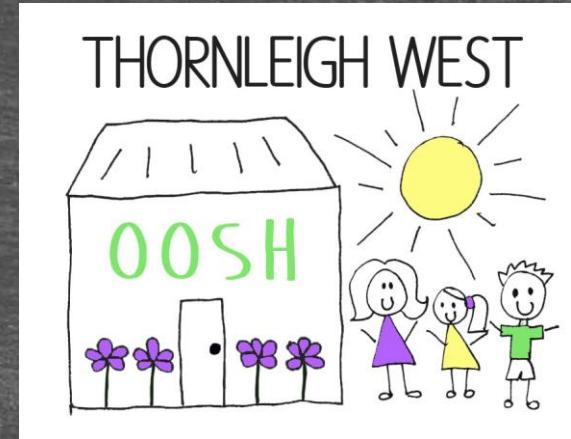


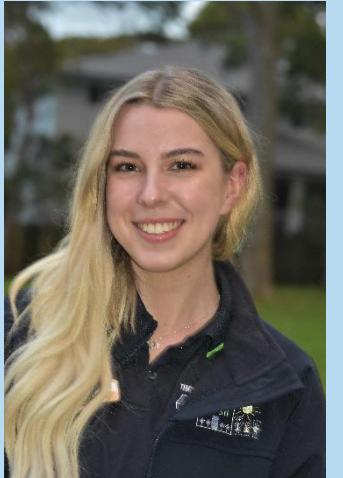
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Term 2, 2020

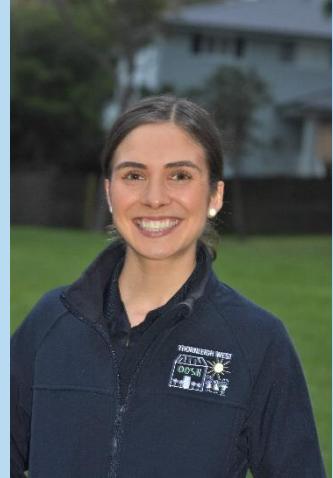


New OOSH Educators . .

Simonne - Permanent



Maddie – Permanent



Emma – 3IC



Welcome



Parent Management Committee



Courtney K

Assistant
Director/
Educational
leader



Jena - Director



Alex

Assistant
Director



Emma

3IC/
K-1
program
leader



Claire

3IC/
2-3
program
leader



Thomas

3IC/
Senior
program
leader

Educator wall of fame

Educator of
the month

Ash

Tom D

Alex

Oli

Fran



Xplor – New APP

You will find all your child's photos and learning stories on 'Xplor Home', using your existing log in details

To make life easier for families, we will be moving to just 1 APP in term 3.

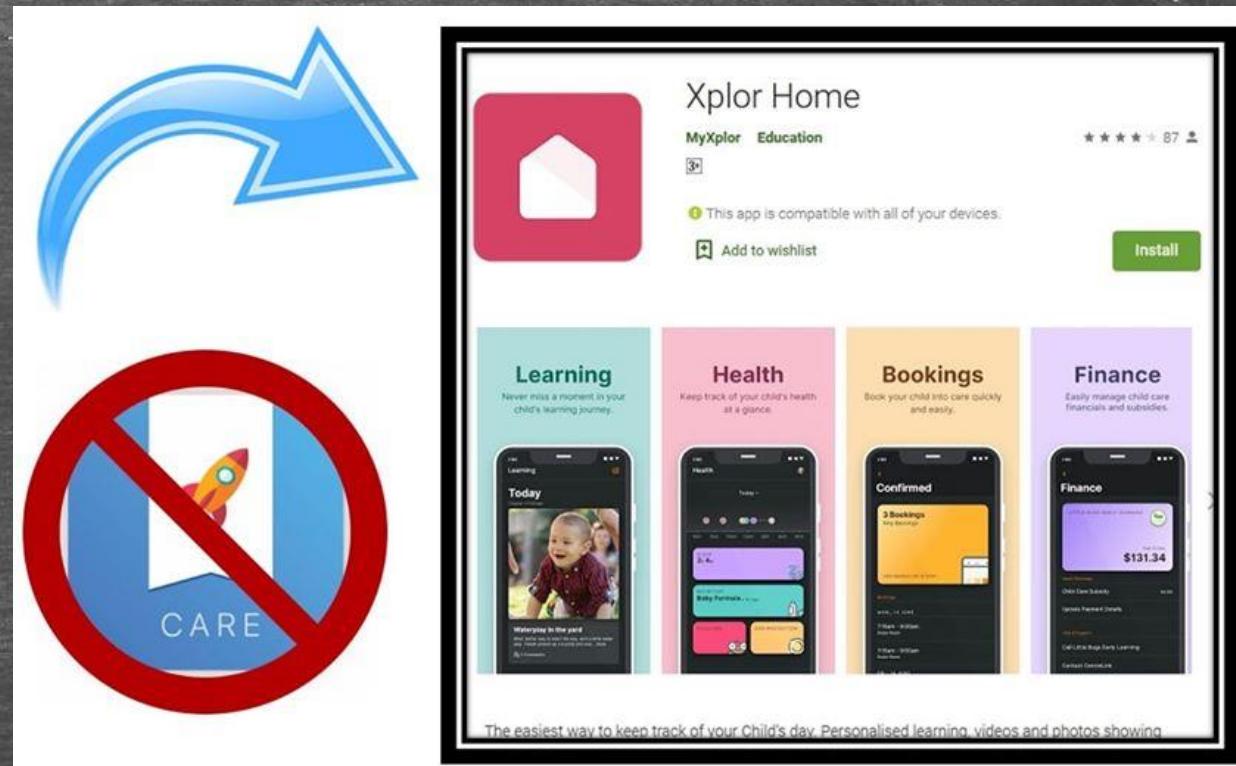
Xplor and My family Lounge companies have merged, which is very convenient for us as we already use both.

We will keep you updated as we move forward with this merge, but for now, please delete 'Xplor Care' and replace with 'Xplor Home'

Allow Notifications



REMEMBER: Turn on your notification settings for Xplor, so you are notified when your child is tagged in a photo or learning story.



Please ensure privacy is maintained, please do not screen shot or share photos containing other children.

We appreciate your assistance with this and hope you are enjoying the APP!

April Vacation Care Favorites



April Vacation Care Favorites

Minute-to Win-it

MONDAY

60 SECONDS!

APRIL VACATION CARE

20.4.20

GO!!!



Mother's Day



Star Wars Week

Star wars week is a regular Favourite at OOSH, the children request it almost daily! They absolutely loved getting involved in all the crafts. Making characters out of origami, plasticine and hama beads. They also particularly loved doing their own star wars, space themed drawings experimenting with white pencils on black paper, making a cool effect.



National Reconciliation Week

This year was the second year running that we have celebrated National Reconciliation Week. The Theme this year was 'In This Together'. We went back to basics this year, learning traditional skills, engaging in meaningful discussions about the traditional custodians of our land and the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander histories within Australian history. We also had a strong focus on appreciating and learning how to care for our own country .



RAP - Update

With an even more successful National Reconciliation Week this year, our Reconciliation Action Plan(RAP) has continued to grow and develop. We have had greater engagement and interest from our educators, the children and the wider TWOOSH community!

This term we have had a strong focus on the RAP actions 'Staff engagement with RAP', 'Cultural Competence for Staff', 'Acknowledgment of Country', as well as 'Celebrating Reconciliation Week'.

With educators engaging in online training, more educators joining our online RAP working group, additionally we have joined forces and begun working with teachers from TWPS on developing both our RAPS.

Our afternoon tea roll call groups have been working on their own acknowledgements to say at the beginning of their roll call. These have grown and developed different for all year groups, as each group has found personal and individual ways to do this that is tailor to the different age groups. Our TWOOSH RAP working document has now been officially published on the Narragunnawali website, where you are now able to go search Thornleigh West OOSH and view our RAP, our centre's vision for reconciliation and the actions we have been working on. Additionally we now have a page on the TWOOSH website were you can learn all about what a RAP is and what we have been doing with our service.



27 MAY – 3 JUNE



#NRW2020 #InThisTogether2020

Term 2 – In the OOSH kitchen

TOP AFTERNOON TEA

ORANGE & COCONUT MUFFINS

Ingredients

- $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup granulated sugar
- 2 large oranges
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup desiccated coconut
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup wholemeal plain flour
- $\frac{1}{4}$ Teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 2 Large eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup low-fat plain Greek yoghurt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup non-fat milk
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter (melted & cooled)
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Teaspoons vanilla extract

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°
2. Place sugar in a bowl & zest oranges into it, light mix until sugar is a light orange colour
3. Add flour, coconut, baking soda & salt to the bowl & stir
4. In a separate bowl, juice $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of orange juice, add eggs, Greek yoghurt, milk, butter & vanilla and whisk ingredients together
5. Add wet mixture to the dry mixed and mix gently until combined, be careful not to over mix
6. Divide mixture into muffins tins & bake for 12-15 minutes, or tops are golden & spring back when touched
7. Allow to cool for 3 minutes & serve!



ENJOY!

Term 2 – In the OOSH kitchen

COOKING EXPERIENCE



TIE FIGHTER S'MORES

Ingredients

- Marie Biscuits
- Marshmallows
- Chocolate bits

Method

1. Set up you're fire pit and get the fire going!
2. Melt Chocolate bits into a bowl and bring out to sit around the fire, along with you're marshmallows, Marie biscuits and metal skewers.
3. Place 1 marshmallows on each skewer and hold above the fire, careful not to let it catch fire. Slowly rotate to lightly brown on each side and soften your marshmallows
4. Spoon 1 teaspoon of melted chocolate onto your biscuit, place marshmallow on top, then using another biscuit 'sandwich' the 2 together using them to slide the marshmallow off the skewer.
5. Allow to cool and serve!

ENJOY!



2020 CHARITY FOOD COLLECTION



THANK
YOU!



Important Reminders

- If your child is diagnosed with anything from food allergy, disability, anxiety, depression or any other health condition, it is really important that this is communicated to OOSH. As per service policies, it is parent responsibility to disclose this information to us. The more information we have, the better we can care and plan for your child so we please encourage you to keep line of communication open with OOSH
- Please do not give your mobile number and pin to any other family member or friend to use to sign out your children on your behalf. Your number and pin is your electronic signature, and therefore giving it to anyone else to use is considered forgery. This system feeds directly to government systems so everyone needs to be signed out the correct way. If you need to add anyone to the pick up list, please email us their name, relation, and contact number so they can set up their own electronic signature.
- The Kiosk is used as an important part of our communication processes here at OOSH, if you log in and there is a message to be actioned before signing your child/ren in or out, please see the relevant staff member to discuss the message with them
- It is extremely important that we are notified of any afternoon absences for your child BEFORE 3pm.
- All casual bookings must be made via email or by completing a request slip and handing it in. 2 weeks cancellation applies to these bookings once they are confirmed by TWOOSH

Learning Stories

Our learning stories are available to be looked at in the OOSH room at any time!

They are located in the big visual art diaries in the parent area just behind where you sign in/out on the tablets

They are also now available on Xplor HOME so you can view them at any time from home too. Please contact us if you haven't set up your account to access the APP to see what your children have been doing at OOSH

Menus are always
available at www.twoosh.com.au/menu

Autumn/Winter Menu



MENU – Autumn/Winter 2020						
Breakfast		Wholemeal toast, raisin toast, oats, cereal or yogurt. On occasion: fresh fruit, pancakes				
Drinks		Water or milk will be available, on occasion milo milk in the mornings				
Fruit		4.30pm - mixed platter of fruit. Including apples, pears, melons, oranges, and other seasonal fruit				
Afternoon Menu						
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week A	3-3.30pm Afternoon tea	Wholemeal cheese toasties & fruit	Meat free Bolognaise scrolls and veggie sticks	Pizza scrolls and veggie sticks	Mexican brown rice cucumber & tomatoes	Meat free lasagne and veggie sticks
	5.30pm Late snack	Food from cooking activity	Food from cooking activity	Food from cooking activity	French onion dip and carrot sticks	Popcorn and capsicum sticks
Week B	3-3.30pm Afternoon tea	Wholemeal apple crumble, custard, fruit	Anzac biscuits and fruit	Vegan Butter chicken, brown rice and tomato wedges	Wholemeal scones with jam/ cream, and fruit	Wholemeal cheese toasties, veggie sticks
	5.30pm Late snack	Jatz and cheese	Food from cooking activity	Hummus and sakatas	Food from cooking activity	Food from cooking activity
Week C	3-3.30pm Afternoon tea	Brown rice sushi and veggie sticks	Brown fried rice, spring rolls, veggie sticks	Sweet potato/ lentil rolls, veggie sticks	Banana bread and fruit	Pumpkin soup, herb/ garlic bread, carrot/celery sticks
	5.30pm Late snack	Food from cooking activity	Corn thins with cream cheese and tomato	Food from cooking activity	Food from cooking activity	Jatz and cheese
Week D	3-3.30pm Afternoon tea	Herb/Garlic bread with hummus and veggie sticks	Gozleme melts and veggie sticks	Meat free bolognaise bake and tomato wedges	Loaded baked potatoes and veggie sticks	Coconut and orange muffins and fruit
	5.30pm Late snack	Cruskits with spreads	Food from cooking activity	Dried fruit and jatz	Mexican dip & sakatas	Food from cooking activity



From the Educational Leaders Desk...

It was a slow (and quiet) start to the term, with reduced attendance numbers we went back to basics at OOSH and we were running just 1 program for before school care and 1 program for after school care.

With only a few families needing the service we developed a little OOSH family. Children and educators were able to strengthen their relationships, getting to know each other on more individual levels, as well as children in all years interacting and forming new friendships.

When week 5 rolled in we were very excited to have a whole lot more of our OOSHies return, and see a lot of the race we had been missing!

With the return of the children we celebrated National Reconciliation Week(NRW), with this years theme being 'Together We can'. This theme became even more fitting with recent time the idea of 'walking together' works to unpack the truth-telling of our nation's history, actively acknowledge and embrace Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and contributions and invites all Australians to continue to walk together on a journey to reconciliation.

This NRW was a huge success, with a lot of engagement from both educators and children who were keen to learn, as well as our wider school community.

With routine slowly returning back to 'normal' we've been able to bring back our 3 split programs for after school care, catering our activities to more age appropriate experiences and tailoring them to children's individual interests. A few of other of big successful theme weeks across all programs this term have included star wars week, mother's day week, marvel, party & favourites week.

This term definitely wasn't without its obstacles and hurdles, but it has been a great reminder of the importance of community and how lucky we are in the TWOOSH community to have so many wonderful families to supporting us! We looked forward to seeing all your faces throughout July Vacation care where we will be celebrating NAIDOC week and onto term 3 for a bigger and better term!

Up coming events:

Term 3 2020:

SCIENCE WEEK
FATHER'S DAY WEEK
FAVOURITES WEEK

THEME WEEKS AS THEY ARISE

And many more.....

If your children have anything that they would like to share with us during these weeks please feel free to bring their show and tell in....
Or if there is a particular craft, sports or cooking activity that they would like to be involved in please email me or come and have a chat

As well as many other planned and spontaneous activities!!!!



Courtney King

From the Director's desk..

We cannot thank our parent community enough for all your support and kindness over the past term. It has been a massive adjustment for everyone with lots of changes to operations and processes for families. Your patience and understanding has been incredibly refreshing.

We know there will be some time before we return to "normal", but we will continue working hard to deliver the best we can throughout this time.

Each year in term 3 we start our re-enrolment processes for the new year. This year will be the same, however we will make some small adjustments to the due date to be able to allow all of you to settle back in to school and work routines. We understand it's a tricky time for everyone to predict care needs for the new year, but we will do our best to work through this with you.

Please keep an eye out for communications as they will be released in the coming month

Please be aware that there will be a reference week in August; your guaranteed 2021 places will be based on the bookings you hold in that reference week. If you cancel any of those days before or after the reference period, it will affect your 2021 bookings. Anything you need, that you do not hold during that reference week, you will be waitlisted for

We are hoping, that given our 2020 increase to numbers, to have a much shorter waiting list for 2021. This however will be based on 2021 kindy enrolment requests and the additional requests from our current families.

If you have a child starting in kindy in 2021, we should have received your enrolment request already. If you haven't submitted a request for your new kindy child, please ensure you do so ASAP. These are available online, please contact us if you need any assistance in locating this form.

I am sure term 3 will bring us more certainty and more normality

We look forward to having all our TWOOSH families and children back for a great term 3!

Dates to remember..

July/August

Ren-enrolments for 2021 commence



July Vacation care

Monday 28th September – Friday 9th October



July Vacation care program - released

Wednesday 19th August



July Vacation care – Bookings open

Monday 31st September



Jena Sheather

K-1 Program

This Term, our K-1 children got super involved in using natural materials for their craft creations. They made koalas out of gum leaves, leaf people, leaf stamping, rock monsters and ladybug pet rocks. These activities gave the children an opportunity to go out and collect all the natural resources that they used which facilitated an exploration of our natural environment and Australia's rich and diverse native flora and fauna. The ladybug pet rocks were especially awesome as all the rocks that were found were naturally all different shapes and sizes and so it gave the ladybugs a lot of character and personality!



K-1 Program

On the sport front of OOSH, the children got amongst a range of different activities such as soccer, tennis, basketball, scooters, obstacle courses and even badminton. Some highlights were Boxercise, where the children got engaged in hitting pads, learning different punching skills as well as skipping and shuttle runs, as well as Sock Wrestling, which stemmed from the children's interest in normal wrestling and arm wrestling. This gave the children an opportunity to expel their energy into a safe version of wrestling where the aim was to remove the sock off your opponent before they removed yours.



MIDDLE NEWS



In This Together

The highlight of the term was being able to participate in Reconciliation Week. We developed cultural competence as we reflected on the relationship Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have with the land and how we can learn from them and their attitudes. A common theme of wanting to connect more with country throughout the rest of the term through bushwalks, nature crafts and conversations surrounding the lives and experiences of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples has allowed for the learning experiences from Reconciliation Week to extend beyond the weeks limit.



Cooking

The kids were able to harness their inner cooking prowess enough to potentially take over the cooking in the family home! From baking succulent cakes to tender biscuits, they developed an understanding of how recipes with similar ingredients can create different results when combined in different manners. We challenged the children's eating limits by enlightening them to the joys of all fruits and vegetables, especially when they are hidden in something particularly tasty...

Cooking to try out at home: [Banana Bread](#)

Follow the Hyperlink to make the loaf on the left!

Craft

Creative juices were squeezed as the children tried their hand at a variety of creative tasks. The wide scope of the creative plane allowed for crafts to flex to the interests of the kids whilst creating a craft that we were able to be proud of. While our parents mourned the loss of attending a live paint and sip on a Saturday night; we created our own by looking for tutorials to teaching us particular painting skills we wanted to learn whilst sipping on our water (Not the same one we used for the brushes!).



Sport

We explored all the different facets of sport this term to encompass the need to move and groove in a time of being pent up inside interacting with no one. Kids jumped on the Tik Tok dance trend to develop some fancy footwork whilst others hippity hopped to the party games to get in a celebrating mood! We enjoyed some of the good ol' Kingball to sharpen those competitive spirits and also offered some quidditch to combine the thrills of exercise with the throws of imagination.

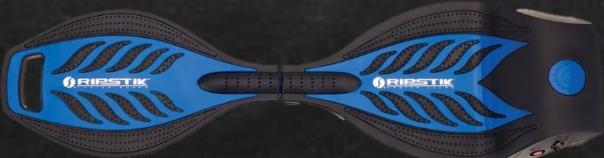


SENIOR NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 2020

THIS HAS BEEN A WHEEL-Y GOOD TERM

EVER SINCE WHEELS DAY DURING APRIL VACATION CARE, TWOOSH HAS GONE CRAZY FOR ALL THINGS WHEELY! THIS INCLUDES SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, GO KARTS AND PARTICULARLY RIPSTICKS AFTER SOME STAFF MEMBERS DONATED THEIRS TO THE CENTRE. THIS HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHILDREN TO PUSH THEMSELVES OUTSIDE THEIR COMFORT ZONES AS THE RIPSTICKS REQUIRE SOME SERIOUS BALANCE, PERSISTENCE AND PATIENCE. IT'S BEEN INCREDIBLE WATCHING THE CHILDREN DEVELOP THEIR CONFIDENCE AND SEE THEIR PRIDE AS THEY MASTER THIS DIFFICULT TWO-WHEELED MENACE. IT'S BEEN EQUALY AMAZING WATCHING THEM SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND HELP OTHERS CONQUER THE RIPSTICK!



ROLLIN' THROUGH TERM 2

Ripsticks, Scooters &
Carts – Oh My!



HOP PING ON



THE BANDWAGON

THE RIPSTICKS HAVE TURNED ALL OUR KIDS INTO LITTLE DAREDEVILS – SO MUCH SO THAT TWOOSH HAS PURCHASED OUR VERY OWN POGO STICKS TO GET OUR ADRENALINE FIX! THE SENIORS HAVE GONE HOPPING MAD EVER SINCE WITH THIS SECOND HALF OF THE TERM SEEING THE CHILDREN CHALLENGING THEMSELVES AND COMPETING WITH ONE ANOTHER TO SEE WHO CAN GET THE MOST CONSECUTIVE JUMPS ON THE POGOS – WITH PLENTY OF KIDS NOW MANAGING OVER 1000!! AT THE TIME OF WRITING THE RECORD CURRENTLY SITS AT 2000, MUCH TO THE SCORN OF SOME OF OUR MORE COMPETITIVE STAFF MEMBERS... THIS NUMBER HAS ALSO HAD TO BE AMENDED 4 TIMES WITHIN THE TIME OF WRITING DUE TO THE REGULARITY OF KIDS BREAKING THE RECORD!



MORE OUTDOOR SHENANIGANS!





MARVEL WEEK



AVENGERS ASSEMBLE! WEEK 8 WE TRANSFORMED OUR PROGRAM INTO A HULK-SMASHING WEEK OF MARVEL ACTIVITIES. THIS INCLUDED AVENGERS VS VILLAINS FOR SPORT, CREATING CAPTAIN AMERICA'S SHIELD , MAKING OUR FAVOURITE SUPERHEROES FROM PLASTICINE AND HULK-SLIME FOR CRAFT, AND SOME HULK CUPCAKES JUST FOR GOOD MEASURE. THIS WEEK SPARKED HEAPS OF DISCUSSION ABOUT ONE OF THE BIGGEST MOVIE FRANCHISES GOING AROUND AS CHILDREN WERE SUPER KEEN TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE FOR THEIR FAVOURITE HEROES/HEROINES! FOR FUTURE MARVEL THEMED WEEKS WE MIGHT NEED TO GET THE CHILDREN'S HELP IN DESIGNING AND CREATING SOME DECORATIONS TO TURN THE SENIOR SPACE INTO AVENGERS HQ...



SENIORS' WEEK

SENIORS WEEK TOOK A HIATUS IN TERM 1 AS WE HAD VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF SENIORS (AND CHILDREN IN GENERAL) TOWARD THE END OF LAST TERM, BUT TERM 2'S SENIORS' WEEK MORE THAN MADE UP FOR ITS PREVIOUS ABSENCE. THIS IS THE TIME OF TERM WHEN SOME OF THE SENIORS GET INVOLVED IN RUNNING ACTIVITIES AND ARE ABLE TO SHARE THEIR INTERESTS WITH THE JUNIOR CHILDREN.

SOME OF THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED NOODLE HOCKEY AND OBSTACLE COURSES FOR SPORT, ORIGAMI, SLIME AND PAINTING/DRAWING TUTORIALS FOR CRAFT AND SOME MINI PIZZAS AND GUMMY BEAR BARK FOR COOKING – YUM! THIS WEEK SAW THE SENIORS DEVELOP THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS AS THEY DIRECTED THE JUNIORS THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, WHILST ALSO PROMOTING INITIATIVE AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS TO OVERCOME ANY POTENTIAL CHALLENGES. THEY EVEN HELPED US WITH SOME OF THE PAPERWORK AFTERWARDS – HOW GOOD! REALLY BIG THANKS TO ALL OUR SENIORS WHICH GOT INVOLVED AND MADE THE LAST WEEK OF TERM SO ENJOYABLE.



MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR ROOM

2020 HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF A STRANGE YEAR AND TERM 2 WAS NO EXCEPTION. IT WAS AN EXTREMELY QUIET START TO THE TERM WITH AROUND 10-15 SENIORS EACH AFTERNOON. WE WERE AT A LOSS WITHOUT THE ENERGY, IMAGINATION, CREATIVITY AND ENTHUSIASM OF THE BIG SENIOR GROUP. FINALLY IN WEEK 5 WE HAD MOST OF OUR FRIENDS BACK AND THE SENIOR ROOM WAS UP AND RUNNING ONCE AGAIN. IT WAS GREAT GETTING FEEDBACK ON ALL THE DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES OF HOME LEARNING, SOME THRIVED! BUT MOST WERE STOKED TO BE BACK AT OOSH... AND SO WERE WE ☺

HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE NO DISRUPTION IN TERM 3 AND WE CAN HAVE A FULL TERM OF OOSH FUN! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FULL PROGRAM AND FULL ATTENDANCE NEXT TERM!

