



Merimbula Public School

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OOSH) CONFIRMATION

Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you may be aware [Holiday Care Australia](#) offered to continue After School and Vacation Care from April 7, as well as offer Before School Care at Merimbula Public School next term, with Helping Hands ceasing their service from 6pm today. **I am extremely pleased to confirm that [Holiday Care Australia](#) have received official approval TODAY** to offer the after school, before school and vacation care service. Lease agreements and contracts are being signed this afternoon to make it official.

It has been a very quick turn-around to get the service approved. I would like to thank the P&C for their support throughout this process. I would also like to thank, in particular, our Administration Manager Penny Crowley and new OOSH and Holiday Care Australia Manager, Jennifer Friedli for their persistence in completing paperwork and applications quickly to get this service up and running by tomorrow so that families would not have to be without care.

Holiday Care Australia will be commencing After School Care tomorrow, April 7, between 2.55 and 6pm. They will offer Vacation Care throughout the holidays, but not public holidays, as per the Vacation Care booking form on our web site. They will also offer Staff Development Day Care from 6am to 6pm on April 24, the same hours offered in the holidays.

From next term, April 26 (Day 1 Term 2), they will be offering both before and after school care.

Bookings can be made in the following ways:

To Book A Place:

1. Complete the enrolment form (we have copies in the office).
2. Get copies of your child's Immunisation History Statement and Birth Certificate (we should have copies on file should you not be able to locate them).
3. Contact Centrelink and ensure your CCB and CCR entitlement details are up to date.
4. Enrolment forms can be sent back to the school for collection by the service or scanned and emailed to: holidaycareaustralia@outlook.com OR
5. **NEW: Enrol online at: www.holidaycareaustralia.com**

Cost Reminder:

- Before School Care: \$35 for **6am to 9am** (parents pay **between \$3 and \$17.50** after rebates)
- After School Care: \$35 for **2:55pm to 6pm** (parents pay **between \$3 and \$17.50** after rebates)
- Vacation Care: \$100 **6am to 6pm** (parents pay between \$12 and \$50 after rebates)



Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) Centrelink rebates apply. Please contact the service on **0410342123**, or Centrelink, to find out your rebate entitlements.



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As shared in the past, whilst Holiday Care Australia are closed on Public Holidays, they are open for the period between Christmas and New Year, where Helping Hands was not. They will also offer their service on Staff Development Days.

Merimbula Public School students will get first preference of placements at this service. Students from surrounding schools have the opportunity to use the service though so get your enrolment forms in quickly to secure your child's place. The service already has 60 enrolments.

As shared at the Extraordinary P&C Meeting, all excursion/incursion costs and meals are included within the daily fee.

The Centre Staff Include:

- Teacher/Manager Jennifer Friedli;
- Teacher Megan Cole;
- Teacher Tammie Pauline; and
- Previous Helping Hands Manager/Educator Bridie Maloney.

Our school look forward to working with Ms Friedli and her staff to ensure a successful start to their service. We have worked with Ms Friedli to support the transition and look forward to working with her team throughout the year.

Regards,



Michelle Hulme
Principal