

maroubra junction vacation care

Spring 2016

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HOW MUCH
\$45 per day/per child
(Including excursions &
activities)
MEMBERSHIP FEE:
\$15 (Spring VAC & Term 4
only)

WHERE
Maroubra Junction Public
School
112 Storey Street,
Maroubra
(Entrance off Loch Maree
Street)

WHEN
Open: 26 September – 7
October 2016
7am – 6pm

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS: Friday 26 August 2016

*No changes can be made to bookings after the closing date.
You will receive a confirmation email from Tuesday 6th September.

There are no refunds for vacation care cancellations.

There are no exceptions to this policy.

We do not offer care to children who are not in primary school.

Our Philosophy

At Maroubra Junction Before and After School and Vacation Care centre, we provide a safe, supportive and inclusive environment with a keen sense of fun, where all stakeholders are equally valued and respected.

We firmly believe that play is an integral and multifaceted aspect in fostering positive physical, cognitive, social and emotional outcomes for children. The fundamental practice of our service is to provide the children in our care with freedom of choice, the right to play and an opportunity to have their voices heard and reflected in our program.

Our educators are committed to equity and recognise that all children are unique individuals. In our service, we actively encourage the children to try new experiences, which help to build on individual skills, interests and abilities, bolstering a strong sense of wellbeing. The educators at our service support children to ask questions and voice their thoughts and opinions. This assists to promote confident and involved learners, effective communication skills and to support and maximise the children's ongoing learning and development.

We strongly value the partnership that is built between children and educators through discussion and the provision of opportunities for the children to exercise their autonomy, explore their sense of identity and make the choices and decisions on events that influence and shape their world. These holistic approaches allow us as educators to collaboratively shape the pedagogical framework from which we educate and make child-centred curriculum decisions to enhance the learning experiences for all children.

As educators we respect and acknowledge different family practices, values, backgrounds and cultures, and strive to cater for and embrace a range of diverse needs accordingly. We offer all children the chance to appreciate and celebrate the diversity between cultures, in the interest of promoting connectedness, understanding and contributing to the world in which we live.

At our service, children value and learn about the natural world and take pride in caring for the outdoor environment and learning about sustainable concepts.

We value the link that families and the broader community play in our service and endeavour to continue to maintain positive and collaborative relationships with all stakeholders. Furthermore, we will continue to actively support and contribute to local and global community initiative.

Vacation Care Fees

Vacation care fees are charged at a flat fee per day including all excursion and activity costs. The *Child Care Benefit (CCB)* and *Child Care Rebate (CCR)* is applied to all costs incurred.

Vacation care is charged at:

\$45 /day per child

Including all excursion/activity costs

Priority of Access

Sometimes, there may be a waiting list for child care services and to ensure the system is fair, the Australian Government has “Priority of Access Guidelines” for allocation of places in these circumstances.

The guidelines only apply to Child Care Benefit approved child care. They are used when there is a waiting list for a child care service or when a number of parents are applying for a limited number of vacant places.

Every Child Care Benefit approved childcare service has to abide by the guidelines and tell you about them when you enrol your child into care.

Priorities:

- First Priority: a child at risk of serious abuse or neglect;
- Second Priority: a child of a single parent who satisfies, or parents who both satisfy, the work/training/study test under Section 14 of the ‘*A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999*’;
- Third Priority: any other child.

Within these main categories priority should also be given to the following children:

- Children in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families;
- Children in families which include a disabled person;
- Children in families which include an individual whose adjust taxable income does not exceed the lower income threshold of \$43,727 for 2015-2016, or who or whose partner are on income support;
- Children in families from a non-English speaking background;
- Children in socially isolated families; and
- Children of single parents.

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Our Booking Process

To book a place for vacation care, you must complete the attached booking forms (along with an enrolment form if this is your first time at the centre) and return these by 6pm **Friday 26 August 2016**. No forms will be processed until this date. Once we have processed forms according to priority of access guidelines, email confirmations will be sent out.

Please note: Bookings are not confirmed until you receive a confirmation email. Your confirmation email will include a fee estimate and details for payment. **You will receive a confirmation from Tuesday 6th September. Please do not contact us regarding confirmation until after this date.**

Payments

Fees will be direct debited from either a bank account or credit card once this information is provided to the centre. Please ensure you fill out a direct debit registration form.

Invoices/statements will be made available every two weeks. These will be sent home with children, posted or emailed to families.

Our Program

During the vacation care period we offer two separate programs for our senior and junior children. Juniors are those children in kindergarten to year 2 and seniors are years 3-6.

The seniors program will be targeted at the older children and give them more independence when out and about on excursions. Some days they may catch public transport (bus, train or ferry) with staff to their destination.

Children attending the senior excursions are allowed to buy snacks/drinks on their excursions (with the exception of days where lunch is provided or there are no facilities nearby) or they can bring along a packed lunch. Please remember that children attending senior excursions will need to bring along their morning tea as we only have a short time for recess breaks.

What To Bring

A light carry bag including the following:

- **Hat** – Children will be encouraged to wear sun-safe hats that protect the face, neck and ears when outside. Recommended hats are bucket hats and broad brimmed hats. Baseball caps and visors are not recommended.
- **Comfortable clothes** including **closed in shoes and covered shoulders. No thongs or sandals.**
- **Plenty to drink**
- **Jumper & wet weather gear** (raincoat/poncho)
- **Morning tea and lunch** (unless stated in the program that lunch is included)

Behaviour

Please be aware that your child's behaviour will determine his/her continuing enrolment. If behaviour in the Centre is deemed to be inappropriate, your child may be **excluded** from the excursions or from the Centre. Our rules are very simple and apply to all children that attend our service.

At the Care centre We always...

1. Use appropriate language
2. Respect others
3. Tidy up after ourselves
4. Walk while inside
5. Respect the Centre's property and toys
6. Keep hands and other body parts to ourselves
7. Ask before touching other people or using their things
8. Listen to educators instructions
9. Stay where staff can see us

Property & Personal Belongings

Centre staff are not responsible for any property (including money) that children bring from home. If it is precious think carefully before sending it.

A reminder that all portable electronics (PSP/iPods/iPads/iPhones etc) are only to be used between the hours designated on the day. At all other times of the day, they will be stored in the office. Please label all devices & accessories with your child's name to avoid confusion.

Mobile phones are strongly discouraged in accordance with child protection policies. Should you wish your child to bring one in it must be handed to staff on arrival and kept in the office.

Movies/Apps at the Centre

At certain times during the vacation care program, G and PG rated movies may be shown in the centre. Electronic may be used from 5pm – 6pm.

Apps on the care centre iPads are rated G and PG.

Weather





At times the weather is unpredictable. Circumstances may arise that require changes to be made to our program on the actual day.







We do try to attend excursions even in the case of wet weather, so wet weather gear is important!









What We're Doing

- Please take note of **arrival times** as latecomers may miss out – excursions are run to strict schedules.
- Please read the information for each excursion day **carefully** to know what your child needs to bring with them (e.g. morning tea, lunch or other equipment.)

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Week 1	Juniors	Seniors
<p>Monday 26th September 2016</p>	<p>Excursion</p> <p><u>Storks [PG] @ Hoyts EQ</u></p> <p>Storks have moved on from delivering babies to packages. But when an order for a baby appears, the best delivery stork must scramble to fix the error by delivering the baby.</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) • Small popcorn and water will be provided during the movie <p>Transport: <u>Hired bus</u> Must arrive by: 9.15am Will return by: 3.00pm</p> 	<p>In-house</p> <p><u>Royal Flying Doctor Flight Simulator</u></p> <p>The RFDS Aeromedical Simulator is a life sized replica of the fuselage of a flying doctor plane. It is fully equipped with stretchers, communications, oxygen, suction and the equipment used by our everyday heroes: doctors, nurses and pilots of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Children will hear stories, land a plane, rescue a patient and learn creative and critical thinking skills.</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) <p>Must arrive by: 9.15am</p> 
<p>Tuesday 27th September 2016</p>	<p>In-house</p> <p><u>Bollywood Workshop</u></p> <p>Join us for a fun Bollywood adventure! Watch a performance and then learn a Bollywood routine step by step in full Bollywood costume!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) <p>Must arrive by: 9.15am</p> 	<p>Excursion</p> <p><u>Disc Golf @ Newington Armory</u></p> <p>Watch out for that tree! If you love outdoor games but find golf frustrating, try disc golf with a frisbee. Fun for all fitness levels and ages, this new sport is really taking off!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) • Optional \$10 to buy a snack <p>Transport: <u>Hired bus</u> Must arrive by: 9.15am Will return by: 3.15pm</p> 

<p>Wednesday 28th September 2016</p>	<p>Excursion</p> <p><u>Teddy Bear's Picnic @ Royal Botanical Gardens</u></p> <p>If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise! For today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess and water • Teddy & Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) • Sandwich lunch provided <p>Transport: Hired bus Must arrive by: 9.15am Will return by: 3.15pm</p> 	<p>In-house/Excursion</p> <p><u>Gotta Catch Em All @ Snape Park</u></p>  <p>Come and find as many Pokemon as you can in Snape Park! Afterwards we will walk to Maroubra Junction to have lunch.</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) • Optional \$10 to buy lunch or a snack <p>Transport: Walking Must arrive by: 9.15am Will return by: 2.00pm</p>
<p>Thursday 29th September 2016</p>	<p>In-house</p> <p><u>Technology Day</u></p> <p>You asked for it, so come along for a day filled with electronic fun! Bring your devices and play along on our Wii!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) 	<p>Excursion</p> <p><u>Powerhouse Museum</u></p> <p>Come with us to visit the Powerhouse Museum! There will be lots to see and do!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) • Optional \$10 to buy lunch or a snack  <p>Transport: Hired bus Must arrive by: 9.15am Will return by: 3.00pm</p>
<p>Friday 30th September 2016</p>	<p>Excursion</p> <p><u>Australian Museum</u></p> <p>Join us as we explore nature and culture at Australia's first and oldest museum! This is always a great day out for all!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) <p>Transport: Hired bus Must arrive by: 9.15am Will return by: 3.00pm</p> 	<p>In-house</p> <p><u>Baking Bonanza</u></p> <p>Come along and bake some sweet and savoury treats. Don't forget to bring your appetite with you!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) 
<p>Week 2</p>	<p>Juniors</p>	<p>Seniors</p>
<p>Monday 3rd October 2016</p>	<p>CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY LABOR DAY</p>	

<p>Tuesday 4th October 2016</p>	<p>Excursion</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Laser Siege</u></p> <p>Duck for cover and get ready to battle it out in teams to be number 1! After the laser skirmish, why not have a play in the arcade!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) <p>Transport: <u>Hired bus</u> Must arrive by: 9.15am Will return by: 3.00pm</p> 	<p>In-house</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wheels Day</u></p> <p>Bring in your favourite set of wheels and ride around the MJCC track! Don't forget your helmet or you can't ride!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) • Own wheels and helmet 
<p>Wednesday 5th October 2016</p>	<p>In-house</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Feature Creatures</u></p> <p>Have you ever had a snake draped around your neck or felt a lizards skin? You just might if you come along to this amazing interactive and educational animal show!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) <p>Must arrive by: 9.15am</p> 	<p>Excursion</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Challenge Valley @ Cataract Scout Park</u></p> <p>It's time to get muddy! Join us at Australia's biggest military style obstacle course! Then get trapped in the spider's web, can you escape in time?</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) • Change of clothes and a towel <p>Transport: <u>Hired bus</u> Must arrive by: 8.45am Will return by: 3.15pm</p> 
<p>Thursday 6th October 2016</p>	<p>Excursion</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Armory Adventure @ Newington Armory</u></p> <p>Come for a walk around the Armory with our BirdLife Discovery Centre volunteers to meet some of our feathered neighbours and learn their calls as well as a secret about each bird.</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) <p>Transport: <u>Hired bus</u> Must arrive by: 9.00am Will return by: 3.00pm</p> 	<p>In-house</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Planetarium</u></p> <p>Travel through the universe with THE awe-inspiring Earth & Space science experience. Planetarium will engage, amaze and inspire as it takes you through the Solar System, Planets, Stars, Lunar Cycles, Seasons, and Constellations in a stunning 360 degree movie.</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) <p>Must arrive by: 9.15am</p> 
<p>Friday 7th October 2016</p>	<p>In-house</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Crazy Carnival</u></p> <p>Step up! Step up! Take a stroll down MJCC's very own Sideshow Alley and test your skills!</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) 	<p>Excursion</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Secret Life of Pets [PG] @ Hoyts EQ</u></p> <p>A terrier named Max's quiet life is upended when his owner takes in Duke, a stray, who Max instantly dislikes.</p> <p>Children must bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess, lunch and water • Hat • Closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals) • Small popcorn and water provide during the movie <p>Transport: <u>Hired bus</u> Must arrive by: 9.15am Will return by: 3.00pm</p> 

Spring vacation care booking form

Dates: 26th Sep - 7th Oct 2016



Family Surname:				Priority Of Access
Child:	Child:	Child:	Child:	<p>If you choose not to complete priority of access details, you will automatically be placed at the bottom of our priority list.</p> <p>The single parent or both parents are (please tick):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Working (including more than 15hrs voluntary work) <input type="radio"/> Looking for work <input type="radio"/> Studying/training <input type="radio"/> None of the above <p>Tick categories that apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander family <input type="radio"/> Family which include a disable person <input type="radio"/> Family which includes an individual whose adjust taxable income does not exceed the lower income threshold of \$43,727, or who or whose partner are on income support <input type="radio"/> Family from a non-English speaking background <input type="radio"/> Socially isolated family <input type="radio"/> Single parent family
School year:	School year:	School year:	School year:	
Email contact: All bookings will be confirmed by email. It's better for the environment.				
Parent/Caregiver 1:		Parent/Caregiver 2:		
Relation to child:		Relation to child:		
Contact number:		Contact number:		

Excursion Permission

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I hereby give permission for my child/ren to attend the prescribed activities • I understand that the form of transport used will be advised in the program • I acknowledge that during participation in the activity my child/ren will be exposed to the obvious risks associated with such activities • I authorise Maroubra Junction Vacation Care staff, in the even of any accident or illness involving my child/ren, to obtain medical and hospital assistance they believe may be required and agree to all expenses thereby incurred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I give permission for my child/ren to attend any excursions programmed on the days they are enrolled and understand that all children attend excursion • I acknowledge that G and PG rated movies may be shown at the centre • I understand that in accordance with The Education and Care Services National Regulation 101 and 102 a risk assessment has been conducted in the last twelve months for all excursion venues • I declare that the information I have provided on the above section is correct and to the best of my knowledge • In the case of wet weather, my child/ren is allowed to take part in any replacement activity arranged by Maroubra Junction Vacation Care
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Parent/caregiver name:	Parent/caregiver signature:	Date:
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Please indicate the dates you are booking for each child:

JUNRIORS (K-1)		CHILD	CHILD	CHILD	SENIORS (3-6)		CHILD	CHILD	CHILD	
W E E K 1	26/8	Excursion: Storks @ Hoyts EQ Max # Children: 64 Ratios: 1 educator to 8 children. # Educators attending: 8				26/8	In-House: Royal Flying Doctor Flight Simulator			
	27/9	In-House: Bollywood Workshop				27/9	Excursion: Disc Golf @ Newington Armory Max # Children: 64 Ratios: 1 educator to 8 children. # Educators attending: 8			
	28/8	Excursion: Teddy Bear's Picnic @ Royal Botanic Gardens Max # Children: 64 Ratios: 1 educator to 8 children. # Educators attending: 8				28/8	In-House: Gotta Catch Em All @ Snape Park			
	29/8	In-House: Technology Day				29/8	Excursion: Powerhouse Museum Max # Children: 64 Ratios: 1 educator to 8 children. # Educators attending: 8			
	30/8	Excursion: Australian Museum Max # Children: 64 Ratios: 1 educator to 8 children. # Educators attending: 8				30/8	In-House: Baking Bonanza			
W E E K 2	3/10	CLOSED				3/10	CLOSED			
	4/10	Excursion: Laser Siege Max # Children – 64 Ratios: 1 educator to 8 children. # Educators attending: 8				4/10	In-House: Wheels Day			
	5/10	In-House: Feature Creatures				5/10	Excursion: Challenge Valley @ Cataract Scout Park Max # Children: 64 Ratios: 1 educator to 8 children. # Educators attending: 8			
	6/10	Excursion: Armory Adventure @ Newington Armory Max # Children: 64 Ratios: 1 educator to 8 children. # Educators attending: 8				6/10	In-House: Planetarium			
	7/10	In-house: Crazy Carnival				7/10	Excursion: The Secret Life of Pets [PG] @ Hoyts EQ Max # Children: 64 Ratios: 1 educator to 8 children. # Educators attending: 8			