



# St Catherine of Siena

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## NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 9 December 6th 2019

### *Reflection*

Lift up your heads no need to mourn  
His hand is stretched out still for unto us a child is born  
His promise to fulfil Jerusalem! He cried for you  
He did not come to us in vain His loving arms are open wide for you  
And he will come He will come again  
Bethlehem morning is more than just a memory  
For the Child that was born there has come to set us free  
Bethlehem sunrise I can see Him in your eyes  
For the Child that was born there His spirit never dies  
*From the Christmas Song—Bethlehem Morning*



Dear Parents and Guardians

As we come to the end of the 2019 we say goodbye to some staff members. Jessica Attard started with us this year and has worked hard throughout 2019 to develop strong and effective working relationships with all of the children in her care. She should be very proud of the way they have flourished under her guidance as was evidenced in their leadership speeches. Jessica has found a teaching position which will utilise the Food Technology skills developed in her degree.

Kristie Browning has been with us for a number of years and in that time has supported all students in being the best version of themselves. She has been a wealth of encouragement and advice for all staff and has worked tirelessly to support our most vulnerable children in becoming active participants in their own learning. Kristie drove the implementation of our Behaviour Management practices and leaves us with these firmly embedded across the school.

Kate Crawford returned this year after a period of parental leave and has continued to engage the children in a range of physical education activities. Kate's passion and enthusiasm in this area is infectious and she has been of huge assistance to Brittni Summers in this role. Kate leaves us to pursue her career closer to home.

Karen Meddings is moving on at the end of this year to pursue her career in another setting. In the time that she has been with us Karen has been an important member of our Year 1 team. She has worked to support some of our youngest children here at St Catherine's and assisted across the school in so many other ways.

Trish Morrison has been at St Catherine of Siena for a number of years. She has a knack of getting to know each child, their strengths and challenges in order to best address their learning needs and assist them in becoming independent learners. Her manner with them ensures that they are very comfortable in her presence yet are always aware of her expectations for them. This year Trish has worked across Year 4, 5 and 6 to support and extend the children in their learning.

Annabelle Toro has worked with us this year in a number of short term replacement positions. The challenge of this is that you are required to settle in quickly, get to know the children and maximise the time you have with them. Annabelle has been able to do this effectively and has been a valuable member of all teams she has worked with. Annabelle leaves us to pursue her career closer to home.

They will all be missed and we wish each and every one of them every continued success in their new school settings. We thank them all very much for the care they have shown to the children of St Catherine's and their families in their time with us.

Next Wednesday at 9:15am we have our End of Year Mass, this will be followed by morning tea in the hall. You are all invited to join with us for our final whole school liturgy to celebrate the 2019 school year, we would love to see you there.

Next Friday is our annual whole school picnic at Maddingley Park. This is always a great way to end the year so if you are free we would love to have you join us for the day. Please make sure that you have given approval for this on CareMonkey.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Carmel Marantelli  
PRINCIPAL

**PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES**

**Friday 13th December - Whole School Picnic**



# School Concert

This year's school concert will be held on Tuesday,  
10th December at 6:30pm in the Catholic Regional  
College Sports Stadium.

The theme of this year's concert is '**STORY**' and  
children are asked to come dressed in Christmas

*We look forward to*



THIS IS  
**my story**



# Christmas Dress Up Day

## Monday, 9th December

Every year, each class raises money to buy a Christmas present to go under our school Christmas tree. These presents go to children in our community who are not as fortunate as others are. In order to raise this money, we will be holding a Christmas Dress Up Day on Monday, 9th December and we ask that the entire school get into the Christmas spirit, dress up and bring a GOLD COIN donation.

The Year 4 SRC reps (Jai, Dylan and Jaxson) are really hoping that all students across the school will get behind this day and dress up in their most festive Christmas gear!

All of the Year 4's appreciate your support of this day.



## Whole School Picnic

**Date:** Friday, 13th December 2019

**Venue:** Maddingley Park, Maddingley, VIC 3340

**Time:** 8:50am - 3:15pm for students going on the bus.

For students coming with their parents, the picnic will begin at approximately 9:30am and conclude at approximately 2:00pm.

**Snack and Lunch Arrangements:** Children need to bring their own food for the day (a healthy snack and lunch) as well as a drink bottle of water.

**Clothing:** Students will need to wear their full sports uniform and bring their school hat and sunscreen. A jacket or coat is advisable in case of cold or windy weather.

Parents and family members are welcome to attend the picnic and will need to provide their own food and it is advised that you bring along a picnic rug, chairs, table etc.

**\*\*\*Permission forms have been sent to all families via the CareMonkey app. All students MUST have a completed response by Friday, 6th December to attend this**





You're invited to

# Join Us

*Fr Michael Moody, Parish Priest,  
Miss Carmel Marantelli, Principal  
and all of the staff of St Catherine of Siena*

*invite all families to  
join us in giving thanks  
for the 2019 school year  
on*

*Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December  
9.15am at St Catherine of Siena Church,  
Mass will be followed by morning tea in  
the school hall with school staff.*



## Helping children cope with setbacks or disappointments.

Whether it's an excursion to the park that gets ruined by rain or there are no more chocolate sprinkles at the ice cream shop or I didn't get into the class with many of my friends or I didn't get the teacher I wanted, life is full of little and big disappointments. And as much as we'd like to spare children from letdowns, we can't -- and that's a good thing. *"When children learn at an early age that they have the tools to get over a disappointing situation, they'll be able to rely on that throughout childhood and even as adults,"* says Robert Brooks, PhD, co author of *Raising Resilient Children*. *"If you bend over backwards to shield them from disappointment, you're keeping them from developing some important skills."*

That's not to say you shouldn't lend a hand. *"If you help a child learn to ask for realistic support, lean on others, communicate well, and stay optimistic, you're assisting that child to handle what life throws at them,"* says Dr. Brooks. The most effective approach: Tailor your tactics to how your child currently reacts when a curveball comes their way.

## The Right Attitude Toward Disappointment

Disappointment is a normal, though difficult, part of growing up. Your children will inevitably experience disappointment in school, sports, the arts, and in their social lives. How your children learn to respond to disappointment will determine its impact on their future achievement and happiness.

You can teach your children to see stumbling blocks as opportunities to improve and grow. Offering your children a different perspective on their disappointment - **"I know it feels bad right now, but what can you learn from it?"** - gives them tools they can use to avoid or minimize their disappointment in the future, and to turn the obstacles to their advantage by increasing resilience, motivation, and confidence.

After "a setback," your children will naturally feel a brief period of letdown, but then you must encourage them to pick themselves up and "bounce back," that is, get back to pursuing their goals. By staying positive and enthusiastic, you can show your children a better way of feeling in response to failure and guide them in finding a way to overcome their setbacks and return to their path of achievement.





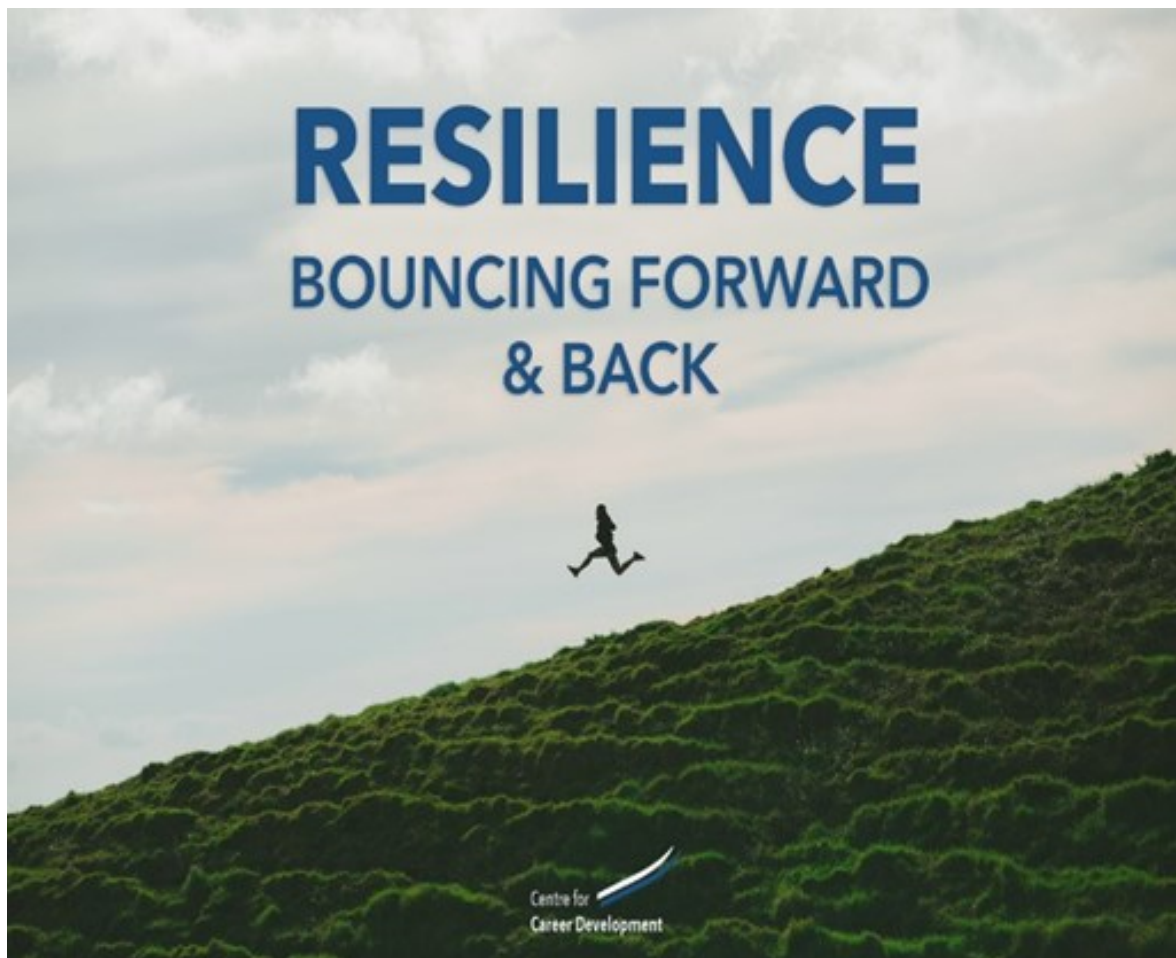


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Here are some suggestions on how to respond to your children's disappointments/set back:

- Allow your children to feel disappointment about the setback;
- Don't "spin" the situation to make your children feel better; Or become over emotional yourself
- Offer a healthy perspective on disappointment;
- Support your children, but don't give them a consolation prize; Or 'give in' by eliminating the situation that has disappointed them
- Help your children find ways to 'figure out' the causes of their disappointment;
- Tell your children that they will survive these disappointments and will achieve their goals if they keep trying hard; and looking at the positives of the situation

Finally, make sure they know you love and support them regardless of their successes or failures.



Have a happy week

Kristie Browning

## Parish Of Melton Office

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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm

### Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena

Wednesday: 9.15am

Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm

Sunday Morning: 9.00am & 11.00am

Sunday Evening: 5pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday : 5.30pm- 5.45pm

### Mass Times - St Dominic's

Thursday - Friday : 9.15am



## Breakfast Club

The last day for breakfast club for 2019 will be Tuesday, 10th December. There will be no breakfast club in the last week of term.

Thank you to all the members of St Vincent De Paul who have volunteered to run the breakfast club



## Canteen

The last day for canteen lunch orders and over the counter sales will be **Tuesday, 17th December.**

The canteen will be closed on Thursday, 19th December.

The canteen will reopen in 2020 from Monday, 3rd February.



## Year 4 Fundraiser

### Help us raise money to fight Cancer!!

**How?** By buying an Icy Pole

**When?** Lunchtime on Wednesday, 11th December

**Where?** The Canteen

**How Much?** Icy Poles will be \$1.00 each

All money raised will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness.

### Thank you for your support!

Jai and Ethan - Year 4



## Uniform Shop

Please note the final days the uniform shop will be open for 2018 will be Monday, 9th December from 8:30am - 9:00am and Wednesday, 11th December from 8:30am - 9:00am. The uniform shop will be closed in week 11 for stocktake.

The uniform shop will re-open in 2020 on Wednesday, 29th January from 8:30am - 12:00pm. From Monday, 3rd February the uniform shop will be open each Monday and Wednesday morning between 8:30am - 9:00am.

**CLOSING FOR STOCK TAKE**

## End of Term 4

### Thursday, 19th December - Students Dismissed at 1:30pm



# *Christmas Mass Timetable 2019*

*St Catherine of Siena, Bulmans Rd, Melton West*

## *Christmas Eve*

*Tuesday 24th December*

- ▶ **6pm Mass** [Children's Mass with Carols 30 mins beforehand]
- ▶ **8pm Mass** [Congolesse Choir]
- ▶ **10pm Mass**

## *Christmas Day*

*Wednesday 25th December*

- ▶ **9am Mass** [9am Choir]
- ▶ **11am Mass**

**\*\* No Mass — Thursday 26th Dec & Friday 27th Dec. \*\***

## *Individual Sacrament of Penance*

<b>Saturday 21st December</b>	<b>5.15pm—5.45pm</b>
<b>Sunday 22nd December</b>	<b>4.15pm—4.45pm</b>

**\*\* Please note— There will be no Sacrament of Penance on Christmas Eve. \*\***

## *Communal Sacrament of Penance*

- ▶ **Saturday 7th December** 5.00pm
- ▶ **Saturday 14th December** 5.00pm

*The Parish office will be closed from Tuesday 24 December – Tuesday 14 January 2020*





*Please support this year's  
appeal to help the Melton  
branch*

# VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL IS NOW ON

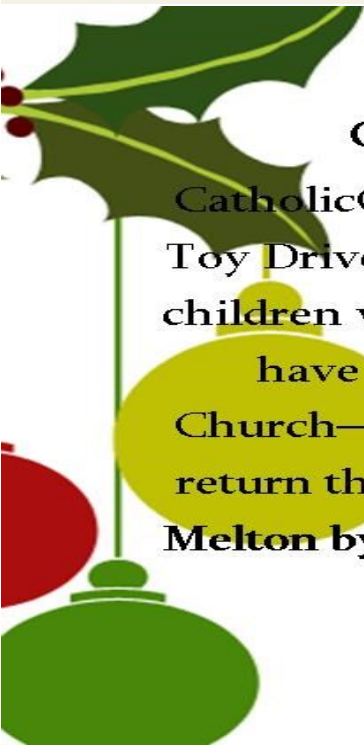
SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA OF  
THE CHURCH & THE PARISH OFFICE

## CATHOLICCARE TOY DRIVE 2019

CatholicCare have asked us to join their annual Christmas Toy Drive. They are asking for your help to provide joy to children within our area during the Christmas Season. We

have placed gift tags on the wall at the back of the Church—Please select a tag and purchase a suitable gift & return the wrapped gift to the Parish Office at 10 Unitt St, Melton by Friday 6 December 2019. Remember to place the tag you select on the gift!



# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award this week.

**These awards will be given out on Monday at our morning assembly.**

Prep A - Harper Kynaston

Prep B - Sage Thompson

Prep C - Braxton Vella

Prep D - Wei Mayan

1E - Whole Class

1F - Whole Class

1H - Whole Class

2G - Whole Class

2I - Madison McGrath

2J - Shemaya Rodrigo

3K - Abuk Ngong

3L - Violet Suraci

3N - Nyanrup Poundak

4Q - Jaxson Cowan

4S - Blake Judd

4U - Pauline Abela & Aiden Harrison

5R - Victoria Solomon

5T - Keenan Dominic-Lea'Ana





5V - Juan Kakinda

6M - Dana Huerto

6O - Dalisah Hani

6P - Kiristopher Leiba

## Term 4, 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
9 Week 10 *Morning awards *Christmas Dress Up Day	10 *Yr 7, 2020 Orientation Day @ CRC *School Concert @ 6:30PM	11 *End of Year Mass @ 9:15am	12 *Advent Liturgy Week 4 @ 2:45pm	13 *Whole School End of Year Picnic 	14	15 
16 Week 11 *Morning awards	17 *Yr 1 - 6 2020 Transition Morning	18 *Christmas Liturgy @ 9:00am *Yr 6 Graduation	19 *Last day Term 4 Students dismissed @	20	21	22 
23	24	25 	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 January 2020	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19

# St. Catherine of Siena OSHClub

**OUTCOME 4: LEARNING** – Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.

\*\*\*Please remember to use our website, [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) to book your child in and update your bookings for each session\*\*\* On the day bookings will incur additional fees per session per child.

Across the last week we have enjoyed beginning our Christmas celebrations. The children have made and put up our Christmas Tree, we have made Christmas booklets to help engage the children over the holidays and we have enjoyed our games such as Silent Ball, Hospital Tag and Moovosity.

Children can ONLY ATTEND when and if they have an ENROLMENT form completed by the parents or guardians! Please don't forget our Vacation Care Programs. To book, visit [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au).

Just a friendly reminder of the importance of signing your child in to OSHClub. Knowing that your child is safe and looked after is on the forefront of every parents' mind, and, having them booked in to OSHClub so that our program staff are aware they need to be here is very important in this process. Please use our website or give the program a call if you require care on the day or even visit our friendly staff!

Please note our Before School Care program begins each morning at 6.50am. Please ensure, if you haven't already, that you create a FREE OSHClub account by visiting our website [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au).

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** Please ensure you or any of your emergency contacts bring in your I.D and mobile phone if you are new to the service. We need to verify who you are, if you are new to the service, for the safety of your children.

## OSHClub St. Catherine's Melton Team

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS:** If you need to cancel ASC please do on the internet by 3:15pm on the day before, send us a text on: 0408 477 328 or pop in to let staff know you are collecting your child so that we know where the children are. **There is a \$1/minute fee for each child that is picked up after 6:30pm.**

### Week 10 Term 4 Activities

DAY	BSC	ASC
MONDAY 09.12	Pin Hole Christmas Tree and Silent Ball	Pin Hole Christmas Tree and Moovosity
TUESDAY 10.12	Make Santa and Red Light Green Light	Make Santa and Simpsons
WEDNESDAY 11.12	Christmas Booklets and Ickle Pickle	Christmas Booklets and Chinese Wall
THURSDAY 12.12	Reindeer Craft and Night at the Museum	Reindeer Craft and Moovosity
FRIDAY 13.12	Christmas Cookies and Musical Statues	Christmas Cookies and Hospital Tag

### Week 10 Term 4 Menu

BSC	ASC
Children have a self-serve breakfast consisting of wholemeal bread, basic cereals (corn flakes, rice puffs and weet bix), fresh milk, soy milk etc.	Salada's with Spreads
	Mac and Cheese
	Yoghurt and Muesli
<b>NOTE:</b> All after care meals are served with a range of fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables.	Salad Sandwiches
	Crackers and Dip

**The memories we've made at  
St. Catherine's Melton  
OSHClub 😊**



**We love building things with the straws!**



**We put up our very own Christmas Tree**



**We love to build things with lots of different materials.**



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free



**Monday 06 January**

IN + \$17.00

**SUMMERTIME FUN**

**INCURSION - SPLASHTASTIC FUN**

Cool down with super fun Water Games this summer. It's the perfect program for kids that want to beat the heat.



Don't forget a towel and change of clothes

**Tuesday 07 January**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**IN-SERVICE**

It's time to celebrate the beginning of a new year, join us for a day filled with new year fun.

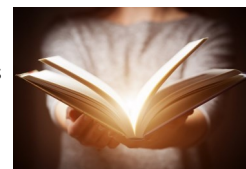


**Monday 13 January**

**FANTASTIC FAIRYTALES**

**IN-SERVICE**

Are you a princess or a dragon? Come with us as we explore the magical kingdom of fairytales and fantasy.



**Tuesday 14 January**

**REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE**

**IN-SERVICE**

Today we'll be transforming trash into treasures, as we design and create the most amazing things from recycled materials!



**Wednesday 08 January**

**LET'S VISIT ITALY!**

**IN-SERVICE**

Get your passports ready as we explore the Leaning Tower of Pisa, eat delicious pizza and learn all the wonders of Italy!



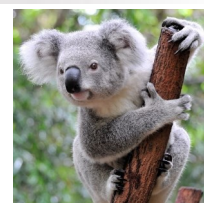
**Wednesday 15 January**

EX + \$37.00

**WILDLIFE WARRIORS**

**EXCURSION - BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK**

Today we will tour the Ballarat Wildlife Park



Please arrive by 8.30am

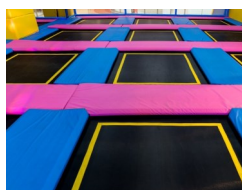
**Thursday 09 January**

EX + \$30.00

**JUMPING JOLLY JOY**

**EXCURSION - LATITUDE HEIDELBERG**

Bounce, Climb and Fly as you challenge yourself on the trampolines, rock walls and ropes course at Latitude Heidelberg.



**Thursday 16 January**

IN + \$17.00

**BOOGIE WONDERLAND**

**INCURSION - SILENT DISCO 4 KIDS HIP HOP**

Slip on the light up head phones and join us as we learn crazy hip hop dance moves for a silent disco hip hop party.



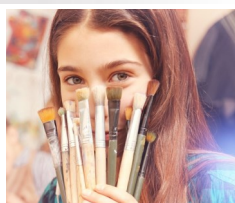
Arrive by 8.30am

**Friday 10 January**

**MASTER ARTIST**

**IN-SERVICE**

Paint, draw or sketch your day away as you become a master artist for the day. Will you be the next Picasso?



**Friday 17 January**

**AMAZING ASIA**

**IN-SERVICE**

Jump on board our flight around Asia today!



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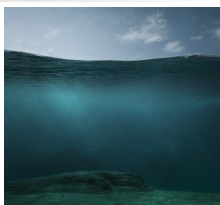
CURSION

### Monday 20 January

#### EXPLORE THE OCEAN FLOOR

##### IN-SERVICE

How do you make an octopus laugh? With 'ten-tickles' of course! Discover more fun aquatic facts on today's submarine adventure!



### Monday 27 January

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

##### SERVICE CLOSED



### Tuesday 21 January



+ \$30.00

#### CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY

##### EXCURSION - CERES COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT PARK

Let's be inspired by sustainable living in the setting of CERES Community Environment Park. We will net for insects and make our own paper.



### Tuesday 28 January

#### BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY!

##### IN-SERVICE

Let's wind up the school holidays with a party! Food, games and a whole lot of fun!



Please arrive by 8:15am

### Wednesday 22 January

#### EXPLORE EGYPT

##### IN-SERVICE

Grab your excavation tools and head out on an adventure to find the lost treasures of the world!



### Thursday 23 January



+ \$17.00

#### SPACE STATION ODYSSEY

##### INCURSION - SCIENCE DISCOVERY DOME

Enter a magical world in the discovery dome and explore the night sky, stars, planets and major constellations

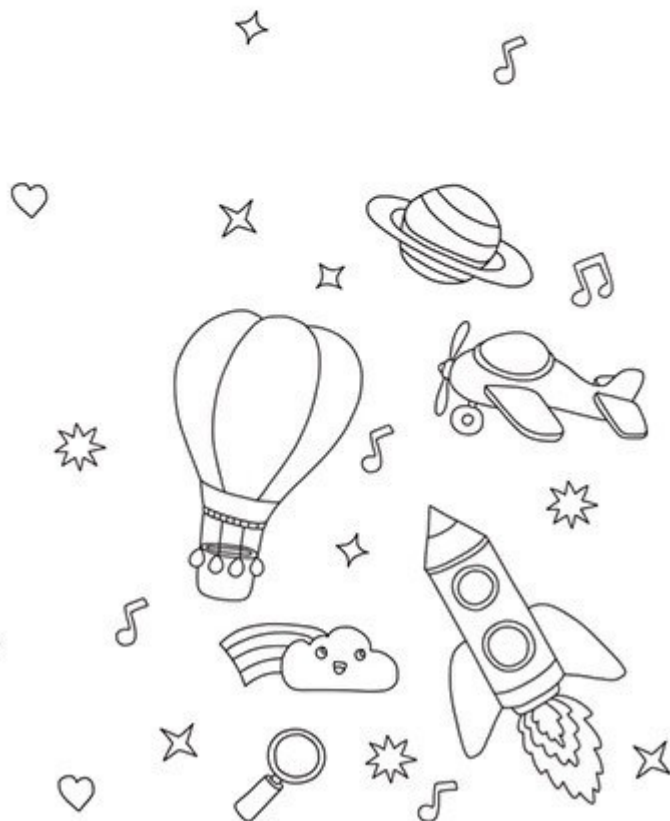


### Friday 24 January

#### AUSTRALIA DAY

##### IN-SERVICE

Learn about the land we live on today as we adventure around Australia!



Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.

#### Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- 
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

Passionate -



The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our build brighter futures together

#### What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



## What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.