination of our school debating program for our Year 6 students. The level of interest exhibited by the students is very strong again this year and as a result we will once again be represented by two teams in the 2021 debating season. The children are particularly looking forward to participating in face to face inter-school debates as opposed to the Zoom debates which were required last year due to COVID restrictions. I commend all of the students who auditioned to represent our school in debating and congratulate the following students on their selection: **Marli, Dustin, Mackenzie, Isabella S and Ben** (team one) **Makenna, Ruby, Chelsey, Riley and Zen** (team two). The children in both teams are currently putting their creativity to the test and are yet to settle on their team names. **Miah and Berrick** will be officials for our home debates.

School Sport Program

Students at Rathmines Public are fortunate to be able to participate in a wide variety of sporting opportunities which are provided as part of an overall sports program for students in primary classes. At

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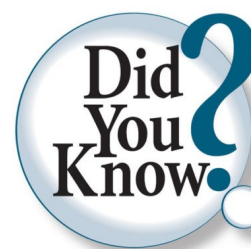
the start of each new school year I believe there is value in highlighting not only the different aspects of this program but also the guidelines which the school is required to follow. **Miss Case** and **Mr McNamara** share the responsibility for overseeing all matters relating to primary sport and have particular responsibility for organising our annual swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals. **Miss Case** is also the school's representative and a member of the **Westlakes PSSA Sports Association** executive team. As a school we are indebted to Troy and Niesa for all the time and effort they contribute to their roles.

Rathmines Public enters teams in 11 different PSSA competitions and also participates in competitions run by NSW Touch, OZtag and the Newcastle Knights. Inclusion in these representative sporting teams is based on the outcome of school based selection trials and guidelines provided by the NSW PSSA. **Students who gain selection in a team are required to display a high level of commitment to training sessions before or after school and to also display the highest level of sportsmanship and team spirit when playing for the school.**

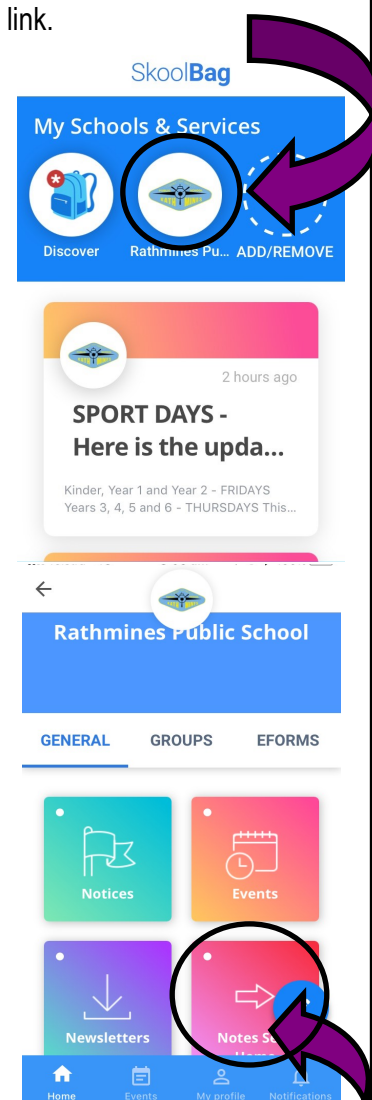
In addition, students with above average ability in a particular sport are eligible to take part in **zone selection trials** conducted by the Westlakes PSSA. Each school is usually restricted to sending a maximum of **four students** to a trial. Selection in a Westlakes squad is the first step on a pathway to possible selection in a NSW PSSA representative team (eg ex-students **Jake Riley** and **Cameron Gawn's** selection in the **NSW PSSA Golf** and **NSW PSSA Swimming** teams in 2016 and 2018). In the same way, students who are selected to represent RPS at the zone swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals, as a result of their performances at a school carnival, have the chance to progress through to Hunter and possibly NSW representation. It is important to note that the NSW PSSA is responsible for setting the guidelines for selection procedures.

The Westlakes PSSA also conducts a series of annual **Gala Days** which are **non competitive** and are designed to give **primary students** the chance to play sport with students from other schools in our zone. These gala days generally run on separate days for junior (Years 3 and 4) and senior (Years 5 and 6) students. At this stage we expect that our students will once again have the opportunity to participate in the full sports program during the 2021 school year after the disappointments experienced by our students last year due to COVID restrictions.

Parents and Carers who attend any of the sports events outlined above are expected to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct for parents which has been developed by the Hunter PSSA. The key points are



Any school notes that are sent home can also be found on the Skoolbag App. On the home screen, click on the Rathmines Public School link.



On the next screen click on Notes Sent Home. You can then scroll through to find the information you need.

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provided here for your reference:

- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning and losing.
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment and fulfilment.
- Provide a model of good sports behaviour for your child to copy and always remember that children learn by example.
- Appreciate and applaud good performances and skilful play by all participants.
- Be courteous and respectful in your communication with players, coaches and game officials.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal abuse from sporting venues.
- Show appreciation for teacher-coaches and officials who give up their time to provide sporting opportunities for students at our school. Without them your child would not have the opportunity to participate.
- Respect the decisions made by officials and teach your children to do the same.
- Do not coach from the sideline.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, age, cultural background or religion.

Sports News

Our school was well represented at the **Zone Swimming Carnival** held at Speers Point Pool Tuesday of last week. **Mrs Bristow**, our school team manager, was very pleased with the manner in which our students conducted themselves throughout the day. I commend all of the children who attended the carnival and offer special congratulations to the following students who will represent our school and the Westlakes Zone at the **Hunter Region Swimming Carnival** next Tuesday: Ben M, Taylor W, Talei, Dustin, Lawson, Logan F, Lachlan J, Levi E, Tiaki.

Students in our junior and senior classes have clearly appreciated having the chance to participate in the **Westlake's PSSA Junior and Senior Soccer Gala Days** conducted at the Speers Point complex on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The feedback I have received from the supervising teachers has been very positive and it is pleasing to know that our students have shown their appreciation to the PSSA organisers by the way they have conducted themselves on and off the field.

Pirates and Princesses

It was difficult to tell whether it was the Kinder students or the Kinder teachers who gained the most enjoyment from the annual "Pirates and Princesses" dress up day yesterday! The children were given a huge round of applause from the students in all the other classes when they showed off their costumes at the lunchtime assembly, and judging by the beautiful drawings and writing that Jordan and Aoife from KR share with me, the creativity in the childrens' costumes was matched by their great work in class. See page 5 for photos.

Yours sincerely,
Nick Walker

KINDER PRINCESS AND PIRATE DAY



CANTEEN MENU

CANTEEN IS NOW OPEN 5 DAYS PER WEEK



ALL LUNCH ORDERS TO BE PLACED IN THE BASKET
AT THE CANTEEN BY 9AM OR A SANDWICH WILL BE
OFFERED 😊

SNACKS		
Air Popped Popcorn		50c
Cereal Bags		20c
Pikelets		20c
Watermelon Slices		20c
Orange Quarters		20c
Grapes (TUB)		\$1.00
Fruit Salad (TUB)		\$1.50
Mini Quiche		\$1.00
Red Rock Sea salt Chips		\$1.20
Grain waves		\$1.20
Two Fruit Tubs		\$1.00
Slinky Apples		50c
Garlic Bread WHOLE		\$1.00
Garlic Bread HALF		50c
Chocolate Mousse	120mls	80c
Lite Jelly	120mls	80c
DRINKS		
Lge Water		\$2.00
Small Water		1.00
Chocolate Milk		\$2.00
Strawberry Milk		\$2.00
Blackcurrant Chill J		\$2.00
Raspberry Chill J		\$2.00
Orange Passio Chill J		\$2.00
Apple Juice		\$2.00
Orange Juice		\$2.00
Apple Blackcurrant Juice		2.00
LUNCH ORDER BAGS		1 FOR 20C 50 FOR \$2.50

LUNCH ORDERS		
Party Pies		\$2.00
Sausage Rolls		\$2.50
Double Tender Wrap		\$4.00
Single Tender Wrap		\$3.00
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger		\$4.00
Beef Burger with Cheese		\$4.00
Chicken Tenders		\$1.50
Pumpkin Soup		\$3.00
Spaghetti Bolognese		\$4.00
Mac and Cheese		\$4.00
Salad Sandwich		\$4.00
Salad Roll		\$4.50
Salad Wrap		\$4.50
Egg and Lettuce Sandwich		\$3.50
Vegemite Sandwich		\$2.00
Tuna Sandwich		\$3.50
Tuna and Salad Wrap		\$4.00
Chicken and Salad Roll		\$4.50
Ham and Cheese Toasties		\$3.30
Cheese Toasties		\$3.00
FROZEN SNACKS		
Quelch Tubes 5 Flavours		50c
Blackcurrant Juicy Cup		\$1.00
Orange Juicy Cup		\$1.00
Apple Juicy Cup		\$1.00
Bulla Ice Cream		\$1.00
Mango Weiss Bar		\$1.00
Blue Moon Moosies		\$1.00
Chocolate Moosies		\$1.00

TORONTO HIGH LEAP CLASS

Catering for Gifted & Talented Students

The LEAP program is the local answer for parents wanting to access high quality education specifically targeted for students seeking a Selective High School Placement.

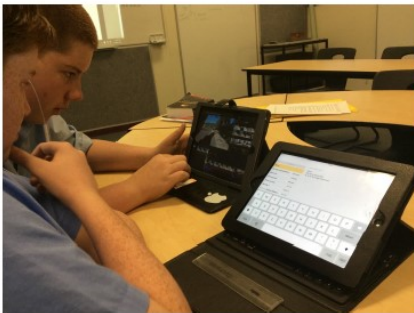
LEAP – Leading Change

The LEAP program is leading change in education for the families of Lake Macquarie & Newcastle to address the growing need for an innovative and quality learning environment.

Through challenging curriculum, integrated use of technology, project based learning and a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities students participate in diverse and rewarding educational experiences.



Excellence in Education



The Learning Enrichment and Acceleration Pathways (LEAP) is a dynamic program, introduced in 2013 to Toronto High School. The LEAP program targets the development of gifted and talented students to attain excellence in academic achievement.



**LEAP@THS
SELECTION PROCESS**

To apply for the LEAP program please complete an Expression of Interest application form. Application forms are available from Toronto High School, your local primary school and the Toronto High School website.

Please return your Expression of Interest to Toronto High School by 12th March, 2021 to register to sit the LEAP Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST)

HAST testing will be conducted at Toronto High School on:

THURSDAY 25th March, 2021

First Round offers released 24th May, 2021.

For further details please contact:
 Mark McConville
 Principal - Toronto High School
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 GATS Co-ordinator - Toronto High School
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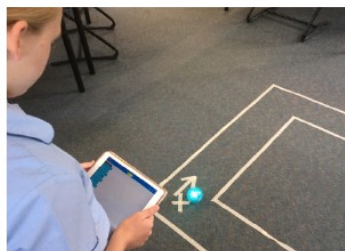
Learning Enrichment and Acceleration Pathways



Enrichment and Acceleration Pathways

LEAP provides enrichment and acceleration programs to enable students to realise their potential. Challenging academic material and deep engagement through project based learning are core elements of the program.

LEAP has a strategic focus on embedding technology into learning. The 1:1 iPad initiative is a fundamental component of utilising technology to enhance access to learning opportunities and maximise students' academic achievement. Online learning is facilitated through the THS LMS allowing for secure flexible content delivery and interaction with students.



Extra-Curricular Programs



LEAP students participate in a range of competitions and extra-curricular activities. Students are able to participate in a range of school based activities, including: Concert Band; Choir and Representative Sporting Teams. Recent involvement includes:

- 2019 Entrepreneurship Program
- 2018 Zone Winners in Premier's Debating Challenge
- 2017 Regional Debating Quarter Finalists
- 2014 Herald School Newspaper Competition Winners
- 2013 Regional Winners and State Finalists.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

KINDER AND YEAR 1 PARENTS

**Please pack spare undies and pants
in your child's bag.**

School supplies of spare clothing are very limited and if we have nothing suitable, we will need to contact you to bring a change of clothes to school.

Thank you.



SCHOOL OFFICE 8.30am—3.00pm

Cash payments can be left in the payments slot after hours (right hand side of counter).
EFTPOS only available before 3pm.

For the safety and well-being of all our students, please ensure

NO NUTS OF ANY KIND

are brought to school. This includes any type of nut butter, chocolate nut spread like Nutella and any snack foods containing nuts.



MAKING A PAYMENT?

To pay by card simply go online to
<https://rathmines-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

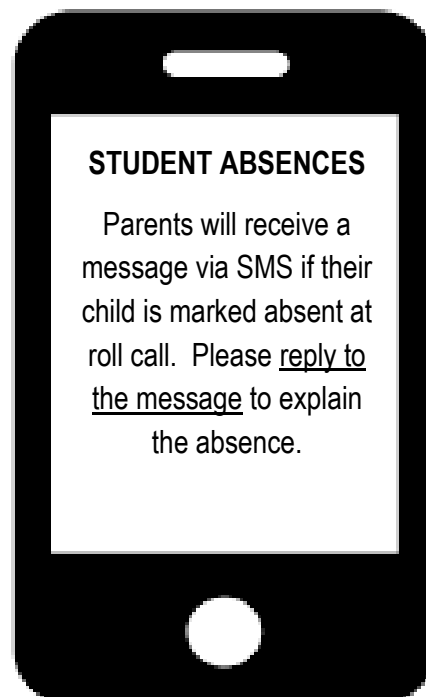
In the MAKE A PAYMENT tab enter your child's name and date of birth to begin the process.

Cash and EFTPOS are accepted at the school office **before 3pm.**



STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents will receive a message via SMS if their child is marked absent at roll call. Please reply to the message to explain the absence.



IMPORTANT DATES

DATE

EVENT

Tuesday 2nd March

Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 3rd March

Year 6 Toronto High School Orientation

Monday 8th March

Year 6 Elizabeth Beach camp

Monday 15th March

- Parent-Teacher interviews
- P&C Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 17th March

Parent-Teacher interviews

Monday 22nd March

School Photo Day

Friday 26th March

School Cross Country

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 6

**Mon 1st
March**

G.Weston

**Tues 2nd
March**

L.Cook, L.McAllister, A.Lilliss,
L.Bicanic

**Wed 3rd
March**

M.Breith, L.Morris,
A.Greenwood

**Thurs 4th
March**

M.Redgen, A.Cruickshank,
C.Linnan

**Fri 5th
March**

A.Telfer, N.Ruse,
L.Johnstone, B.Ward,
K.Betteridge, J.Sharp

WEEK 7

**Mon 8th
March**

A.Wilkinson, E.Sampson

**Tues 9th
March**

J.Bracken

**Wed 10th
March**

A.Smith, M.Breith, S.Guicciardi

**Thurs 11th
March**

C.Brennan, A.Cruickshank

**Fri 12th
March**

V.Ryan, T.Warner, V.Olsen,
K.Baker, L.Johnstone, M.Clare

ROAD RULES IN SCHOOL ZONES

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MACQUARIE
CITY

Safety around schools

Road rules in school zones

Pedestrian crossings

You cannot stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Minimum penalty: \$464 and two demerit points

Double parking

You may not stop on the road alongside to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Minimum penalty: \$349 and two demerit points

Parking on a verge

You cannot stop or park on a verge area (footpath, nature strip, dividing strip or kerb).

Minimum penalty: \$349 and two demerit points

Slow down

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.

Kiss and ride

Some schools have 'kiss and ride' or 'drop-off and pick-up zones' for children in 'No Parking' zones. If your school has a program in place, remember to always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures. You can stop in a kiss and ride area for two minutes only to pick up passengers and you must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

If your school does not have a 'kiss and ride' program in place please use the 'No Parking' zone to drop off and pick up passengers.

PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS



You cannot stop here

A driver must not stop in a no stopping zone.

Minimum penalty: \$349 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Minimum penalty: \$349 and two demerit points



You can stop here for two minutes only

You have no more than two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

Minimum penalty: \$194 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

Unless a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit is displayed.

Minimum penalty: \$581 and one demerit point

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Australian Air League
NSW Group

JOIN NOW

NSW GROUP IS NOW ENROLLING





Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

www.airleague.com.au Email: info@airleague.com.au
Free Call: 1800 502 175








THURSDAY

SNITTY & STEAKS FOR SCHOOLS

For every purchase of a Steak or Snitty \$2 is donated to a School of your choice

\$12 CHICKEN SCHNITZEL
SERVED W/CHIPS AND SALAD

\$18 STEAKS
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Census

2,665 jobs available

2021 Census Field Manager

\$36.90 per hour (incl 25% loading) + super
(Contract/Temporary)

Roles start from May 2021

Earn extra income

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Census

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(Contract/Temporary)

Roles start from July 2021

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ACTIVE OOSH RATHMINES

2021 PARENT INFORMATION FLYER

SERVICE INFORMATION

HOURS OF OPERATION

Before School: 6:30am - 9:30am

After School: 1:30pm - 6pm

Vacation Care: 6:30am - 6pm

OUR SERVICE PRICES

BSC: \$20.00

ASC: \$25.00

Vacation Care: \$72.00

(Before CCS is applied)

NOTE: No casual booking or enrolment fees are incurred to family accounts.

SCHOOLS WE SERVICE

We offer a drop off and collection service for children attending Rathmines, Wangi Wangi, Arcadia Vale, Coal Point and Blackalls Park Public Schools.

HEALTHY MENU

Active OOSH provide a nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea every day. The meals are designed to be healthy and offer new tastes and textures so eating can be an educational and cultural experience. Children with food allergies or dietary requirements are catered for in our inclusive programming practices.

ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

Phone: 0438 224 914

Email:

activeooshathmines@gmail.com

Website: activeooshnsw.com

Facebook: Active OOSH Rathmines

Address: Rathmines Public School - Secret Corner Road, Rathmines.

ACTIVE OOSH

Active OOSH provide before school, after school and vacation care programs for primary school aged children. We aim to provide a service that is supportive, stimulating, caring and inclusive. We value family partnerships and have an open door policy where families are encouraged to be actively involved in our service. All children that enter the Active OOSH doors are given the opportunity to learn and grow through play and enjoy a wide variety of activities and experiences as a result of our child focused programming.

The K - 2 zone is a designated area within the service for children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. The K - 2 Zone provides a safe place for our younger children to engage in a range of age appropriate games and activities.

**KINDY - YEAR 2
ZONE**



Our Point of Difference

We excel in providing an extensive variety of engaging and enjoyable experiences for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy on a daily basis. As part of this, we are continually planning and programming new and exciting activities for our children to partake in. All of our incursions, excursions, extra curricular activities, homework tuition, resources, transportation and meals are inclusive in the above fees. No enrolment or administration fee is charged to families.

PERSONALISED HOMEWORK CLUB

We offer tailored, small group learning experiences with our qualified educators. These sessions are at no additional cost to families. Children can work on their homework tasks such as projects, spelling words, home readers and speeches. Alternatively, our qualified educators can create a personalised program to suit your child's individual needs.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Active OOSH has a range of extra curricular activities to choose from each day, including:

- Art Social Club
- Specialised Sport Clinics
- Junior Master Chef
- Little Einstein's Science Club
- Yoga, Dance and Drama Classes
- Cultural Group Activities
- Sustainability Activities
- Arcade, Board and Card Games
- Imaginative and Creative Play
- Lego and Construction Activities