

# 2025 SUMMER VACATION CARE PROGRAM



Mon 29 Dec to Fri 30 Jan

Before School, After School & Vacation Care  
for the Mid North Coast



*"In a world gone mad with rules & regulations, we help kids be kids!"*

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## VACATION CARE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday  
7.00am – 6.00pm

On all excursion days children are required to be at the centre no later than 8:45am and will return by approx. 4:00pm.

Transportation is provided in our bus or van depending on bookings. Risk Assessments available upon request.



## "WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY"



All Children are required to bring a hat, drink bottle, sunscreen, appropriate and healthy lunch / snacks.

In winter warm clothes and socks are required each day.

In summer swimmers, sun/rash shirts, swim aids (if required), towel and plastic bag are required each day.

Personal electronic devices are prohibited.

Please label all clothes.

Spending money is optional!



## BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR VACATION CARE

For existing families please use your **Xplor Home app** to book and select the days you require.

For new families looking to enrol and join the fun, you can do so by visiting our website at [www.communityoosh.com.au](http://www.communityoosh.com.au).

**Our policy regarding cancelling a booking for Vacation Care is 2 full weeks' notice. All bookings (Including Sick days) not cancelled by 7:00am 2 weeks prior to the booking will be marked as absent and charged as an absent day.**

As many families are, at times, using multiple centres out of choice or necessity you can find our other centres programs on our Website located at <https://communityoosh.com.au/what-we-do/vacation-care-program-activities/>

**Dave's Rave** – (Summer 2025/26) The social media ban for users under 16 in Australia comes into effect on December 10, 2025. It is a somewhat toothless step in the right direction to try and mitigate the generational damage perpetrated on our children, something that was allowed by successive governments on both sides of the political "clown show." As this is the part of the program where we keep you informed on the latest issues in Childcare, I'm going to allow myself a little, arrogant **"I told you so!"** by repeating a piece I wrote 3 years ago at the beginning of 2023. I wonder.....how much more damage occurred in those three years?

### **Dave's Rave** – (Summer 2023) CLAIMING BACK THE BATTLEFIELD OF CHILDHOOD!

Allow me a little indulgence if you will. This year marks the 40th anniversary of my entering both the Teaching Profession and the world of OOSH! (it was my Uni holiday job back in 1983) Suffice to say, I've seen a world of change in these industries, both for better and worse! Now to the point! Sadly, I think **WORSE IS WINNING!** When you read this, we'll be 10 weeks away from a new school year. I never tire of seeing the excitement of the first week back at school and the delight of the kids who have grown ridiculously over summer and are ready to shed the skins of their old grades and move onwards and upwards. Better still, I love the sound of "snapping apron strings" as the new kindies embark on their journey into the world of "big school" **HOWEVER** ..... in 2023 what does that world **REALLY** look like for them? My fear is that today's kids are becoming trapped and have to put up with the **WHOLE WORLD** jammed into their faces and impressionable minds, all at once! Think WWW (it's called World Wide **WEB** for a reason!) There is an overindulgence and exposure of both kids and adults to inane "social trends" and **FOMO**. Sadly, it is completely out of hand and has become the norm because along the way, and over all these years, the first dumb idea or piece of stupidity (in any aspect of the word, be it professional or recreational) was not slapped down and extinguished! Instead, it was given the oxygen to become the foundation platform for the next one! The only **TIC TOCK** your child should know about is the one from a clock or the wristwatch you buy them so they can tell the time. That watch should do just that, tell the time! They do not need it to count their steps, enable the sending/receiving of their (and other peoples) random thoughts 24/7 or to monitor their heartrate to measure their newfound "anxiety levels" that shouldn't exist! Our children desperately need to be exposed to all of life's adventures, both good and bad, **FACE TO FACE** not **FACEBOOK!** Their ventures into the world must be lovingly guided by the people they trust in their lives so that they can advance at their own time and pace rather than being thrown into the deep end as consumable fodder to the stark realities of a "connected" world which they are not physically, or more importantly emotionally, ready for! Sadly, the word I hear from a lot of educational professionals is that **WE ARE LOSING THE BATTLE!** Everyday games, activities and learning experiences that were a necessary rite of passage in the past are now over analysed, overregulated and overshadowed by a prohibitive neurosis of "insurance driven policy! **"SO... IT'S TIME TO PUSH BACK.....!!!!** Hopefully we are the adults. Everyone who has anything to do with a child, be it as parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends or teaching professionals have the responsibility to be the nurturers and protectors of a child's **CHILDHOOD**, not the misguided enablers, and dare I say influencers, of their **MINI ADULTHOOD**. Finally, a **"Helpful Hint"** for all concerned. It's ok to say **"NO"** to your children. The effect may be life changing for all of you!

Fee Structure at Full Rate before the application of any CCS %		Example of Approx. out of pocket expenses at 85% CCS	
Vacation Care	\$79	Vacation Care	\$15.80
Sample Additional Excursion Cost	\$18	Sample Excursion CCS Applied	\$ 3.60

# FUN FACTORY PROGRAM SUMMER 2025/2026

MON 22 DEC	TUES 23 DEC	WED 24 DEC	THURS 25 DEC	FRI 26 DEC
<b>IN CENTRE CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN!</b> Three more sleeps!!!!The chubby old bloke in the red suit is packing his sleigh harnessing the reindeers and getting ready for take-off! We've got loads of last-minute Christmas gifts and crafts to make, cooking to do and hilarious games to play and last-minute preparations to make before he comes! 	<b>EXCURSION + \$18 CARNIVAL CAPERS</b> They're here! Every year we anxiously await the arrival of the Jetty Carnival because it is opening in the afternoon JUST FOR US!!! By far and away our best "value for money excursion of the year and a ton of fun to boot!" "Carnival here we come!" 	<b>EXCURSION MOVIES +\$18 "PETS ON A TRAIN"</b> When a crew of animals find themselves caught up in a train heist it's up to Falcon the raccoon, Maggie the cat and Rex, the police-dog, to save the animals on this high-speed runaway train. <b>THEN</b> we'll head off for a picnic and a swim at the local reserve. (\$8 popcorn drink deal available) 	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>  <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b>	<b>BOXING DAY HOLIDAY</b>  <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b>
MON 29 DEC (RUN FROM PCYC CENTRE)	TUES 30 DEC (RUN FROM PCYC CENTRE)	WED 31 DEC (RUN FROM PCYC CENTRE)	THURS 1 JAN	FRI 2 JAN (RUN FROM PCYC CENTRE)
<b>IN CENTRE - "RACE -O -RAMA"</b>  <b>"I feel the need.... the need for speed!"</b> Get your adrenalin pumping as the our centre is transformed into a race car driver's dream. Once the action gets underway it's a day you won't want to miss!!! 	<b>EXCURSION +\$8 COFFS POOL</b>  We're off to the Coffs pool today to soak up the sun! Will you conquer "the Buccaneer?" It's our ultimate water toy! So come along for a glorious day of wet and wild fun as we swim, splash and play!	<b>IN CENTRE - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!!!</b> 2025 is almost over, so it's out with the old and in with the new! Get ready to party hard & celebrate the approach of a bigger, better and brighter 2026!! Loads of dancing, prizes, party games and fun!!!  	<b>NEW YEARS DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>  <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b>	<b>IN CENTRE - "AESOP'S FABLES"</b> Throughout the ages the stories and amazing pearls of wisdom of the famous Greek slave, Aesop have been passed down and can still teach us all a lesson or two about life! Just ask the "The boy who cried wolf!" (oops, sorry, you can't cause he got eaten for telling lies!) A day of dramatic plays, games and fun!! 
MON 5 JAN	TUES 6 JAN	WED 7 JAN	THURS 8 JAN	FRI 9 JAN
<b>IN CENTRE- OOSH'S GOT TALENT (Minute to win it edition)</b> Prepare for your 15 seconds of fame on the big stage today! Be it tucked away and hidden from the world (and yourself) or plastered all over you and bursting out of your skin, there is a STAR in all of us waiting to be released to the world & we'll help you find it! <b>NB (If you want fly solo, feel free to BYO gear and props today)</b> 	<b>EXCURSION + \$18 CARNIVAL CAPERS</b> If you missed it the first time, don't make the mistake of missing it again!!! By popular demand, the Jetty Carnival is again opening in the afternoon JUST FOR US!! It's fantastic value for money with a great day of unlimited rides, fun and excitement 	<b>IN CENTRE PRACTICAL JOKES AND PRANKS!</b> A return today to one of our old favourites! This time we've got a whole new bag of tricks and outlandish antics for you to learn and take home to annoy your parents and friends! Best of all, everyone's favourite friend the "Belch-Fire Bottom Blaster Mach II" is back! (We know the last one got confiscated!) 	<b>EXCURION + \$18 THE RAINFOREST RATTLER TRAIN RIDE -</b> A unique chance to step back in time today to the year 1923 for some "rockin', rollin', ridin'" good old-fashioned fun! A train ride through the Coffs hinterland and then a picnic lunch and a splash & swim at the reserve makes for a great day out! 	<b>EXCURSION +\$18 "SEASON SWITCH" BIG BANANA FUN</b> Get ready to go from Summer-to Winter- & then back to Summer again in the blink of an eye! First, you'll tackle the "extremes of temperature" as you go Ice Skating. Add a quick visit the lolly shop. (\$2 bags available) <b>THEN...</b> we'll hit the Beach reserve to splash, swim and play in the summer sun. 
MON 12 JAN	TUES 13 JAN	WED 14 JAN	THURS 15 JAN	FRI 16 JAN
<b>EXCURSION +\$18 SURF SCHOOL</b> It's back to school today, surf school that is! Learn how to Hang 5, 10 & even 20 (if you're really clever!) Essentials skills for the Australian lifestyle! Learn from the professionals while playing & having fun. Add in a picnic lunch, beach games, sand modelling and a lazy swim! It's a tough life! 	<b>IN CENTRE - STAR WARS SPECTACULAR!</b> It's the epic space saga that just keeps giving! Like the rest of the planet, we love it, so today we're going to dust off The <b>MILLENNIUM FALCON</b> , flick on our <b>LIGHT SABRES</b> and <b>FORCE</b> you to have some swash-buckling fun! 	<b>EXCURSION MOVIES +\$18 "SEARCH FOR SQUARE PANTS"</b> To prove his bravery to Mr. Krabs, SpongeBob joins the mysterious, ghost pirate known as the Flying Dutchman on a seafaring adventure to the deepest depths of the ocean. <b>THEN</b> we'll head off for a picnic and a swim at the local reserve. (\$8 popcorn drink deal available) 	<b>IN CENTRE -SUMMER SURVIVAL</b> A day of fun awaits as we learn the skills to survive the sizzling Australian summer! Tackle a range of the "hottest" challenges & games to create and discover new ways to stay "cool" to "beat the heat!" So, grab your hat and sunscreen and come along to the "hottest event" on the summer calendar! You'll be the coolest kid in town! 	<b>EXCURSION +\$18 GOLF RANGE</b> Tiger Woods was 3 years old when he started, so hurry up, you're late! Enjoy a day out at Coffs Golf Range where you'll chip, putt, and drive your way to fun. After we'll head off for to the reserve to enjoy a picnic, lots of games, activities and a splash & swim. 
MON 19 JAN	TUES 20 JAN	WED 21JAN	THURS 22 JAN	FRI 23 JAN
<b>EXCURSION +\$18 SPRING LOADED</b> Time to turn yourself into a human "superball" today and go bouncing off the floor, walls and ceiling with your friends! Afterwards, we'll have a swim, splash & a play and enjoy a picnic at the reserve. (Please wear active clothes and socks today) 	<b>EXCURSION + \$18 CARNIVAL CAPERS</b> Don't miss the LAST CHANCE to enjoy "all the fun of the fair!" at the fantastic Jetty Carnival! We can't get enough of this amazing, "value for money" day of fun! Bring your swimmers today to cool off with a splash and a play at the Jetty Foreshores. 	<b>IN CENTRE - COLOUR RUN</b> If you are feeling a little <b>BLUE</b> , come along with us today and burst into a world of brightness with fantastically creative games, activities and artworks that explore the world of colour! Your friends will be <b>GREEN</b> with envy that they missed it, but if you miss this, you'll definitely be seeing <b>RED</b> ! NB:(wear old clothes for colour run) 	<b>INCURSION +\$8 THE REPTILE MAN</b> Today we get to find out what's in those fascinating "moving bags" as we enjoy some creepy, crawly fun with a live show from our friends at Reptile World and a day is filled with games, crafts and activities that have a "saurian slant!" 	<b>EXCURSION +\$8-WATERWORLD</b> Come one, come all for a day that will "WET" your appetite for fun! We're bringing all our centres together for a fantastic "SUMMER FAIR" with a difference! Every stall, game, activity and treats are all based on that amazing life-giving substance H2O ! A hilariously wet & wonderful, whale of a time awaits! 
MON 26 JAN	TUES 27 JAN	WED 28 JAN	THURS 29 JAN	FRI 30 JAN
<b>AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>  <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b>	<b>EXCURSION + \$18 WATER PARK</b> Summer sliding fun awaits at our favourite Big Banana Water slides!!! (Optional \$2 lolly bags available) After that we'll head off for a picnic at the beach reserve tops off a great day of fun! 	<b>EXCURSION +\$8 URUNGA PICNIC</b> Grab your fishing gear today, (or just share ours) as we head off to Urunga for a picnic and a swim "Under the Boardwalk, down by the sea." We'll provide the chips for lunch BUT..... you've gotta' get the fish!!! 	<b>INCURSION + \$8 MOVE &amp; GROOVE</b> Get ready to "bust a move" today as we've enlisted the talents of the team from B WILD FITNESS to bring you a Sports Aerobics / "K-POP" dance spectacular! A fantastic day of dance, fitness and fun awaits as you learn all the moves to put you on the path to stardom!  	<b>EXCURSION MOVIES +\$18 "GRAND PRIX"</b> Having once survived a career ending accident Sonny is persuaded by a struggling Formula 1 team to return to racing and become the best in the world. Driving alongside the team's hotshot rookie, Sonny hits the road to redemption at speed! <b>THEN</b> we'll head off for a picnic and a swim at the local reserve. (\$8 popcorn drink deal available) 