

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 25th Feb

After School Care at
Fadden Pines

Friday 4th March

Before School Care
at Fadden Pines

April 2016

**Holiday Program
dates:**

11th—22nd April 2016.

The program will be
sent out on Monday 7th
March 2016.

WEEK 4 TERM 1 2016

Welcome to our first edition of COOSH Connections for 2016! We aim to send our newsletter out twice a term to keep families updated with the latest news at each centre. We hope you enjoy it.

Before and After School Care Bookings

Wendy Hodgson, our Office and Accounts Manager has started to assist with updating changes to bookings. Please continue to email coosh.holyfamily@cg.catholic.edu.au, when requesting additional bookings, cancellations or changes to bookings. To assist her with this, please also include whether your child is in Junior or Senior COOSH.

Communication and correspondence

Unfortunately we seem to be experiencing difficulty maintain large email contact groups at the moment. All families are encouraged to download the Holy Family Skoolbag App which we are currently using for all notifications and correspondence. The school and ELC also use the application for communication. If you head to www.skoolbag.com.au and click on the 'For Parents' tab, there are instructions for downloading it.

Notes and forms

If you have forms or notes to leave for teachers, Wendy or COOSH they can be dropped in this black box just outside the door to the yard from the foyer. This prevents them from being double handled and going missing!

They can also be left at the School front office or slipped under our door in A block.



Term 4

Welcome to Term 1 2016. I would like to take a minute to quickly introduce myself, I'm Kirstyn the new Coordinator of Junior COOSH. For the next few months Emma will still be around as she takes a step back to focus on studying to become a teacher.

Programming:

Recently many of the children have been interested in creating and exploring Ochre.

The following quotes capture just some of the fantastic interactions and exploration they have had through play.

"I'm trying to make mine green by putting grass in it"- Aston

"The big kids are making it and I'm using it to paint my arm"- Annalise. P

"It's Aboriginal painting"- Annalise. L

"This rock was easy to smash"- Tate

"I'm making a facepaint"- Matilda



Congratulations!

Luke Burgess
Hugh Murray
Cooper Rizzo
Sabah Russell

For receiving a White Award from COOSH

Later this term we are going to be exploring spaces and places, a unit aligned with the year 1's Geography unit. All children will have an opportunity to pose questions which will then be answered through play based activities.

Afternoon tea

Junior COOSH provide afternoon tea from 3:15-4:00pm each day. Currently our procedure is to allow all children access to afternoon tea for the whole 45 minutes. We have a "last call" where we let children know it is their last chance to eat, however quite often they are too engaged in play. As all children do not necessarily now sit and eat each afternoon, please inform educators if you would like us to specifically encourage your child/ren to eat.

Homework

During the afternoons Junior COOSH provide children with the opportunity to do their homework. One of our educators is there to assist as needed. As this is not compulsory please inform educators if you would like us to specifically encourage your child/ren to participate.

In the mornings please bring your child/ren right out into the yard at the ELC at drop off.

Kirstyn McLeary
Junior COOSH Coordinator

Senior COOSH (3-6)



Term 1

Over the past few weeks at Senior COOSH we have been meeting with the children and letting them decide what they would like to do during Before and After School Care. Children have chosen to engage in some art and craft, sensory play, board games, mobilo, lego, billy cart races and hama beads.



Programming:

During term one at Senior COOSH we will be learning about the Earth, heat and forces. The children have spent the last week using our talking tubs to look at, discuss and record what

they would like to research and what they already know about this topic. The talking tub contains different artefacts in relation to the trans-disciplinary unit we are focusing on and this

term it contained books, different magnets, feathers and sensory timers.

The children at senior COOSH are encouraged to do homework from 4:15pm-4:30pm every afternoon. The children have a choice to complete homework, do some quiet reading or draw during this time. All staff sit with the children to help them research or with homework tasks.



COOSH Expectations:

We have been talking a lot this year about our COOSH expectations. This encompasses what is expected at Senior COOSH in order to look after ourselves, the environment and be good role models to others. Our journey to how we came to our expectations is displayed on the purple board at the front of A block and placed around inside.

Jess Pedemont
Senior COOSH Coordinator

Each issue we will introduce a few staff and give you some information about them so you can get to know the Educators who look after your children each day!



Hi my name is Olivia and I am the Operations Manager of COOSH—which basically means I am responsible for everything in Before and After School and Holiday Programs from Preschool—Year 6. I have been working at Holy Family for 5 years now and have a Diploma in Children’s Services, Management and am working towards a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education. I am not always “on the floor” with the children unless staff are away, so you may not see me very often but my door is always open for any feedback, questions or concerns. Our office is located in A block at Senior COOSH.

Hi I’m Kirstyn McLeary the new Junior COOSH Coordinator. I have recently moved across from St Clare of Assisi OSHC so I am fortunate to already know some of you. In the next few weeks I will be endeavouring to introduce myself to everyone throughout the mornings and afternoons. I am looking forward to meeting and working with you all!



Hi, My name is Tori Armour and I have just started as an educator at both Preschool and COOSH.

I am currently studying a Bachelor of Education, have a Diploma in Early Childhood and have a background in long day care.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and becoming part of the amazing Holy Family Community.

