

GOWRIE NSW ERSKINEVILLE NEWSLETTER

ISSUE: TERM 1 2023



APRIL VACATION CARE!

Can you believe Term 1 of 2023 is almost complete? The team at Gowrie Erko have been busy discussing with the children what activities they would like to see during this vacation care period. The children had many wonderful ideas and even decided on some previous favourite activities from other vacation care programs.

To secure your spot please head to:

<https://www.gowriensw.com.au/vacation-care/erskineville>

If you have any trouble making these bookings please don't hesitate to contact our enrollments team: enrolments@gowriensw.com.au

Gowrie NSW Erskineville

Outside School Hours & Vacation Care

7am to 8.30am & 3pm to 6pm,
Monday to Friday
7am to 6pm (Vacation Care)

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FIND OUT MORE

To view our programs, make an online booking, or to find out more, please visit our website or scan the QR code below:
<https://www.gowriensw.com.au/out-of-hours-care/erskineville>



Visits to our program are always welcome and can be arranged by calling the Program Manager or emailing the centre.

We would love to hear from our families, if you wish to provide feedback, or if our have questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact the centre via email, in person or phone.

| WEEK 1 | WEEK 2 |
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| <p>MON, 10 APRIL (CLOSED) \$70</p> <p>Staff Development Day.</p>  | <p>MON, 17 APRIL \$70</p> <p>Medical Mysteries We learn about staying healthy, explore the fascinating world of medicine, and get hands-on experience with paramedic equipment and techniques. From solving puzzles to practicing life-saving skills, there's something for everyone</p>  |
| <p>TUE, 11 April \$85</p> <p>Autumn Film Festival (Excursion - Dendy Cinemas) Join us for a day at the cinema where we'll watch the latest family-friendly movie and then get creative by making our own short films and film-related crafts.</p>  | <p>TUE, 18 APRIL \$85</p> <p>Natural Beauties (Botanica Gardens Excursion) We explore the stunning botanical gardens, breathe in the fresh air, and learn about the amazing plants and animals that call our world home. From scenic walks to interactive exhibits, there's something for everyone! So come prepared to be inspired, rejuvenated, and awed by the wonders of nature.</p>  |
| <p>WED, 12 APRIL \$70</p> <p>Great Battle of ERKO (Inursion - Nerf War) Join us for an action-packed day of Nerf battles as we storm the playgrounds in the ultimate showdown for supremacy in the Great Battle of ERKO! Bring your Nerf guns, ammo and gear to compete in a series of team-based challenges and games.</p>  | <p>WED, 19 APRIL \$75</p> <p>Rock Climbing (Inursion) Get ready to reach new heights as we bring back the rock climbing tower by popular demand!</p>  |
| <p>THU, 13 APRIL \$80</p> <p>Tamborine Bay Bush Walk (Excursion) Lace up your hiking boots and join us for a scenic walk through the beautiful Tamborine Bay area, where we'll explore the local flora and fauna, enjoy a peaceful picnic, and experience the great outdoors like never before! Don't forget to bring your camera to capture the stunning views along the way.</p>  | <p>THU, 20 APRIL \$80</p> <p>Soccer Skills (Excursion) Join us for a day of soccer excitement as we focus on improving our skills, sharpening our teamwork, and having a blast on the field!</p>  |
| <p>FRI, 14 APRIL \$55</p> <p>Snacks & Ladders Today we roll the dice, strategize, and snack our way through a variety of classic and modern games. From chutes and ladders to chess and checkers, there's something for everyone at "Snacks and Ladders"! So bring your favorite games and prepare to have a blast.</p>  | <p>FRI, 21 APRIL \$80</p> <p>Cooking Up A Storm (Inursion) Today we fire up the ovens and make our own delicious pizza from scratch! With the help of a professional pizza truck and our own creativity, we'll whip up fresh, mouthwatering pizzas that are sure to satisfy every palate. So come prepared to cook, eat, and have a blast at "Cooking Up a Storm"!</p>  |

Our current team now consists of:

PERMANENT EDUCATORS

Joel

Program Manager

Vanessa & Edyta

Assistant Program Manager

Kelly, Ivy, Claire, Alice

Educator

CASUAL EDUCATORS

Mina, Alex, Sarah

This month's featured educator



Vanessa

For your attention to people, detail, and individuals. For going above and beyond in supporting a sense of inclusion within the program.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Sun safe water play:

As many of you are aware at the beginning of the year we asked for water play permission forms to be completed. As the past couple of days have been quite warm a few children have asked to participate in water play and this is where these permission forms came into action.

The children who had permission set up a slip-and-slide on the turf, made out of a large tarp and blue gym mats. The children worked together to build this structure and had a blast sliding down and colling off.

The children are definitely looking forward to having more days like these.

Intranet competition:

We have some exciting news! After sifting through your awesome entries, we have finally come up with a shortlist of names for our Intranet. But now, we need your help to choose the winner. Without further ado, here are the finalists:

- Zara (Lady Zara, the founder of Gowrie NSW in 1940)
- Marri (Dharug language meaning 'more')
- Bayala (Dharug language meaning 'speak, yarning')
- GG (Gowrie Go)



Children's quotes:

Joel was having a conversation with the kindergarten children and testing whether he remembered all the parents' names. However, one child corrected him when he said their Dad's name, and they responded with "no your wrong my actual daddy's name is daddy".

TERM 1 UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

Help keep our children safe:

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of our children and families, we have noticed that some gates are being left open. We understand that this can happen accidentally, and we want to reassure you that our educators are promptly closing them to ensure the safety of our community.

However, we kindly ask for your cooperation in this matter. Leaving gates open can pose a risk to our children, as it can allow unknown individuals to enter the premises or animals to enter the program.

To help us maintain a safe environment, we kindly request that families using the program use only the Bridge St Entrance (Coded Black Gate, highlighted on the map in RED). Erskineville Public School Teachers are responsible for closing the Car Park gate, however, we will additionally be implementing a lock on the gate next to the bike racks to reduce the risk of potential absconding, or entry. We will add additional signage to remind everyone to keep said gates closed.

If you have any questions, please let us know.



Malcolm st gate locked:

Malcolm Street gates will now remain locked from 3pm till 8:30am the next morning. Please use the Bridge street entry for all pick up and collections.

Permission forms:

An email was sent out regarding permission forms for the following:

- >water play
- >personal technology
- >regular outing
- >extra curricular

It has been brought to our attention that not all families have received these, so printed copies have now been left at the parent sign-in desk for your convenience.

Extracurricular forms must be completed for children already enrolled for activities such as:

- French
- Bricks4kids
- Athletics
- Band
- Coding
- Tutoring
- Etc.

If you wish your Child to Participate in Water play Please ensure spare Clothes are packed In your child's bag, As this may happen Spontaneously weather permitting.

Educator of the month voting:

