**FORREST OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

**2020 APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**Due to recent government funding there will be no charges to families.**

**\*Keep this page on your fridge to refer to in the holidays\***

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| **Monday 13th April**  **$90** | **Tuesday 14th April**  **$90** | **Wednesday 15th April $90** | **Thursday 16th April $90** | **Friday 17th April**  **$90** |
| **CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY** | BYO Photo from home for your own 2020 Calendar  Weaving Looms  Minute to Win It | Human snakes and Ladders  Mosaics  Movie Day | Ice Candle making  Hand Ball Tournament | Basket Ball Bonanza  Wooden Hanging Frames – 2 part design |
|  | **Screen Time: 4 – 6pm** | **Screen Time: Movies** | **Screen Time: 4 – 6pm** | **Screen Time: None** |
| **Monday 20TH April**  **$90** | **Tuesday 21st April $90** | **Wednesday 22nd April $ 90** | **Thursday 23rd April $ 90** | **Friday 24th April $90** |
| Melting Crayon Canvas Designs  Round Robin Hockey | PALLET PLAY – With Aaron  Help us create a mud kitchen, Loose Parts storage box for inside and a mezzanine for out outdoor play space out of pallets and timber  Gaggle of group games | Balloon Volley Ball | Table Tennis Tournament | Boredom Buster Boxes  Afternoon around the campfire |
| **Screen Time: 4-6** | **Screen Time: 4-6** | **Screen Time: 4-6** | **Screen Time: 4 – 6pm** | **Screen Time: none** |

**\*For Further Information on Activities Each Day see pg. 3\***

**About the Program**

Forrest Out of School Hours Care (FOOSHC) provides a safe and welcoming environment for the children and their families. We believe children are capable, competent and creative learners that are entitled to participate in a program that facilitates their engagement in risk-taking, experimentation and exploration of indoor and outdoor spaces.

Our program is child led with a play-focused environment which is reflective of the children’s needs and interests. Children will have the opportunity for rest and relaxation and can move between activities, inside and outside environments. In addition to the experiences detailed on the cover page, all the fabulous FOOSHC resources will be available daily.

**Our Philosophy**

Everything we do is in the best interests of the child. We honour and respect their rights, views and ‘being’ throughout our program and believe that they are integral to our world.

**Relationships:**

We seek to build and nurture trusting, reciprocal relationships with children, families and each other. We believe this enables children to form secure attachments to each other, the educators and our environments, whilst honouring those with their families. We recognise the diverse backgrounds and cultures of each member of our FOOSHC community and how their presence greatly enriches our service. We acknowledge everyone as an individual who is capable and competent, and we strive to operate without bias. For children, this will provide a sense of belonging and ownership of their environments, whilst also enabling them to become empowered decision makers. FOOSHC believes children who have known kindness, trust and respect will value themselves and others.

**Play:**

FOOSHC is a place in which play takes priority because all children have the right to play, as such; our program is to plan for the possibilities of play. Our pedagogical practice is based on a Playwork approach which sees children as the constructors of their own experience in an environment which children are supported and encouraged to flourish and fail. A Playwork approach sees our educators facilitate and maintain the physical and psychological conditions that encourage and allow for children to play as **‘*a process that is freely chosen, personally directed and intrinsically motivated.’***

**Professional Development:**

High expectations and standards are held of all of our educators at FOOSHC. We embrace opportunities for innovative practice, critical reflection and embed professional development into our everyday practice. FOOSHC strives to create a culture of professional inquiry in which our educators are encouraged to engage in robust discussion and challenge themselves and others. Educators embody integrity, compassion, respect and motivation.

**Advocacy and Leadership:**

We are committed to advocating for the children of FOOSHC and for their right to have a childhood; the time, space and freedom to play, to take risks and to navigate life. We believe that by sharing what we do with the community and inspiring innovation in others that we are also advocating for all children to have these opportunities.

**General Information**

**Open 8am – 6pm Tuesday 14th April – Friday 17th April 2020**

**8am – 6pm Monday 20th April – Friday 24th April 2020**

**Enrolment**

Step 1 – As we enter the new year, all families must complete a 2020 enrolment form which can be found on our website [www.forrestpandc.com.au](http://www.forrestpandc.com.au) or hard copy forms can also be found at the FOOSHC Office.

Step 2 - Complete the attendance/booking sheet for this holiday period & permission notes attached for the relevant days

**Enrolments: As we only have 22 places available this holiday period due to staffing limitations – it has been recommended we give priority to families who are essential workers and are unable to care for them at home , or for children who are deemed vulnerable or at risk. As such , we may not be able to accommodate your booking requests and we apologise for this in advance.**

**Bookings closed Sunday 12th April 2020 at 9am**

* **There is no charges to families for this holiday period.**
* **We have developed a Policy and Risk minimisation plan to minimise risks of Covid19 virus and will be implementing those strategies. A copy will be available in the admin area.**
* **Arrival and Departure**
* Always access the service via Children’s Services Office entrance (FOOSHC Office).
* Children MUST be signed in and out of the program each day
* As one part of our risk minimisation plan, due to our current situation, we ask that you do not enter the junior hall, the director of each day will greet you at the entrance to the junior hall and sign your child/ren in/out for you.
* Hand sanitiser will be available upon entry into our service where possible.

**Food**

* **Children are required to provide their own lunch and snacks each day** unless specified. Children often get hungry in the holidays, please consider this when packing their daily food.
* Afternoon tea will be provided each day around 3:30pm.
* We encourage snacks with high nutritional content to meet the growing needs of children.
* Breakfast is NOT provided during holiday care. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.
* Children are also required to bring a large water bottle filled with water.**–Bubblers are currently not being used but we will provide fresh drinking water so children can refill they water bottles.**
* **No soft-drinks or juices are permitted. We encourage the children to drink water which will be readily available.**
* **As we are an allergy aware centre please no nuts/nut products or eggs.**

**Clothing**

**Please label / name all your child’s clothing**

* Please provide a suitable change of clothes each day.
* Closed in shoes are required on Pallet Play days as tools will be used.
* Please provide warm clothes and jackets for children to play in if necessary.
* As children engage in all sorts of adventurous play a change of clothes is recommended
* Children are required to bring a sun smart hat that protects the face, back of the neck, eyes and ears. Broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats offer the best protection. **NO CAPS PLEASE.**

**Lost property**

After the holiday period, all lost property will be donated to charity or recycled as appropriate.

**Screen Time**

Children will have access our electronic devices for 2-hour periods during select days of the program. This means there will be NO BYO Device day. This decision was reached after lengthy consultation with families, children, and educators. We hope that the way screen time has been structured these holidays will assist families in regulating screen time at home.

The FOOSHC laptop may be utilised for active and non-competitive group games, such as the “Just Dance” videos that were extremely popular in previous holidays. In unfavourable weather conditions, such as extreme heat or storms, a movie may be used depending on the needs of the children.

**Wheels**

* Children are welcome to bring their bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades etc. to the program.
* Children MUST have their own fitted helmet to participate.
* Children are NOT allowed to share their wheels with friends.
* Wheels may be left at FOOSHC overnight; however, they must be taken home at the end of the holiday period or Ali will try sell them on ebay :)

**Day Specific Information**

**Tuesday 14th April: Calendars, Looming machines and Minute to Win it**

Children will have the opportunity to try their luck at various games and challenges as they attempt to beat the clock during Minute To Win It. We will have looming machines available for creating mini woven projects and each child will receive their own 2020 calendar to decorate and take home. We have asked that you provide a photo from home that they can use as the central part of their design.

**Wednesday 15th April: Movie Madness, Human Snakes and Ladders and Mosaics**

Creativity will flow in the background of todays movie madness. Children will be able to lounge around in a mini movie theatre whilst enjoying some homemade popcorn however they may also like to sit back and create a marvellous mosaic masterpiece to take home whilst they watch from afar. For those wanting to move about and test their luck they will be invited to try our Human Snakes and Ladders game board outside the junior hall.

**Thursday 16th April: Ice Candles and Handball Tournament**

Today we embark on a longer crafting process and return to a FOOSHC favourite … the good old candle. This holidays we will save our final designs as a surprise even for those creating them as we make ice candles. Are you a handball champion? Have you always wanted to learn how to play? Today is the day for you as we invite you to enter our FOOSHC handball tournament

**Friday 17th April: Wooden Hanging Frames and Basket Ball**

Today will see us take to the FOOSHC basket ball court and learn from our resident Basket Ball expert. Learn some drills and shots, try your luck at horse and a mini game of B Ball. We will also be decorating wooden hanging frames today full of some fabulous pics taken across the past week of the program… or spend your morning getting some pics taken to be able to finish off your frame in the afternoon.

**Monday 20th April: Crayon Canvas and Round Robin Hockey**

Today will see burst of colour come alive as we melt crayons onto canvas to create some amazing rainbow designs. For those then needing to release some energy and get their daily dose of exercise we will be running a round robin hockey tournament. Learn some skills, develop those skills and then put them to the test.

**Tuesday 21st April: Pallet Play and Gaggle of Group Games**

We will be joined today for the first for a three day workshop with our incredible friend Aaron from Canberra’s own Pallet Play. Aaron has previously helped us create bookshelves, go karts and skate ramps just to name a few. These holidays he returns with his tool kit to work with you all on three different projects. Today will see us create a new mud kitchen. Please remember that due to power tools being used children **MUST** wear enclosed shoes. We hope you might giggle as you join in on a gaggle of group games being run across the day.

**Wednesday 22nd April: Pallet Play and Balloon Volley ball** Aaron returns today to guide us through making a Loose Parts Storage Box for inside the junior hall to store all our household recyclable containers. Remember again that to participate you **MUST** wear enclosed shoes. Perhaps today you will learn you have a hidden talent for balloon volley ball… its not as easy as you might think but golly gosh is it always lost of fun!!

**Thursday 23rd April: Pallet Play and Table Tennis Tournament**

Today is the last day in our series of Pallet Play workshops and will see Aaron create and incredible mezzanine platform to support and extend on an insane number of play frames we see occurring in our spaces on a daily basis. Final reminder that in order to join in you MUST have enclosed shoes on. Table Tennis is a staple at FOOSHC and today we welcome you to the ultimate FOOSHC Table Tennis Tournament… do you have what it takes?

**Friday 24th April**

We know that we still have many weeks ahead of our days being spent at home and we wanted to send our FOOSHCies home with something that might help our incredible families through these challenging times. We will be creating a box full of ideas children can pull out when bored and complete either on their own or as a family together. ANZAC day has traditionally been the day here in the ACT for when our summer wardrobes and bedding are shelved for another year and replaced with winter warmers so we thought we might finish our program off with an afternoon around the FOOSHC fire pit. We may be a day early but we suspect given recent temperatures that the cozy calming warmth of the fire will be appreciated.

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**BOOKING FORM**

Please complete the details below to enrol your child.

Account Holders Name: Current Email Address:

**\*Please tick √ requested days below**

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| **Child’s Full Name** | **Mon**  **13th April**  **CLOSED** | **Tue**  **14th April $90** | **Wed**  **15th April $90** | **Thur 16th April $90** | **Fri**  **17th April**  **$90** |  | **Mon**  **20th**  **April**  **$90** | **Tue**  **21st April $90** | **Wed 22nd April $90** | **Thur**  **23rd April $90** | **Fri**  **24th April $90** |
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| **Important Information** | **Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read and understood this important information** |
| I understand that children need to bring lunch, snacks and a refillable drink bottle each day. We are an Allergy Aware Centre – **no nuts/nut products or eggs.** |  |
| These holidays we may be using both still and movie cameras to record the children’s adventures. Please advise in writing if you do not want your child to participate in this part of the program. We may use the photos/footage to promote our program and to screen with families/friends of the service. |  |
| I understand that children need to be signed in and out of the program each day. This will occur by entering through the Children’s Services Office |  |
| If I wish to cancel days’ requests must be made in writing for at least **ONE WEEK** prior to the cancelled day. |  |
| I give permission for my child to view suitable PG movies and play some electronic games that are also rated PG (older games originally rated G that today are rated PG but deemed suitable by Educators) during the program. |  |
| I give permission for my child to use their own wheels and I understand they required wear to a well fitted helmet and could used in multiple play spaces with various pieces of equipment. |  |
| I understand during the pallet play incursion power tools will be used. |  |

**NO EXCURSIONS ARE PLANNED DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS**

**End of form**