

Dear Families

Hi everyone! It's been a challenging term with so many children, staff and parents coming down with coughs, colds and covid. Let's hope the worst is behind us now as we head towards the warmer weather. We're looking forward to a great holiday programme filled with so many of the children's suggestions. Please read on for a link to the programme on our website and so much more info about your OOSH service 😊

### PUPIL FREE DAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 2022

These are the remaining pupil free days and public holidays to the end of the year. The table below shows the date, the school and whether Tanderra will be opening for all day care for that day. Unfortunately, we are generally unable to cater for pupil free days which involve only one of the schools that we service.

DATE	SCHOOL	TANDERRA OPEN FOR ALL DAYCARE
22 September	All schools (public holiday)	No
3 October	All schools (public holiday)	No
10 October	St Thomas Aquinas PS only	No – only open for before and after school care
19 December	All schools	Yes
20 December	All schools	Yes

We plan to run vacation care in the December/January school holidays from 19 – 23 December inclusive. We'll be closed from 24 December to 8 January 2023 and will probably reopen on Monday 9 January but we will confirm the opening date in January later as we will be having a new roof installed and will be taking advice as to completion date.

### VACATION CARE

September/October vacation care is ready to go and the portal is ready to take your bookings. You can download the programme [HERE](#) and make bookings via the portal. We've got some exciting activities planned, including the in-house event with Leafy's Adventures. That's sure to be interesting. You can read more about this facilitator [HERE](#). JD's World of Magic is always a big hit with the children. Click [HERE](#) for his website for more info.

### EMAIL US BY 3:00PM IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT

Please email us by 3:00pm at the latest to notify us that your child will be absent from after school care. After 3pm we rarely check our email as we are busy with preparation and bus runs. Please note that you can **absent your child at any time via the parent portal**. This updates our collection list, so you don't need to notify us separately if you notify us via the portal for before, after school or vacation care.

### LOST PROPERTY

The lost property basket is in the front room at the sign out desk. Don't forget to check it by the end of this term for your child's belongings. All items will be re-housed (sent to charity or discarded) at the end of term.

## BASC VOUCHER SCHEME

There's still a little time for you to submit BASC vouchers to us if you haven't already done so. You have until 30 September this year to apply. The scheme subsidizes gap fee payments for children in OOSH until end of June 2023 or to a max of \$500, whichever comes first. Click [HERE](#) for further information.

## PREPARATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Now is the time to start preparing your soon-to-be-highschooler for the next chapter of their school journey. It's important that your child starts to get ready for the much-increased independence that will come once they are no longer attending primary school and OOSH. We recommend that you begin to phase your child towards greater independence now if you haven't already begun to do so. Of course, this will need to be planned with your child's individual needs in mind and taking into account the particulars of your family and home situation. Don't hesitate to contact Suzanne or Aunty if you would like information, feedback or assistance to help with this. It's also worth while letting your child know that they are always welcome to drop into our centre while they are undertaking this transition process, if they feel they need support at any time. Please feel free to add our landline number into your child's mobile phone: 024751 5215.

## RE-ENROL FOR 2023

It's almost re-enrolment time for 2023. Be on the lookout for an email from us at the start of term 4. We will invite existing families to re-enrol so that your permanent bookings can be locked in for the year.

## ENROLLING A CHILD WHO WILL BE STARTING SCHOOL IN 2023

If you have a child who will be starting school in 2023, you will be able to enrol him/her via the portal from term 4. Click [HERE](#) for step-by-step advice on how to do this. Children starting kindergarten can attend our service for vacation care in January 2023. Please see Suzanne if you would like to discuss orientation and transition to school.

## KIDSOFT OUTAGE

Just a note to let you know that Kidsoft will be out for maintenance for the following times:



## COVID EXCLUSION PERIOD

As you probably know, the exclusion period for people testing positive has been reduced to 5 days when they are symptom free.

## LUNCH IDEAS FOR BUSY PARENTS

Feeling like you need inspiration to keep your child's lunch box appealing each day? Click [HERE](#) for a great Kidspot resource we've linked on our website.

We also have a healthy eating guide which you can find [HERE](#).

**That's all for now. Thanks for reading our newsletter and we wish you a safe and relaxing holiday period. From all the Tanderra staff: Suzanne, Aunty Simone, Therese, Lucy, Pheobe, Sharon, Dallas, Hallam & Daisy**



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