

# Vacation Care Program

4 January to 22 January 2021



## Important information

### Program venue

Our Vacation Care program is run from Springfield Pavilion, Springfield Avenue, Croydon. Parking is available at the outdoor Croydon Memorial Pool, on Springfield Avenue, Croydon. It is then a short walk across to the pavilion via the pathway along the oval.

### Bookings

Vacation Care bookings must be paid for prior to the commencement of Vacation Care. This is done via iPay. If the requested dates on the Vacation Care booking form (on Council's website) are available, these will be the dates that families will be booked in and charged for.

### Late pick up fee

The Vacation Care program finishes each day at 6pm. If a child is not picked up by this time a late fee will be charged, according to the following scale- \$10 for every 10 minutes or part thereof per family.

### Cancellations

No refunds or credits given for days that families have booked and no longer require. Payment is required for all booked days whether children attend the program or not.

### Children's belongings

Strictly no money or children's toys (including iPads, phones, DS consoles, cameras) are to be brought to the program.

Please clearly label all your child's clothing and belongings.

### Priority of access

The Australian Government regards children at risk of abuse or neglect as a priority group for access to quality childcare. Families in crisis should also have support and assistance from child care services to the maximum extent possible. The Australian Government resources child care with a major purpose of meeting the child care needs of families with recognised work or work related commitments. Where demand for care exceeds supply, it is important for services to allocate available places to those families with the greatest need for childcare support.

### Clothing

- > Children must be dressed in clothing appropriate for the weather. On wet days, please bring a waterproof coat, beanie, umbrella and gum boots. On warm days, please dress children in 'sun smart' clothing, including covered shoulders and a hat.
- > Please make sure your child wears appropriate shoes for playing. No thongs or flip-flops.
- > Please label clothing and personal belongings with your child's name so that it can be easily identified.

### Food and drinks

- > Parents are required to provide nutritious lunches and snacks, such as sandwiches, fruit, cheese sticks, and water. Please send plenty of food for your child to eat.
- > Please send a refillable drink bottle with water every day.
- > Please no cans/bottles of soft drink.
- > Please note that we cannot heat or cook children's snacks or lunches.
- > We strongly encourage families to re-think your child's lunch box and send nude food each day to the program.

### Medication

- > If a child is to receive medication during the day, parents must complete the Medication Instruction Sheet, and sign the medication in and out with an educator each day.
- > Medication must be in the original containers with the original labels and the child's name and specific dosage must be clearly visible on the containers. This also applies to any over the counter medication.

### Additional needs children

All children are welcome to participate in our Vacation Care Program. If your child has any additional needs, please contact Council's Vacation Care Coordinator on 9294 5739 at least six weeks before the program is due to start to discuss the best ways to support your child.

### Additional days of care

During the holidays you must contact Council's Vacation Care team on 9294 5739 if you wish to book your child in for additional days of care.

### Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy is available to families who have linked their myGov account. If you are unable to link our Vacation Care program to your account, please contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

**Bookings close:**  
Wednesday  
9 December  
**Full payment due:**  
Monday  
28 December

A school holiday program for children in Prep to Grade 6

**Centre-based care: \$62 per day**  
**Opening hours 8am to 6pm**

**Springfield Pavilion – Springfield Avenue, Croydon**

*\*please note: There will not be a program at Belmont Park for these school holidays*

**For further information please contact our Vacation Care team on 9294 5739.**



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### Enrolments

Enrolments for the Vacation Care program must be completed online at:

[www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Community-support-services/Children-and-families/School-holiday-programs-primary-school](http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Community-support-services/Children-and-families/School-holiday-programs-primary-school)

For more information, please call Council's Youth and Children's Services team on 9294 5739.



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Monday 4 January

IN-HOUSE

Dream

We've opened the book on a New Year, and the blank pages are ready for you!

Today will be full of fun crafts such as dream catchers and vision boards!



Tuesday 5 January

IN-HOUSE

Lego

We absolutely love building with LEGO, but did you know there is so much more you can do with it? Today we will create, explore, cook, experiment and so much more!



Wednesday 6 January

IN-HOUSE

Board games galore!

We're creating our own board games today! Hop aboard at Kings Cross Station and join us as we make our way around the Monopoly board! Stop off at Park Lane for a game of Go Fish! or chill out at the Community Chest for a round of UNO.



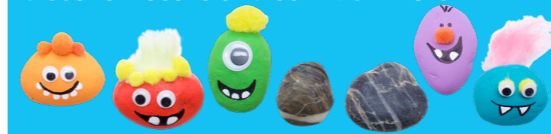
Thursday 7 January

IN-HOUSE - Dress up

Rock on!



Today we will be entering the world of rock and roll, so dress to impress in your rock star best! Rock on with us as we make our very own pet rocks, grow crystals, discover fossils and so much more!



Friday 8 January

IN-HOUSE - Water fight!

Soak up some fun!

Choose your weapon carefully, because you are about to get soaked! We are going to be celebrating the warmer weather with an epic water fight.

Make sure you bring a change of clothes as you are sure to get wet.



Monday 11 January

IN-HOUSE

Fort Springfield

How much fun is building forts? Today, we're taking it one step further by building our biggest fort ever!

Will you build a pillow fort?  
Or cardboard fort?  
Or both? You decide!



Tuesday 12 January

IN-HOUSE

Robotics

Warning! Warning! Robots on the loose! Gear up to have lots of fun at Vacation Care today with our awesome Sphero robots. What will you program them to do?



Wednesday 13 January

IN-HOUSE - Dress up

Maroondah's Got Talent!

Do you have a special skill or secret talent? Vacation Care's BIGGEST talent show is here, and we'd love to celebrate with you. Come along and share your talent or sit back and enjoy the show!



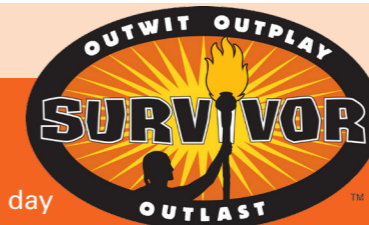
Thursday 14 January

IN-HOUSE

Survivor

Outsmart.  
Outplay.  
Outlast.

Join us for a day of fun and games as we challenge ourselves and test our skills to see who is crowned the ultimate survivor! Dress for a mess!

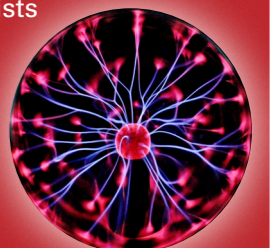


Friday 15 January

IN-HOUSE - Dress for a mess

Are you a mad scientist?

Calling all mad scientists - get ready for an explosion of fun at Vacation Care today! We will be doing lots of fun experiments today so make sure you dress for a mess!



Monday 18 January

IN-HOUSE

Musical Monday!

Make way, here we come! Ring the bells and bang the drum. You're going to love this day! We will be singing and dancing and playing musical instruments too!



Tuesday 19 January

IN-HOUSE - Dress up

Superheroes

Avengers Assemble! Come dressed as your favourite hero or villain and get set for a day full of fun, games and lots of entertainment! Discover your super-powers, create kryptonite, and try your best to pass superhero training.



Wednesday 20 January

IN-HOUSE - Water fight!

Chill out

Today is Penguin Awareness Day so we are going to celebrate the day with lots of cool fun and games. Make sure to bring a change of clothes - we hear there is going to be a water fight!



Thursday 21 January

IN-HOUSE

Puppet masters

The stage is set for so much fun today! Today is the day you get to create your own puppets and then we'll all put on a show!



Friday 22 January

IN-HOUSE

Picnic by the pond

It's the last day of Vacation Care and we want to share it with you! We're going to have lots of fun outside today, including a special treat for our picnic by the pond.



## REMINDERS

- Please remember to bring your drink bottle every day.
- Please ensure your child dresses appropriately every day. There will be lots of time spent outdoors, so please remember to bring your sunhat and to wear sunsmart clothing such as tops with sleeves that cover the shoulders. We will also be participating in lots of messy play, so please don't dress your child in their best clothes!
- **NO NUT PRODUCTS** - we have children in the program with anaphylaxis, so please refrain from bringing nuts (including peanut butter and Nutella) to the program.