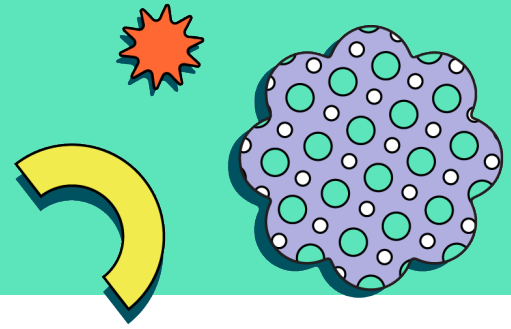


# Newsletter



## Camp Australia – Alexandria Park Community School

Warm greetings to all children and families.

Term 3 2021 was very different to what we are used to. With many children learning from home, the OSHC room was quiet. However, one thing was the same: children were growing and having fun! With the return to school coming soon, we are eagerly waiting for children to return to school, reconnect with their friends and return to their journey of growth through play.

### Rocketeers

We have been busy during the school holidays with our Rocketeers program which had us practicing optical illusions, building special LEGO kits and dancing to African drum music while crafting with natural materials. Each day was unique with exciting themed activities and time for children to explore their interests. Soccer, beyblades and watercolour painting were big hits! Our speedy 60 second challenges had children working together in teams to complete artistic, physical and trivia challenges. On the slower side, we completed mindfulness activities such as yoga and art activities. We can't wait to blast off on adventures next school holidays!



### Care for Kindies in 2022

With 2022 just around the corner, we are looking forward to meeting and getting to know all our new kindergarten children and families. In our understanding that new kindergarten children need extra care and support, we have developed a transition program to cater to their unique needs, allowing them to transition smoothly into our care.

During kindergarten we ensure that children are safe on their way from before school care to school by walking them to their class lines just before bell time and waiting with them until their teachers arrive. We also meet kindergarten children with a smile at their classrooms at the end of the school day and walk them to the after school care space. During their first session, we introduce them to our friendly staff and provide them with special time to explore the indoor space without the other children in the room so they can begin to feel safe and secure in the environment. We also regularly check in with each child throughout the sessions to ensure they are comfortable, and most importantly, enjoying themselves!

We are fortunate to have responsible and caring children attending our care that volunteer to be a buddies for new children. They help their younger buddies with activities like finding particular items, introducing them to other children, playing games and having fun, and assisting them with the routine.

If you'd like to discuss your child's transition to kindergarten, please contact our friendly coordinator at the service for a discussion.

From the team at Camp Australia – Alexandria Park Community School