Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 2 - Term 1, 2023 Thursday 2 February 2023



Ms Campo's news....

Welcome to the 2023 school year!

Isn't it lovely to be back!! It was so nice seeing our Year 1-6 children begin school on Tuesday morning and to visit them in their classrooms. The classes are all focused on unpacking their Book Packs and determining their classroom expectations. We are all settling back into being back at school and remembering our school routines, after our month-long school holiday. Our Prep children are coming by appointment to spend time with their teacher to complete the English and Maths On Line assessment tasks, so that Ms Smyth and Ms Akamatis, our Prep teachers, are able to learn about the children and develop a learning plan for each child.

In 2023, the Department of Education asks that the English on Line assessment task is also completed with Year 1 students and we will begin completing that next week. Each Year 1-2 teacher will be released by Ms Bramich in order to complete the EoL task with each student individually.

Newsletters

Our newsletter is sent out to families each fortnight on a Thursday afternoon and it is full of news about our school. Each fortnight, several classes are featured and share about their classroom learning and activities. This week, it is photos from our first week of school.

COVID-19

Doesn't it feel good that COVID restrictions are now almost completely lifted and families are able to join us in the classrooms and school grounds? However, we still need to be mindful that the virus is still having an effect and these guidelines should be followed.

Rapid antigen testing

It is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff:

- 1. If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild
- If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- 3. If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.
- 4. Students who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved.
- 5. Students who isolate as a result of a positive COVID-19 test should be supported in the same way as students with an extended absence due to illness or injury, with learning materials provided to support their continued learning.

The Department of Health recommends that all Victorians should report their positive RAT result to the Department of Health <u>online</u>, or by calling 1800 675 398.

Face masks

Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask should be supported to do so, and schools should continue to make face masks available for staff, students and visitors. The DoH recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, when leaving home. Additionally, the DOH recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19 for at least 7 days after a positive test when they need to leave home.

Coming up

- Tuesday 31 January Friday 3 February 2023 Prep learning assessment appointments – please check your child's Seesaw for the appointment reminder.
- Monday 6 February 2023 Prep children begin school

Due to the Office

- Family information forms (given out in 2022) if not yet returned
- CSEF New applicants only

Book Pack orders due

 Friday 3 February – Book Pack orders (round 2) due – please order on line – will be delivered in the coming weeks

At Exford these qualities are really important: and it's up to all of us to show them every day in everything we say and everything we do!







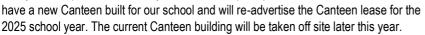
RESPECT

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PERSONAL BEST

Canteen - children's food

A final reminder that we will not have a Canteen service this or next year. As part of our new Gymnasium build (2024), we will



Our staff will monitor that the children have food and we will call families whose child has forgotten their lunch. We are exploring some special lunch day options (e.g. ordering Subway lunches) to offer our children. We ask that our families provide healthy snacks and lunches and a refillable water bottle (named please!) every day.

We ask that take-away food is not brought to school as 'treats' for the children.

Specialist program

The majority of our curriculum is covered in the classroom with your child's classroom teacher. However, some subjects are taken as a specialist subject. <u>In 2023, our specialist subjects are:</u>

- The Arts taken by Ms Mastrop (who will also take the Arts Lunch Time Club)
- French taken by Monsieur Mouhammad
- Physical Education taken by Mr Patty
- Science taken by Mr Patty (Prep. Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 classes)
- Science taken by Mr Wilson (Year 1-2 classes)

During these times, the classroom teachers will work together to plan a consistent teaching and learning program for their classes and will also have time to attend to administrative tasks related to their classroom.

Lunch Time Clubs

Our Lunch time Clubs have started up again, providing a range of other activities for children to choose from. Next week, it will be a limited program as we support our new Preps outside in the playground, but from Monday 13 February, our full program of Lunch Time Clubs returns.

Some of the activities are: Games Club (including a new Chess Club), Origami Club, Knitting Club (Year 1-6), Arts Club, Year 1-3 Lego Club, Year 4-6 Lego Club, Library time, Dance Club and Prep outdoor Games Club. Please note that for Term 1, we limit our Prep children's involvement in the Lunch Time Clubs program, as we want them to be playing with each other outside and developing their friendships.

Help needed

We have many Gotcha toys still needing to be knitted and put together. If you have any knitting or sewing talents, we would love to hear from you – many hands make light work! All materials and lessons provided. If you are able to help, would you contact Ms Campo on extraction.vic.gov.au or send a message through Seesaw.

Parent Helpers Program

Once we have all our classes settled in, we will invite parents to become classroom Parent Helpers – helping with hearing reading and with small group activities in the classrooms. All Parent Helpers must have a valid Working With Children Check. We will provide some guidance before you start. If you are able to help, would you contact Ms Littlewood on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au

CCTV surveillance

In case you haven't seen the signage, please be aware that our school has CCTV surveillance on our school grounds.

Our school's CCTV Policy is on our website – <u>2022 EPS - Closed Circuit TV Policy – Exford Primary School</u> (exfordps.vic.edu.au)



2023 dates to remember

Term 1

Tuesday 31 January - Friday 3 February

 Prep students have their appointment to do the learning assessment tasks

Friday 3 February

- 3:10 pm Assembly
- Present new Year 1-6 EPS students at Assembly

Monday 6 February

10 am Year Prep students begin (10 am
 2:30 pm

Tuesday 7 February

• 8:50 am – 3:30 pm school day for all students (Year Prep – Year 6)

Friday 10 February

 9:10 am – School Council Finance Mtg No 1

Wednesday 15 February

 5:30 pm – School Council Mtg No 1 in the Staffroom (Final meeting of 2022 cycle)

Tuesday 28 February

MPSSA Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 March

• Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 10 March

MPSSA Summer Lightning Cup (Year 5-6 students)

Monday 13 March

• Labour Day Public Holiday (no school)

Wednesday 15 March

 NAPLAN testing begins for Year 3 and Year 5 students

Friday 31 March

SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY

Thursday 6 April

- 9 am Easter Bonnet Parade Assembly
- 2:30 pm Dismissal end of Term 1

Friday 7 - Friday 21 April

Term 1 School Holidays

Monday 24 April

Pupil Free Day No 3 – staff only

Tuesday 24 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday (no school)

Wednesday 26 April

Term 2 begins for our students

Car Park Safety

All school car parks are very busy places and ours is no exception, particularly whilst our school is under re-development, with extra construction vehicles present. We rely on every driver to drive safely, slowly and courteously, to keep all of our children safe. A reminder that when the construction traffic begins, we ask families not to enter the side car park before 3 pm.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use only towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

• \$125 for primary school students.

If you applied for the CSEF at Exford Primary School in 2022, you do not need to complete an application form in 2023 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to apply in 2023 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools in 2023 or you did not apply at the same school in a previous year
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2023

If a form was not lodged in 2022, parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child's school for processing.

Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools as soon as possible in Term One, as payments are made from March onwards. However, schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of Term Two each year.

Application forms can be collected from the office or obtained directly from the website.

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/ CSEF_application_form.pdf

Mobile Phones (and other 'smart' devices)

A reminder that students cannot bring a mobile phone or Smart watch to school without the express permission of the Principal (in advance). This is in accordance with the Minister of Education's instructions about Mobile Phones (and smart devices) at schools. Please see the link to our policy - 2021 EPS - Mobile Phones Policy (Student Use) - Exford Primary School (exfordps.vic.edu.au)

Uniform

Our School Uniform Policy is available on the website for you to see, including photos of permitted uniform wear. Please see the attached uniform page for your future reference.

These items are not part of our uniform -

- Navy windcheater
- Windcheater zip-up jackets (with or without hoods)



- School dresses other than the EPS school dress
- Skirts of any kind (except the skirt part of the Winter pinafore) – including netball skirts - only skorts can be worn.
- Any polar fleece items

Staff will not ask students about non-uniform items on the first day (because wet washing happens) but they will issue out-of-uniform notes after that or refer the non-uniform wearing issue to Mr Wilson or Ms Campo, so that we can arrange a parent meeting.

These items are only available through our EPS uniform shop:

- Exford PS school dress
- Exford PS bomber jacket
- Exford PS Windcheater / Hoodie
- Exford PS school hat
- Exford PS Library bag

The Exford PS uniform is a very attractive uniform with many options, and we ask our families to ensure that the children are wearing our uniform with pride.

SunSmart



A reminder that we are now in SunSmart season and children need to wear their Exford PS school hat daily for the recess and lunch breaks, PE lessons and any games.

Children without hats need to sit in the shade or on the stage. New hats can be purchased only at school through our Uniform shop via our office (no other hat can be worn). We also encourage families to provide their children with sunscreen roll-on to keep in their school bags.

Fundraising News

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, and iPads.

We will hold a range of fun fundraising activities throughout the year, some are traditional parts of our Fundraising approach and these happen each year.

- Term 1 Faster Raffle
- Term 4 End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ

Term 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert



Our 2022 target is...

\$5,000 - \$10,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$0.00

CLASS	Art	PE	LOTE (French)	Science
Prep Akamatis	Wednesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Thursday
Prep Smyth	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 1-2 Ambrose	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday	Monday
Year 1-2 Roe	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday	Monday
Year 1-2 Romanski	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Talevski	Monday	Monday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Jones	Monday	Tuesday	Monday	Friday
Year 3-4 Micallef	Tuesday	Monday	Monday	Friday
Year 3-4 Monagle	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
Year 5-6 Fyfe	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5-6 Higgins	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 5-6 Mounsey	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday

Office News

Uniform / Lost Property – a reminder to ensure all uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name, this enables us to return items to your child without delay.

FlexiSchools – As we enter a new school year, you need to roll over your child's account to their current year level. To mange your profile, go to the FlexiSchools app, click on 'News', then select the 3 dots in the top right-hand corner. You can then select your child's current year.

Attendance – Every moment of every day counts

Did you know that:

When children regularly arrive late, they miss out on so much:

- They miss on the lovely morning meet and greet that connects children to their classmates, staff and classroom environment and is an important part of children feeling that they belong
- We schedule literacy and numeracy for our morning lessons so regular lateness means that children are missing critical learning
- The opportunity to prepare for the school day (including changing their Take Home book for reading that night)

Please help your child to arrive on time

for school every day – especially as we try to support children even more after the Remote Learning challenges of 2020 and 2021.

Please make sure that your child is only absent if they are unwell – EVERY day at school counts.

If your child has missed 5 days or less this school year.

This will support your child to achieve their best at school – academically and personally.

If your child has missed more than 10 days this school year.

The amount of time your child is missing will impact on their learning and their friendships.

CAUTION - If your child has missed more than 15 days this school year - your child is missing so much time from school that it will be extremely difficult for them to keep up with their learning, their friendships and to feel connected to school.

A reminder that all holiday absences require an Absence Learning Plan, developed with your child's teacher and signed by the Principal or Assistant Principal to cover your child's absence.

Please make sure that you use the FlexiSchools app or email the school directly on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au – all student absences must be explained in writing.



Welcome back for 2023

























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Exford PS Uniform

School Uniform is compulsory for all children at our school and there is a range of clothing options for children to wear. Please label all clothing - we recommend writing your child's name and surname (in large writing in black texts or permanent marker) on the inside of the collars rather than writing on the little tags

The EPS broad-brimmed hat (with EPS logo) is compulsory from September to April every year - during recess and lunch times and also during all outdoor activities.

All items purchased elsewhere need an iron-on logo applied to the left side. A reminder, however, that all items purchased elsewhere need to be <u>identical</u> in colour, fabric and style. Here are close-up photos of each of our uniform items.



Our <u>royal blue</u> school hat must be this size, colour and must have the white logo on the front.



The <u>sky-blue</u> (<u>pictured</u>) or <u>navy-blue</u> polo shirt is available in both short and long sleeves. Long sleeved tops <u>cannot</u> be worn under the short-sleeved polos.

Polo shirts purchased elsewhere need a navy blue / white logo.

There is also a plain sky-blue round neck short-sleeved t-shirt available to order. T- shirts purchased elsewhere need a <u>navy blue</u> logo. The <u>navy-blue</u> polo shirt is available in both short and long sleeves.

Long sleeved tops <u>cannot</u> be worn under the short-sleeved polos.

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The <u>royal blue</u> windcheater has a white logo.



The <u>royal blue</u> hooded windcheater has a white logo.



The <u>navy-blue</u> bomber jacket has a white logo.





Our school dress and <u>navy blue</u> pinafore. Navy or white coloured stockings can be worn with the school dress or the pinafore, but leggings <u>cannot</u> be worn.



The <u>navy-blue</u> track pants is also available in straight leg by order.

The <u>navy-blue</u> boot-leg pants - as pictured



The <u>navy blue</u> skorts are another option for the girls (<u>not</u> netball or any other kind of skirts).

Shorts, cargo shorts / pants can also be worn but must be <u>plain navy</u>, without any decals, stripes|etc.

A reminder that only leather school shoes, ankle boots or runners can be worn to school. Sandals, mid-calf / long boots or slip on shoes are not safe or supportive footwear for active kids.

A copy of our Uniform Policy is also on our website if you would like more detail.

Only items which match our official Uniform can be worn.



For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Okr you can:

- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone, iPad users can download iPhone app





Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

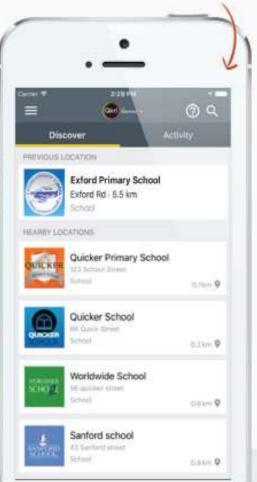
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them. If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

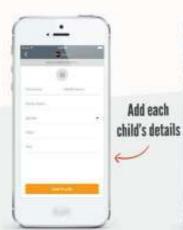
Search for our school name





Add your children's details in Student Profiles







Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Purchase school items

Select a menu from our school









Select your items

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments



Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.



Using FlexisSchools - Exford's school app!!

Please come and see us if you need help with setting your FlexiSchools Account.

How do I register for a Flexischools account?

You can register by following these steps:

- Download the Flexischools App from the App Store or from Google Play and click "Like to register?" or click on the "Register Now" button below.
- > Submit your email address to create an account.
- So to your Inbox and open the registration email from Flexischools.
- Click on the link provided (or copy and paste the link in a new internet browser window).
- Follow the registration process, creating a password and completing your personal details.
- Once your account is set up, log into the Flexischools App or click on "Log in".

How do I add a student to my account?



Flexischools App

Select the Profile icon on the grey navigation bar, select "Student" and "Add a student", search for their school name, select their year level and class, enter their details and select the green "Save" button.

Mobile Device (not using Flexischools App)

Search for their school name, enter their details and select their year level and student class and select the green "Save" button.

Flexischools Website (Desktop Site)

Select "Log in", click "Add student", search for their school name, enter their details and select their year level and student class.

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FURNITURE SALES

Dear Exford families,

We are selling furniture items that we no longer need after our move into our Junior Learning Building last year. All funds raised will contribute to our iPad leases for the children's iPads and also help to pay for 'Reading Eggs', which we provide free to our students.

All items are used, however are in good condition and all items are available for immediate collection. Please contact our Office on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au, for ordering and payment.

Please note that Mr Bowden (who looks after our school) works on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and can assist to move furniture to your vehicle / trailer.

Please share this information with family and friends - we'd like to empty our store room!

Ms Campo

STORAGE



Timber bookshelves (pine) Measurements - 1510 mm (h) x 900 mm (w) by 350 mm (d)

Quantity - 17 Price - \$80 each



Dresser (pine) Measurements - 1100 mm(h) x 1600 mm(w) x 410mm(d)

Quantity - 1 Price - \$160 each



Grey (melamine) bookshelves Measurements - 1800 mm (h) x 1200 mm (w) by 300 mm (d)

Quantity - 2 Price - \$40 each



Blue shelves - 4 x 4 cubes Measurements - 1410 mm (h) x 1400 mm (w) by 350 mm (d)

Quantity - 2 Price - \$40 each



Timber look melamine bookshelf

1801 mm(h) x 820 mm(w) x 300 mm(d)

Quantity - 1 Price - \$40 each



Orange drawer and cupboard unit (no keys)

Quantity - 16 Price - \$15 each



Grey (melamine) bookshelves

1800 mm (h) x 900 mm (w) by 320 mm (d)

Quantity - 1 Price - \$40 each



Filing cabinets

Quantity - 2 x 4 drawer (1 with keys) -

Price - \$60 each



Filing cabinet

Quantity - 7 x 2 drawer (1 with keys)

Price - \$40 each

FURNITURE Curved back green fabric chairs Chairs (adult) blue pattern on Square back green fabric chairs cushions (adult) (adult) Quantity - 12 Quantity - 14 Quantity - 34 Price - \$ 10 each Price - \$10 each Price - \$10 each Diamond student Semi-circle student Chairs (adult) - blue Student chairs tables tables pattern on cushions) Quantity - $5 \times blue$ and Quantity - 4 Price - \$20 each Quantity - 3 Price - \$20 each Quantity - 7 Price - \$10 each 2 x purple

Price - \$10 each



Let's go!

OSHClub pride ourselves on providing your children 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!



Compelling programs

We'll empower your child to explore, navigate, experiment and engage in a diverse range of experiences.

Unified partnership

As an integral part of the school community, together we'll create a fun and engaging environment for your child to flourish.

Educators who care

Our educators will embrace your child's journey: caring deeply, thinking creatively and inspiring them to thrive.

Fabulous food

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

Future ready

We focus on building knowledge, skills and behaviours that help prepare your child for whatever the future may hold.

Peace of mind

You can be confident that your child is safe, happy and given every opportunity to fulfill their potential.

Join the fun. Be active. Gettlogether.

Key Service information Exford OSHClub



PROGRAM	TIMES	FULL FEES	FEE AFTER 85% CCS*
Before School Care	06:30 AM - Bell Time	\$27.69	\$5,58
After School Care	Bell Time - 06:00 PM	\$34.49	\$10.80
Holiday Programs	06:45 AM - 06:00 PM	\$68.00	\$10.20

Fees and hours of operation as at term 2, 2022 and may be subject to change

Enrolments

Enrolling with OSHClub is easy and completely free, just head to our website *oshclub.com.au* and click Join OSHClub. Your child's enrolment must be confirmed before attending their first session with us.

Bookings & cancellations

Once enrolled, you can manage your bookings and cancellations with ease online or via the Kidsoft app.

Before & After School Care

Bookings can be made online any time up to 24 hours before the session commences. To make a booking after this time, please contact your service directly on 0419 207 638. Late bookings will incur an additional \$4.00 fee.

To avoid any out of pocket costs, cancellations must be made at least 48 hours before the session commences. Cancellations within this period will incur the full fee, less any applicable CCS.

School holidays

Holiday bookings can be made online up to 5 days before the session commences. To make a booking after this time, please contact your service directly on 0419 207 638. Late bookings will incur an additional \$4.00 fee.

To avoid any out of pocket costs, cancellations must be made at least 7 days before the session commences. Cancellations within this period will incur the full fee, less any applicable CCS.

Child care subsidy (CCS)*

Many families are eligible for Child Care Subsidy (CCS), which can reduce the cost of Outside School Hours Care by up to 85%. All our services are CCS approved, so we encourage all families to find out whether they are eligible. To establish what level of CCS you may be entitled to please contact the Centrelink Family Line on 13 61 50.

Statements & payments

Fees will be automatically debited every 2 weeks in arrears from the bank account, VISA or MasterCard you nominated during enrolment. Transaction fees apply. Dishonour fee will also be applicable if a transaction is declined. You can view your statements via your online account.

Late pick-up

A \$1.00 per minute, per child fee may apply for children picked up after the service close time.

No show

An additional \$5.00 fee per child may be charged for any After School Care booking where no cancellation is provided.

Incursions & excursions

Holiday program incursions and excursions may incur additional fee. These vary based on activity and may be subject to change.

For account specific enquiries, please contact our Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or email oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au. Our team are available 9am - 7pm Monday - Friday (AEST/AEDT).

Medical management

So we can provide the best and safest care, it is important that you inform the service if your child/ren has an identified health care need, allergy or relevant medical condition diagnosed by a registered medical practitioner. On your first day of attendance, bring along a completed Risk Minimisation form, Medical Management forms and any required medications. All medications (including aintments and creams) must be prescribed by a medical practitioner, be in the original container with original pharmacist labels and clear instructions. All labels must be legible and undamaged, and the medication must still be within its expiry date.

We're here to help!

Come and see us in-service, email or give us a call. We look forward to welcoming you soon 0419 207 638 exford@oshclub.com.au OSHClub.com.au





Now to enrol

What You'll Need:

- Centrelink Customer Reference Numbers (CRNs) for yourself and your child if you would like to claim Child Care Subsidy (CCS). Note that the person completing the enrolment must be the same person linked to the child for CCS
- Bank account details or card for direct debit
- One or more emergency contacts
- Doctor's contact information, management plan for any relevant medical conditions and your child's immunisation record

Steps:

- Scan QR Code above or head to oshclub.com.au/register and click on Get Started to register as a new Kidsoft user
- Validate your registered email address (you will receive an email)
- 3 Create your account password
- Select your service in 'Find a Place'
- Complete the 'Waitlist' form by adding your child's details (separate one for each child)
- Complete the enrolment form and your local service team will be in touch

Tips:

- Please allow 10-15 minutes to enrol, so it's a great time to grab a cuppa!
- Your email address will be your username and the main point of contact.
- Download the Kidsoft app on your mobile to manage your bookings!

We're here to help!

Our friendly customer service from is here to assist with any enquiries.

oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

1300 395 735

For service specific information and contact details, head to ashelub.com.au and search for your school

