



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

Over the past year we have noticed an increase in educators observing children embracing Outcome area 4 and 3 in the My Time Our Place framework. Our children have also continued to show an increasing interest in engaging themselves in the 'how's', 'whys' and 'when's' of the world. To embrace this, we will be focusing each week exploring a specific subject that relates to these questions.

The aim for the holidays is to foster, nurture and encourage the children in freely following and extending their own interests with enthusiasm, curiosity, energy and concentration, intentionally. Embracing the Discovery philosophy by ensuring interests and strengths are acknowledged and nurtured, that our environments are safe and secure, flexible, foster creativity and support opportunities for risk taking.

Languages

Over these two days we will be creating a display together exploring all of the *languages* utilised in our community. This experience encourages understanding and supports sense of belonging.

Thursday 15th Dec,

Language

Today we will be exploring Auslan together using colours and letters. We will also be exploring written languages by looking at the fascinating Scandinavian Rune writing. Join in the Symbol Scavenger Hunt—which can only be solved by utilising familiar symbols!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle,
sun hat

Friday 16th Dec,

The written word

Try your hand at writing your very own Haiku and have a game of Scrabble, Boggle and Jumanji with your vacation care friends. We'll also be creating alphabet rocks outside—have fun painting your own alphabet designs that you can take home with you.



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle,
and sun hat

ALL THIS WEEK WE'LL BE EXPLORING GEOGRAPHY THROUGH DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCES AROUND THE WORLD. WE'RE ALSO LEARNING AND SINGING THE SONG 'AUSSIE JINGLE BELLS'

Monday 19th Dec, FRANCE & Our Christmas Party!

Today we're baking Bûche de Noël—a traditional Christmas cake, often served as a dessert near Christmas, especially in France. We're also going to be joining our younger friends in long day care for the annual children's Christmas party and have heaps of fun craft and games outside!



Please pack:
Lunch Provided, water drink bottle, sun hat, Dress in your Christmas best, bring in any shelf stable food items, preloved toys, clothes or even blankets for our donations to Vinnie's Van and Salvos.

Tuesday 20th Dec, Germany & Community Connections

We're going to try and bake Stollen today - a traditional fruit bread from Germany which they call Christstollen. We're also going to get into the giving spirit of Christmas and donate food to Vinnie's Van in our Food Drive, as well as take a walk to the Salvos to drop off some donations there.

Families are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items to be donated to Vinnies Van in our Food Drive. Thank you!

Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, donation for Vinnies Van / Salvos

Wednesday 21st Dec, America & Winter Christmas Craft

Christmas in our summery southern hemisphere is very different to the a northern hemisphere winter Christmas—today we explore what this feels like by baking warming gingerbread, creating paper snowflakes and playing snowman hopscotch and pin the tail on the reindeer!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat

Thursday 22nd Dec, HONG KONG & Festive Celebrations

Join us today as we get really festive and make some Christmas cards. We will also create and explore a sensory fireworks tray and decorate some pinecones—utilising these natural resources to make festive art!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat

Friday 23rd Dec, Australia & A very Aussie Christmas

Today we're working together to make a Christmas lunch feast—we'll have chicken and salads, but will need your help to put it all together. Outside we'll have games to enjoy and we'll also continue to make our fabric wreaths during the day.



Please pack:
Lunch Provided, water drink bottle, sun hat



DISCOVERY
EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

in their nature

Discovery Early Learning Centres—Vacation Care Program

SACRED HEART

All week we're making **HISTORY** fun by watching Horrible Histories! Encouraging the children to write their own Historical Parody.

Monday 26th Dec

Tuesday 27th Dec

Wednesday 28th Dec

Thursday 29th Dec

Friday 30th Dec

CLOSED

For Public Holiday

TMAG & Art Mob

We're embracing history and kicking off this short week with a trip to TMAG and Art Mob—exploring the museum and supporting first nations artists. Back at vacation care we're going to do some tie dying, so bring something to use and we'll explore all the funky patterns we can create.



Bus departing 10:30am

Returning 1:30pm

Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, walking shoes, white item to tie dye

Dress Ups

We encourage all the children to come dressed up as their favourite person from history—we can't wait to see what you come as and hear why you made your choice! We're also going to be constructing sand pyramids, which should be very interesting!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, historical figure dress up, change of clothes

Bush Camp

Today we're going to our Bush Camp in Lenah Valley, here we can learn about how palawa people thrived on the land before invasion. We'll have the opportunity to connect with nature and explore the area with a variety of experiences on offer there. Back at vacation care we'll create our own pirate treasure maps—arrrr!



Bus departing 9:30am

Returning 3pm

Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, walking shoes, spare clothes (socks, shoes and pants)

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MDT—Material, Design & Technology

This week we'll be utilising recyclable items to create a scarecrow, fence and mini hanging herb garden for our garden space.

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Tuesday 3rd Jan,

Lasers & Wood

We're off to Zone 3—where we can consider the use of lasers and explore the real life video game experiences. Back at SCH we're going to be doing some photography and photo editing. We'll also start our big wood working projects today—utilising the tools and handling the wood.



Bus departing 9:30am
Returning 11:30pm

Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, closed toed shoes

Wednesday 4th Jan,

Paper & Metal

Today we're exploring construction with a few different mediums—making origami boats, exploring construction with Mario Maker the game, and utilising scrap metal to create small sculptures!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, personal electronic device (G rated games only)

Thursday 5th Jan,

Caldew Park

Caldew Park is such a well designed area, we can't wait to explore it with you as we admire the architecture and design features—and have a play of course! We've also got a special challenge for you—creating the largest newspaper tower you can with limited materials—we can't wait to see what you do!



Bus departing 9:30am
Returning 3pm

Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, walking shoes

Friday 6th Jan,

Makers

It's our final day of construction so let's pull out all the stops—try your hand at creating bowls out of string and glue. Or how about making a popsicle birdfeeder, that will be both portable and reusable?!? We'll also finish our larger projects for the garden—so let's get stuck in!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat

Science

We have a variety of experiments and experiences planned this week to engage our curious and inquiring minds! We'll also be expanding on our garden area by planting seedlings, ensuring their environments are well suited and watching them flourish.

Monday 9th Jan,

Pool & Tornadoes

Join us as we head to Clarence Pool for the morning to engage in some aquatic fun! When we get back we can explore water themed craft activities like bubble painting, and create our own wet weather events—with tornadoes and rain in a jar!!



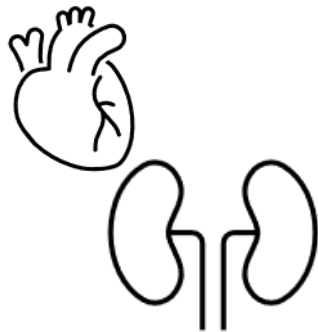
Bus departing 9:30am
Returning 2pm

Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, bathers/swimmers, towel, wet bag/carry bag, change of clothes

Tuesday 10th Jan,

Body Science

Let's explore how our bodies work by making paper bag lungs, and bloody slime! It'll be messy—but so informative!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat

Wednesday 11th Jan,

Coordination

Time to get our bodies moving—to make the most out of the day we're going to split into two groups, with children aged 8years and older going to the Hybrid Training Centre (HTC) and children aged 7years and younger going to Woody's skate and Play. It won't be long and we'll all be together again—we can challenge each other to archery and create life sized models of ourselves!



Bus departing 9:45am
Returning 12:45pm

Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, close toed shoes and socks

Thursday 12th Jan,

Chemical Reaction

Bring a glass jar with you to vacation care today because you are making your very own lava lamp to take home! We'll also explore the chemical reaction between baking soda and vinegar when we make a baking soda volcano!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, glass jar to take home experiment

Friday 13th Jan,

Mythbusters

Today we'll watch an episode of Mythbusters together, to see what other kind of things can be put to the test another time. We can relax as we make a floating leaf using magnets and test what we've learnt in a straw and tape bridge challenge!



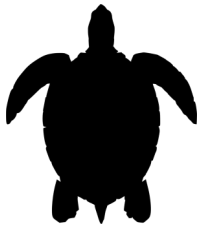
Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat

ANIMAL STUDIES

We're exploring all things fauna this week, we'll also be developing a floor book of the pets in our home, featuring animals we may see in our community.

Monday 16th Jan, *Insects & Turtles*

Join us today as we replicate insects that we can see by making egg carton insects. We can also create a natural turtle sticky wall art feature. Or how about we play the Animal Chasings game developed by one of the children!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, empty egg carton

Tuesday 17th Jan, **Water creatures**

Today we're exploring the sensory aspects of water with an arctic themed experience called 'Sensory Ice Animals', and we're ready to thaw out we can use water colours to create spectacular tissue paper sun catchers!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat

Wednesday 18th Jan, Farm Yard Delights

This morning we're heading to the Toffeemount Alpaca Farm to visit Rosie and her friends and have a play with the alpacas there. We'll also stop at the Littlewood Berry Farm to pick some berries while we're there. When we get back we can relax with the movie *Charlotte's Web* and create a play dough version of our farm visit.



Bus departing 10am
Returning 3:15pm

Please pack:
Picnic Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, walking shoes, appropriate clothing for the weather

Thursday 19th Jan, **Jungle Buzz**

Let's get inspired by the jungle environment and create some jungle playdough! We can also spend today building on our garden and build a bee house! A bee house? A bees house, as the name suggests, is a wooden structure in which bees build their nests and lay eggs. It's is very similar to a bird house, except it attracts solitary bees rather than birds. A bee house is not a bee hive.



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat

Friday 20th Jan, *Symbols with Clay*

Put your walking shoes on and join us for an incredible day out and about—we'll take a walk together to the beautiful Cornelian Bay where we can spend the day playing and running around. When we get back we can continue to make our clay symbol tiles as we explore various symbols from different cultures.



Walking Excursion
Departing 9:30am
Returning 3pm

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Physical Education

Moving our bodies is necessary and fun! This week we will offering a variety of experiences that keep us moving, especially focusing on mindfulness and connection to our bodies through a morning yoga session each day.

Monday 23th Jan, *Fitness Bingo*

We start the week with a warm up of Fitness Bingo and a muddy obstacle course outside! These exercises and games will get you moving and ensure that you have a good time doing it! Inside we'll also run an interesting experiment on tooth decay... Let's see what Coca-Cola does to your tooth experiment!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, **full change of clothes**

Tuesday 24th Jan, **Eastside Activity Centre**

Today we're off to the Eastside Activity Centre—embracing our physicality through a this challenging and fun excursion! We've also got a fun sack race organised for later in the day so don't use all your energy at the centre! Also, back at SCH we will use the palawa kani we have been practicing to create a palawa kani body puzzle!



Bus departing 9:30am
Returning 1pm

Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, **socks**

Wednesday 25th Jan, **HUMAN PUZZLE**

Inside we'll be making a large human body puzzle together and outside we can challenge each other to an epic cricket game! We'll also play other games like Rob the Nest and make the most of the summer weather!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, **sports clothing and footwear**

Thursday 26th Jan,

CLOSED

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Friday 27th Jan, **Fun Run**

We're raising funds for Beyond Blue, an organisation that is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals, families and communities affected by anxiety, depression and suicide – and creating change to protect everyone's mental health. **So families, sponsor your child as they engage in the Fun Run today along the Montrose Foreshore!**



Bus departing 9:30am
Returning 2pm

Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, **fun run sponsorship money**

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ART-tastic

Art experiences and activities make our world go round! This week we'll enjoy the last few days of the school holidays engaging in variety of fun experiencing. Including our photo self-portrait drawings, we will print a picture off of each child, the child will then cut it in half and then utilise whatever medium they desire to draw themselves now or in the future.

Monday 30th Jan,

Water Squirter Spray Painting

Join us as we make finger puppets using fabric, hot glue and paints. We'll also make cruskit art snack—making a garden themed art snack with cream cheese, hummus and chopped fresh fruit! Outside we have a fun experience planned—with water squirters spray painting!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat

Tuesday 31st Jan,

Let's Go Fly a Kite

We've got so much to get through today! Join in as we make our own paper kites to fly and keep! We'll also create some crazy art with a footprint paint run and when we're ready for something more sophisticated we'll try our hand at paper quilling!



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat,

Wednesday 1st Feb,

FACE PAINTING

Let's explore the art of face painting together, and try to paint some 1950s comic book characters on our faces! We'll also step up our origami skills and attempt to make a bird finger / monster claw! Outside we utilise various materials and resources to create wind chimes to take home.



Please pack:
Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat

Thursday 2nd Feb,

Richmond

It's the last day of school holidays! Head to the beautiful Richmond with us and we can enjoy the scenery and take photos or sketch the area as it inspires us. Back at SCH we can focus on the art of dance and have a fun time with Just Dance the game.

Bus departing 9:30am
Returning 3pm



Please pack:
Picnic Lunch, water drink bottle, sun hat, walking shoes, appropriate clothing for the weather

Friday 3rd Feb,

Back to School AND Looking COOL