

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Term 2 2024

Maria Regina Catholic School, Avalon

Hours: 8am – 4pm

P: 0421 864 243

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BOOKINGS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Please note our vacation care service operates between **8am – 4pm** for children up to 12 years old who are currently enrolled in primary school. We are licensed to enroll 45 children per day and are required as per regulations to maintain the approved staff to child ratio at all times.

We are excited to share with you our Term 2 vacation care program. We have planned our vacation care program to offer children the time to relax and have fun and to reconnect with their peers and make new friendships.

Considering the ever changing COVID-19 and influenza, we wanted to note that Maria Regina Vacation Care is focused on the safety and wellbeing of the children, families and staff and we will be taking precautions at this time.

As the safety, health and wellbeing of our students and staff is paramount, we will continue to monitor and respond to the advice from relevant government and health authorities. Staff will be vigilant regarding cleaning and hygiene, also supporting children to do the same. Risk assessments have been completed for both your service and our vacation care program and we welcome families to request these from your service supervisor for your review.

The vacation care program has been planned thoughtfully, with fun in mind, and with consideration of the current recommendations from government and health authorities. We will be conducting incursions and excursions and will always consider the safety, health and wellbeing of our children in planning these activities.

STAFF

Educators are employed because of their experience and knowledge in childcare and all educators are involved in ongoing training. At the parent sign in area, you will find the details of which educator is in charge between the hours of 8am – 4pm.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY (CCS) DURING VACATION CARE?

The Centre is approved for the Child Care Subsidy. You must have a formalised account with the centre to receive your fee reduction.

The new package helps parents with children aged 0 – 13 work, train, study and volunteer. It includes a new Child Care Subsidy, which replaces the current Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate. It will be paid directly to services. You'll need to complete a Centrelink Child Care Subsidy if you haven't already. You can complete your assessment through [MyGov](#) using your Centrelink online account or via the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

HOW DO I MAKE A BOOKING?

Please complete the booking form. If booking for the first time, you'll need to also complete an enrolment form.

WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES?

Incentre cost is \$64.00 per day, additional costs depending on the Incursion or Excursion will be reflected in the program.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EXCURSIONS?

Excursions are planned and focus on the interests of children enrolled at the service. Risk assessments are completed by the coordinator in consultation with Catholic Care to ensure that the safety of all children is maintained at all times. Excursions are staffed at a staff to child ratio of 1:10 and 1:5 for water-based experiences. The ratios will change based on the needs of the children and the excursion. This will be indicated on the risk assessment.

Information pertaining to excursions will be provided on the permission forms and parents/carers are welcomed and encouraged to read the supervision and risk assessments completed by the service.

MEALS

Families are to provide adequate food for their children enrolled in the vacation care program unless otherwise specified on the permission form. Please do not send any food that requires heating as we do not have the facilities to do so (We are not permitted to reheat food due to Regulations). Children tend to get quite hungry as they are constantly active, and we encourage parents to pack extra food for their child.

We will be serving the children some fruit as part of the afternoon tea.

Due to the severity of some children's allergies, we are an allergy aware service and encourage all our families to support us to keep all our children safe.

If your child has allergies or dietary restrictions, please make an appointment to discuss with staff prior to vacation care.

PROGRAMMING & EVALUATION

During each school holiday period children are asked to provide ideas and comments for the current and next school holiday program. Evaluations can be found in our daily evaluation and daybook located on the sign on desk which is located at the entrance to the service.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR & SUN SAFETY INFORMATION?

Please make sure to clearly label all items of clothing. It is important to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and the daily activities.

Maria Regina Vacation Care endorses the Cancer Council's 'Sun Safe OOSH' Policy. Under this policy, a daily UV check is conducted, and at times where the UV level is above 3, SPF 50 sunscreen is applied every 2-3 hours. Children are also required to wear sun safe clothing, including a broad brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire hat, and clothing which covers their shoulders. Singlets and caps are not sun safe clothing. If your child attends Vacation Care without appropriate sun safe clothing, they will be provided with a hat/ shirt. Children must also wear sensible shoes for walking and playing (i.e. enclosed shoes or strap-on sandals and bring a jumper or a jacket and drink bottle each day. Thongs and slip-on style shoes are not permitted.

Children must have a hat to wear each day as per our sun safe policy. Please ensure that sunscreen is applied before your child attends vacation care. Educators will ensure that sunscreen is applied throughout the day. If you prefer that your child use a different sunscreen to the one provided by CatholicCare please ensure they have it in their bag and educators will remind them to apply it.

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS MEDICATION?

Prescription medication can only be administered by educators with written permission from the parent/guardian. This is actioned by completing a medication form available at the VAC service.

Medication must be handed to an educator in its original packaging with the prescribed dosage information and use-by date. Non-prescription medication cannot be administered by educators, as per CatholicCare policy.

For further information, please see the Centre Coordinator or email the service at: oshc.avalon@catholiccareddb.org.au

VACATION CARE JULY 2024

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MONDAY
8 JULY

FAIRYTALE DAY

From brave knights to graceful princesses, every child will embark on an adventure filled with wonder and delight. With whimsical activities, enchanting crafts, and fairytale themed games, their imaginations will soar to new heights. Join us for a day where happily ever afters are not just stories, but unforgettable memories waiting to be made!

\$ INCENTRE
\$80.00



TUESDAY
9 JULY

WIZARDS & WITCHES!

Enchantment awaits ... Dive into a world of spells, potions, and fantastical adventures as we embark on a journey through the mystical realm of sorcery. From wand making workshops to potion brewing classes, our young sorcerers will discover the secrets of the arcane arts under the guidance of our experienced magical mentors.

\$ INCENTRE
\$80.00



WEDNESDAY
10 JULY

JENNY'S PAINTED POTS

Get ready to roll up your sleeves and dive into the world of clay as we unleash the artist within. Under the watchful eye of our experienced instructors, participants will mould and sculpt their imaginations into reality.

\$ INCURSION
\$86.00



THURSDAY
11 JULY

BRING YOUR WHEELS TO SCHOOL DAY

Strap on your helmets and rev up your engines as we roll into a day packed with fun and adventure. On this special day, participants are encouraged to bring their favourite wheels to school, whether it's scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, or bikes. The playground will be transformed into a wheeled wonderland, where kids can zip, zoom, and cruise to their heart's content.

\$ INCENTRE
\$80.00



FRIDAY
12 JULY

COOKING CRAZINESS!

Get ready to stir up some excitement as we dive into the delicious world of cooking and baking. Young chefs will have the opportunity to explore their love for food through hands on cooking activities and culinary adventures. From whipping up tasty snacks to crafting gourmet delights, participants will unleash their inner chef.

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\$80.00

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MONDAY
15 JULY

TIME TRAVEL TO ANCIENT HISTORY!

Step back in time and join us for a journey through the ages! From the grandeur of ancient civilizations to the revolutions that shaped our world, immerse yourself in a day filled with adventure, discovery, and hands on exploration. Unleash your inner archaeologist, historian, or adventurer as we delve into the past through exciting activities, games, and crafts.

\$ INCENTRE
\$80.00



TUESDAY
16 JULY

SECRET SPY DAY... SHH

Calling all aspiring agents and undercover operatives to embark on a mission shrouded in mystery and intrigue. From cracking codes to mastering disguise techniques, participants will delve into the world of espionage. Uncover clues, solve puzzles, and test your stealth skills in an immersive experience designed to unleash your inner spy.

\$ INCENTRE
\$80.00



WEDNESDAY
17 JULY

BRICKS FOR KIDS! (MASTER BUILDERS)

Join us for an unforgettable adventure where creativity meets construction! From towering skyscrapers to roaring dinosaurs, let your imagination run wild as you build and create with Lego bricks. Our expert instructors will guide you through exciting challenges and activities, ensuring fun and learning go hand in hand.

\$ INCURSION
\$96.00



THURSDAY
18 JULY

ITALIANO PIZZERIA DAY

Dive into the art of pizza making with hands on activities, where every step is a celebration of Italian tradition and taste. Whether you prefer a classic margherita or adventurous combinations, discover the secrets behind creating the perfect pizza!

\$ INCENTRE
\$80.00



FRIDAY
19 JULY

MOVIE & COOKING DAY!

Lights, camera, cook! Join us for an ultimate movie and cooking day, where the magic of cinema meets the comfort of some home cooked dishes. Sit back, relax, and enjoy a blockbuster movie marathon alongside some sweet treats and snacks!

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**MONDAY
22 JULY**

PAINT & SIP

Unleash your inner artist and unwind with our paint and sip day! Get ready for a creative escape as we combine the joys of painting with the relaxation of sipping your favourite drinks. Explore your artistic talents and bring your imagination to life on canvas on this magical creative day!

**\$ INCENTRE
\$70.00**



TERM 2 2024 VACATION CARE BOOKING FORM

A risk assessment of all excursions is carried out and a printout is available at the service. I _____ give permission for my children

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

To participate in the following activities, under the supervision of the staff at Maria Regina Vacation Care. I have read and understood and agree to abide by the conditions set out in the information sheet. I understand that any offsite transportation will be via bus departing from Maria Regina Vacation Care and returning by bus to Maria Regina Vacation Care. I understand that my child/ren must be at the centre by the requested time. I will allow staff to take photographs of my child/ren for the purposes of programming and display within the centre only.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Date	Tick if attending	Activity	Location	Cost	Travel	Departing	Returning	No. children approx.	Staff: child ratio	No. staff attending	Responsible person duty
Monday 8 th July		Fairytale Day	OSHC	\$80.00	NIL	N/A	N/A	8	1:15	2-3	Anna Dimitrov
Tuesday 9 th July		Wizards and Witches	OSHC	\$80.00	NIL	N/A	N/A	10	1:15	2-3	Anna Dimitrov
Wednesday 10 th July		Jenny's Painted Pots (11am Start)	OSHC	\$86.00	NIL	N/A	N/A	15	1:15	2-3	Anna Dimitrov
Thursday 11 th July		Bring your Wheels to School!	OSHC	\$80.00	NIL	N/A	N/A	12	1:15	2-3	Anna Dimitrov
Friday 12 th July		Cooking Craziiness	OSHC	\$80.00	NIL	N/A	N/A	6	1:15	2-3	Anna Dimitrov
Monday 15 th July		Time travel to Ancient History	OSHC	\$80.00	NIL	N/A	N/A	10	1:15	2-3	Anna Dimitrov
Tuesday 16 th July		Secret Spy Day... Shh	OSHC	\$80.00	NIL	N/A	N/A	8	1:15	2-3	Anna Dimitrov
Wednesday 17 th July		Bricks 4 Kidz – Master Builders (1pm Start)	OSHC	\$96.00	NIL	N/A	N/A	15	1:10	2-3	Anna Dimitrov
Thursday 18 th July		Italiano Pizzeria Day	OSHC	\$80.00	NIL	N/A	N/A	8	1:15	2-3	Anna Dimitrov
Friday 19 th July		Movies and Cooking Day	OSHC	\$80.00	NIL	Incentre	Incentre	6	1:15	2-3	Anna Dimitrov
Monday 22 nd July		Paint and Sip	OSHC	\$70.00	NIL	N/A	N/A	8	1:15	2-3	Anna Dimitrov