#### Term 2, Week 9 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

#### Dates to Remember

**24 June** Kindergarten Bush Picnic

**4 July** Last Day Term 2

**22 July** Students Return Term 3

#### Notes You Should Have

Stage 2 Camp (Years 3 & 4) Point Wolstoncroft

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Uniform Shop 8:15am – 8:45am Tuesday & Friday

## Narara Public School Monday Mumbles



#### **Principals Report**

Term 2 has been an extremely busy term with countless educational, social and extra-curricular opportunities on offer. The staff at NPS work tirelessly and I thank them for the commitment and dedication they show each day. I know they will enjoy their well-earned break and will come back re-energised for another term. I also want to thank our amazing community for your ongoing support and dedication to our school. And of course, to our students, the large majority that uphold the school's values of being a safe, respectful learner each and every day.

As this is the last Monday Mumbles for the term, on behalf of the school I wish all families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you next term. The last day for Term 2 is Friday 4 July and the first day back for students in Term 3 is Tuesday 22 July.

If you hear or see anything of concern during the holiday period, please contact school security on 1300 880 021. OSH (Vacation Care) will be operating throughout the holiday period on weekdays.

#### NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on Earth. The theme for NAIDOC Week 2025 is "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy". This theme celebrates the achievements of the past and the bright future ahead, empowering the next generation of Indigenous leaders and communities. It emphasises the strength of Indigenous culture, the vision for the future, and the legacy being passed down

To celebrate NAIDOC Week, NPS will be participating in a range of activities in Week 10. Students are invited to wear accessories (red, yellow, black, blue, green, white) on Thursday 3 July. Students and staff will be involved in a range of activities including a whole school assembly. Further information will be supplied shortly.



#### Staffing Update

In Week 3, Term 2 all NSW public schools had their staffing entitlement revised once student numbers were submitted to the Department of Education earlier in the year. As a result, we had an increase in staffing allocation, and I am pleased to announce that at the beginning of Term 3 Mrs Cracknell will join the NPS team working Tuesday to Friday every week. Three of these days will be in Learning Support which will include small group intervention across the school. Each Friday she will teach 4/5N to release Mrs New as Mrs New will once again join the executive team as our executive allocation was also revised when our final student numbers were submitted. All Assistant Principals are given additional time off class to undertake whole school initiatives which has direct benefit to our students.

At the beginning of Term 3 Miss Gilbert will be embarking on an overseas holiday returning in Week 8. During this time Ms Orland will be teaching 1/2G. Ms Orland is very familiar with NPS staff and students as she regularly works at our school. We welcome Ms Orland to the team and wish Miss Gilbert and her partner bon voyage and safe travels!

#### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

Students at NPS are so lucky to be offered a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities thanks to the incredible staff at our school. Some of the recent highlights and announcements are as follows:

Our amazing Junior Dance Group have been selected to perform at this year's Central Coast Schools' Showcase. Equally amazing is our Recorder Group who have also been selected to participate in Showcase. Additionally, the Recorder Group will be performing at the prestigious Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House later in the year. We will also see solo performances from Lauren M and Tullia S at Showcase who were successful in their audition. What an achievement!

The 2025 Premier's Debating Challenge is off and running for another year. We once again have 2 teams competing, the Red Bellies and the Black Snakes. Recently the Red Bellies competed against Ourimbah PS in their first debate of the year. They came away with an impressive win, successfully arguing that all students in Year 5 and 6 should do all their learning on laptops. This week our debating teams will face off against each other on Tuesday and then they will each have a debate on Friday against Niagara Park PS. Good luck!



Congratulations to Olivia B, Taiga P and Gemma S who competed in the Sydney North Cross Country Carnival on Friday 13 June. These students competed to the best of their ability and should be very proud of their efforts. Well done!



Congratulations to Joel B who partiipated in the combined Brisbane Water and Southern Central Coast Sydney North Soccer Trial on Friday 20 June. Joel trialled as a goal keeper, making some sensational saves. This trial brought tough competition and unfortunately Joel narrowly missed out on an opportunity to trial for Sydney North. Joel is commended for his amazing skill and dedication!



Our wonderful Year 6 Peer Reading Leaders have been working closely with our Stage 1 children each week, helping to promote a love of reading and build confidence in our younger learners. It has been incredible to watch them grow in responsibility, leadership, and communication. They take so much pride in their roles and genuinely enjoy teaching and learning alongside their younger peers. What a fantastic team!



On Thursday 12 June six students from K60 and K6V proudly represented Narara Public School at the School Sport Unit's Boccia Tournament, held at Niagara Park Stadium.

Displaying outstanding respect, sportsmanship and skill, their efforts shone throughout the day. Our team finished second in their pool, earning a place in the playoff for bronze. In an exciting and closely contested match, they demonstrated great teamwork, ultimately securing fourth place out of 16 schools. Well done boys. We are incredibly proud of your achievement!



Also on Thursday 12 June we had our boys PSSA cricket team vs Avoca Beach PS. The team showed excellent sportsmanship and competed in the true spirit of the game. Unfortunately the team were narrowly defeated needing 15 more runs to take the win.



On Tuesday 17 June we had 8 of our band members attend the Band Big Day Out. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate music and showcase their talents in a lively and engaging environment. Well done boys and girls!

Last week we also had a number of our studetns emerse themselves in unique experiences at Lisarow High School (LHS). All students thoroughly enjoyed these experiences and came back buzzing with excitement. We value the strong partnership with our feeder high school and the amazing opportunities this brings to all of our students. We have also welcomed a dedicated group of LHS students that offer their time to weekly come and read and support our Kindergarten students. We have such an amazing partnership with LHS that we look to further strengthen in the future.





Last but not least I am very much looking forward to seeing our Senior Dance Group perform at the Central Coast Dance Festival tonight!

To think all of this and more has occurred over the last fortnight at our incredible school. I am in awe of the dedication of staff and the enthusiasm, talent and opportunities our students are afforded. When a whole school community positively connects and works together it can lead to truly incredible outcomes! Save the Dates (Book Parade / Open Day / Athletics Carnival)

On Wednesday 6 August we will be hosting an Open Day. This day coincides with Education Week and our annual Book Fair. Family members, including grandparents, are welcome to attend. We are in the process of planning this day that will include a book character event, open classrooms, the book fair and performances from a variety of our extra-curricular groups such as band, choir and dance groups. Further information will follow in the coming weeks.

Please be aware that our School Athletics Carnival at Mingara (weather depending) is scheduled for Thursday 7 August (the next day). Dates for Education Week and events at Mingara are not set by the school. As these events coincide in Week 3, Term 3 we wanted to give families plenty of notice if they wish to attend these events. Sorry in advance for any issues this may cause but as mentioned previously dates for these events are out of the school's control.





#### **Student Academic Reports**

On Monday 30 June, all students in K-6 will receive their Semester 1 Report. Teachers spend many hours preparing your child's report and work hard to ensure that it is a true and accurate reflection of their academic progress over the semester. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child and reflect on their achievements and where there may need to be a greater focus for improvements to occur. I encourage all parents to read the front cover of your child's report as this gives an overview of effort and achievement scales that are used in the report. This year reports have been modified to align with the new curriculum. To understand some of the changes and new terminology / language we will be sending home parent guides developed by the department via ClassDojo. These guides can also help you support your child at home in the learning of English and Mathematics.

Student attendance, both partial and whole day, are included. The attendance cut-off date for this semester was Friday 20 June. Attendance after this date will be recorded as normal.

As previously announced, over the past few years, NSW schools have been implementing a new curriculum for all students Kindergarten to Year 12. The NSW Curriculum Reform aims to strengthen and streamline what is taught in schools.

The curriculum reform has been an opportunity to engage and re-energise what we teach and how we teach it. It has focused on making clear what is essential in the curriculum to give more time for deep learning and establish stronger foundations in English and mathematics.

As part of this reform process, new report templates have been provided to schools which we will be using from this semester onwards. The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand.

Your child's report will still show their progress across all subject areas. Teacher comments will appear in English, mathematics and the general comment section, in line with department policy. The general comment also covers other key learning areas. The new achievement scale and descriptions (for Yr 1-6 reports is below. Please note there is no achievement scale used for Kindergarten.

Achievement	Grade	Achievement Description
Outstanding	A	Your child's achievement in this subject is outstanding. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of new and complex situations.
High	В	Your child's achievement in this subject is high. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of familiar and new situations.
Expected	С	Your child's achievement in this subject is at the expected standard. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations.
Basic	D	Your child's achievement in this subject is basic. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations with support.
Limited	E	Your child's achievement in this subject is limited. They apply their knowledge and skills in some familiar situations with significant support.

All grades will use the same effort scale. The effort scale and descriptions are below.

Effort	Grade	Effort Description	
High	3	Your child actively participates and engages in most learning activities. They always try to complete and present work to a high standard.	
Satisfactory	2	Your child actively participates and engages in most learning activities. They regularly try to complete and present work to the required standard	
Low	1	Your child sometimes participates and engages in learning activities. They occasionally try to complete and present work to the required standard.	

If you have any questions in relation to your child's report, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

#### P&C

Please support our P&C Bunnings BBQ which will be occurring on Saturday 26 July. It is greatly appreciated if you can volunteer your time or make a donation. See below for more information.







We hope you can join us on Saturday 26th July! The P&C will be hosting the West Gosford Bunnings BBQ 9am-4pm and we would love your help.

We require sausage sizzlers, order takers, sandwich makers and donation superstars. If you could gift an hour or two on the day to help with this event we would be grateful. This is a wonderful way to give back to our wonderful school. Please follow the link to choose your time slot or donate goods.

FOLLOW LINK 10 VOLUNTEER: https://volunteersignup.org/KQDDF

FOLLOW LINK TO DONATE:

https://volunteersignup.org/F4WJY

**Cross Country Awards** Congratulations to our Cross Country Award Winners and Hely the winning Sports House!















#### **Kindergarten Enrolments 2026**

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2026. If you have a child starting next year or have any friends or neighbours with children planning on starting next year, please contact the front office (43283024) to start the enrolment process.

Children may be enrolled in Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five years of age on or before 31 July in that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday. If you are unsure if your child is ready to start school or would like to access further information, please contact the school. As part of the enrolment process, you will need to provide your child's original birth certificate, statement of complete immunisation from Medicare and proof of your current address (a minimum of 100 points of identification are required).

Families are now able to access our online enrolment process to make it easier to enrol your child at your local school. To apply online, your child must be:

- a NSW resident
- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and
- living in the local enrolment area of the school for which you are submitting an application.

For those families wishing to complete an online application a link can be found via the "About our school - Enrolment" section of our school website. If you are unsure what school catchment area you live in, use the https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/

You can still use existing enrolment processes to apply. More information is available on the Department's going to a public school website at <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school</a>

#### **Quality Workers**

Students	Class	Work Sample
All students	KN	Foyer Display
Max A	2B	Seal Narrative
Bastion P	K6O	Why I choose Narara (Persuasive Text)
Reuben S Sophia E Lucas D Callum D	KC	Super Sentences
Hunter H Reggie I	3/4L	Dear Diary
Blaire W Iszebelle C	3/4B	Favourite Food (Poem)
Lylah P Xavier B	3/4A	My Family (Poem) Average Temperatures (Mathematics)

Grant McFarland Principal



Writing Group

Below is a snippet from some avid Stage 3 writers involved in the Stage 3 writing program and their recounts about their recent Excursion to Canberra:

"We finally arrive at the gardens of Old Parliament House. It is beautiful. Flowers and roses spread across everywhere. I stop at a fountain and dip my fingertips in. The cold rises up through my whole body. It's been a long while since I've had water and it reminds me how thirsty I am. The air is so icy that my eyes start to water. I've never been so cold in my life. The air is filled with the sweet smell of roses. Unfortunately for many of my friends this goes unnoticed because of blocked noses". By Ethan WP

"The excitement was high, voices excited. We filed off the buses in big joyful groups through the double doors to our new home for the next three days. Camp had officially begun.

Up the ramp, past the tall centre palm tree through to our cold yet soft beds. Navy blankets the colour of the midnight sky outside awaited ahead of sleepless nights. We sat on these musty covers all through the night, talking and laughing and playing games that no one won. Mrs Wrench burst in and told us to go to sleep, and we did try but we couldn't stop our brains thinking of all the exciting events that were ahead.

We woke up cold and tired to the sound of 'Pink Pony Club' blaring through Mr Ramm's speaker. We wearily pulled jumpers over our colourful pyjamas and followed the enthusiastic camp teacher down to breakfast. The smell of bacon, eggs and hash browns filled our noses. Despite the tiredness, we were happy!" By Ivy M

"Sad. If I had to describe this place in one word, it would be 'sad'.

A sense of loss and sadness creeps into my mind, my heart and my soul. This place harbours so much sorrow yet it is beautiful here. A place of remembrance, love and peace.

Freezing cold air fills my nostrils and the sharp wind pierces my skin like needles. It is attempting to freeze me from inside out. I breathe through my mouth in puffs as I walk along trying to expel the cold from my lungs. I taste the frost as I inhale.

The place is busy yet quiet. It has to be. It demands it. The quiet is respectful to the lists on the walls. These names rest and are forever remembered here in this sombre place. The Australian war Memorial"

By Em H

Mrs Wells (Coordinating Teacher) **PSSA Netball** 

On Thursday 5 June, the NPS Netball Team participated in the PSSA Knockout competition. Our team came up against a strong Niagara Park PS and in a very challenging game, unfortunately lost. All of our players displayed determination, resilience and great sportsmanship. Following our Round 1 match, we played two friendly games and came away with one victory and another loss. Throughout all three games, our students consistently improved their skills and grew stronger as a team.

A special thank you to family and friends who assisted with transportation for our students. Your support is greatly appreciated. Additionally, a huge thank you goes to Grace E, a former Narara PS student, who generously volunteered her time to umpire for our team. Her contribution was invaluable.

Overall, it was a great day and I was so proud of our students and the effort and determination throughout the day. Well done NPS Netball Team!

Mrs Thomas (Coordinating Teacher)

#### ROUND 2 BOYS PSSA CRICKET vs AVOCA BEACH PS - Thursday 12th June 2025

This fixture was one we were looking very forward to. After rescheduling the match for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time due to weather, we finally found a gap in the weather for a beautiful day at Bill Sohier Oval, Ourimbah. Special mention to Daniel F, who was rushed into the side after Kai V hurt himself on his recent holiday. Daniel F has been training at school with the team each Wednesday lunchtime, showing dedication and willingness to help, and was rewarded with a call up to the side. Congratulations Daniel!

We won the toss and elected to bowl/field. We were confident that we could get a few early wickets in the contest, and we did just that. Nick struck with the first wicket, as Ethan Bu managed to hold onto a ball in the



slips. Nick again bowled some tough balls to the Avoca side, with Kaleb jumping in on a running mix-up, getting a run out. Archie jumped into action and managed a scalp, with Dan K catching a high ball in the deep. Luke was injured during the match, with a ball to the knee behind the stumps keeping, so Charlie popped on the pads and helmet to take over. Charlie then managed a run out also. Dan K came back on for the last few overs of the innings to get himself a wicket, as Cooper leapt into the air for a one-handed grab for one of the MOST OUTRAGEOUS catches you will ever see! Avoca finished their innings at 6/84 after 25 overs.



The lunch break rolled around, and we regrouped. 85 to win seemed a reasonable target, as we had chased down over 90+ runs in our last game to hold out over Gosford PS in Round 1. Mr Weiss, our statistical analysist was on hand to let the boys know we needed around 3.5 runs per over to win the match. Our openers, Charlie and Dan K headed out to chase down the total. Our top end batsmen were dismissed without troubling the scorer, with our score being 5/6 after 5 overs. Nick steadied our 'ship' by managing a few runs and holding out 29 balls to some extremely difficult bowling. Ethan Bu then came out, and after taking a great catch, was spirited to make a difference. The Avoca boys were on top and chirping behind the stumps, which Ethan Bu was not having, as he courageously stepped away from the stumps and waited

for the opposition to cease. Ethan Bu then to lead our run chase, with him adding 36\* not out to our score from 62 balls. In his words, "It was the best I have ever batted".

Unfortunately, we ran out of wickets and were 10/70, ultimately 15 runs shy of the winning total.

Our team were an exceptional example of 'teamwork', 'sportsmanship' and 'perseverance'. I am proud of their dedication to training and their passion for learning new techniques and skills. Most importantly, I was proud of their ability to work together and encourage each other, especially when one of us was down. Many parents, even from the opposition noticed this and commented positively on our boys.



None of these events go ahead without the support of the families of the team. Thank you to all those who transported students, prepared lunches, kits and gave them the opportunity to play cricket for Narara PS. Again, a MASSIVE thankyou to our statistical analysist Mr Weiss, who generously gives his time to support our school in the sporting arena (and talk Wests Tigers with Mr Briggs). Also, a very BIG thank you to our scorers Susan Kelly and Steve Fathers – arguably the hardest job to keep up with each ever-changing game of cricket.

A special thank you must go to Denis Briggs (Mr Briggs Senior), who created an amazing wooden box to keep our scorecard and cricket stationary all tidy in. Narara PS very much appreciate your time in creating this keepsake and generosity in your donation.

#### SCORECARD:

BOWLER	SCORE		OVERS	
Daniel K	1/10		5 overs	
Cooper O	0/29		5 overs	
Charlie M	0/3 3 over:		overs	
Nick S		2/6	3 overs	
Tom M	0/10		1 over	
Kaleb S	0/5		1 over	
Ethan Bu	0/2		1 over	
Daniel F	0/6		2 overs	
Ethan Br	0/10		2 overs	
Dougie I	0/2		1 over	
Archie L	1/1		1 over	
EXTRAS:	BYES: 5	LEG BYES: 0	WIDES: 7	NO BALLS: 12
AVOCA BEACH PS TOTAL:	6/84 after 25 overs			

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> INNINGS: BOWLING/FIELDING

### 1<sup>ST</sup> INNINGS: BATTING

BATSMAN	SCORE	HOW OUT	BALLS FACED
Charlie M	1	Bowled	4
Daniel K	1	Bowled	6
Daniel F	0	Bowled	2
Tom M	1	Run Out	9
Nick S	2	Bowled	29
Cooper O	0	Bowled	1
Ethan Bu	36*	Not out	62
Ethan Br	0	Bowled	2
Dougie I	0	Run Out	3
Archie L	2	Run Out	21
Kaleb S	4	Run Out	7



# YEAR 7 2026 Specialty class Applications Reminder

Specialty Class Applications CAPA

**HOW TO APPLY** 

Applications for our specialty classes are due by the end of this term - **Friday 4 July 2025**. Contact the school if you require further information or visit our website to access application forms. <u>https://lisarow-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-ourschool/year\_7\_and\_8\_class\_information.html</u>

#### International Competition and Assessment (ICAS)

We know our students are amazing, so we're giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

If you wish for your child (Year 2-6) to participate in ICAS this year, please go to: https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps and enter the code: IMX902

Further information is supplied in the attached document.

Regards, Erin Beatty ICAS Coordinator Narara Public School





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#### What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition, visit: (icasassessments.com/products-icas/)

#### How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please go to the Parent Portal to sign up to your chosen subject areas using the link and code below.

Registration for all subject areas closes on Monday 28 July at 11:59pm.

Sign up here	shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps
Access code	IMX902

This year, our students can elect to sit the following assessments:

Subject	Sitting Date	Cost (AU\$)
Digital	4-8 Aug	\$20.95
Technologies		
Writing	4-8 Aug	\$24.95
English	11-15 Aug	\$20.95
Science	18-22 Aug	\$20.95
Spelling Bee	18-22 Aug	\$20.95
Mathematics	25-29Aug	\$20.95

Please note, we cannot facilitate refunds or make alterations as all money is paid directly to ICAS Assessments.

Read the terms and conditions here: (icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs S2023.V6-1.pdf).





#### Privacy collection statement

The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

ICAS Assessment is owned by Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (We, Us, Our).

To deliver assessment products, Janison will require your child's School to obtain your consent to provide Janison with certain personal information of students. Janison will collect, store, use, disclose and otherwise deal with such personal information in accordance with its privacy policy (below). We are aware of our responsibility to protect personal information related to children and students from being disclosed when we deliver an ICAS Assessments product. Unless you, as the child's legal guardian consents, we will not

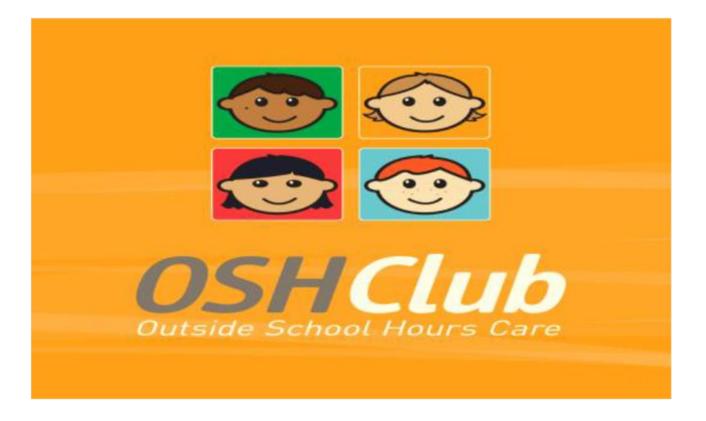
- collect any personal information or data of children other than the information we need for the successful completion of an assessment, test, or exam.
- transfer any personal information we obtain from a child in the delivery of assessments and tests to any jurisdiction outside of Australia.
- share any personal information relating to children with any third parties (except for those third
  parties necessary for us to carry out our Services or provide our Products e.g., medal engraving).
- use any personal information or data relating to children for marketing purposes.

You can view our full privacy policy at https://www.janison.com/privacy-policy/. We may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer at privacy@janison.com or by contacting icasassessments@janison.com.

We are proud to be offering ICAS to our students this year and encourage you to consider entering your child. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Erin Beatty, ICAS Coordinator Narara Public School



#### OSH CLUB at NARARA.

Come along and meet our staff.

We pride ourselves on providing your child/ren with fun, play based learning experiences before and after school as well as during the school holidays. Whether your child attends OSHC daily or only occasionally, each visit is an exciting and engaging adventure.

We also fuel their curious minds and growing bodies, helping to shape your child's understanding of health and wellness positively.

On our menu we have (Gluten free), and Vegan options.

We have qualified staff so as a parent you can be confident that your child/ren are always safe.

For bookings. Oshclub.com.au just click and register.