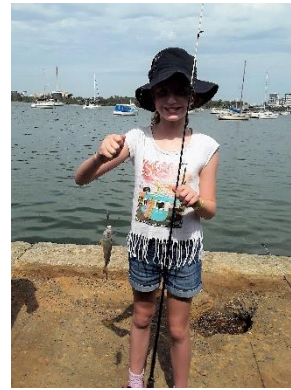


## Week 1

It is no secret that this Summer was hot. We went on many amazing excursions these holidays and did our best to stay cool by playing lots of water games and choosing excursions of the aquatic kind. Read on to find out more about what we got up to.



**Thursday** we celebrated both Chanukah and Christmas with our Christmukkah festivities. This included baking traditional foods and having a tree decorating competition.



On **Monday** we kicked off our vacation care with some outdoor adventures trying our hands at archery, rock climbing, bushwalking and more. Some of

the children were natural with a bow and arrow!

**Tuesday** we splashed, slid, flipped and flopped on the amazing water slides and giant slip and slide at the school. It was a blast! Even the staff joined in.



The children were hooked on learning new skills at our fishing excursion on **Wednesday**. Putney Park had a wonderful water area for the children to splash around in when they were not out fishing.

We wrapped up the year with a big Christmas lunch. Teta's kindly hosted and provided delicious food for the children. We of course had to have Christmas crackers, paper hats and terrible jokes.



## Week 2



stunt teachers were impressed!

Two weeks away and lots of festive feasting later we were back in action! We thought we would get things rolling by literally rolling about (and flipping and climbing) at Brookvale's Stunt Gym. Kiana was so good at splits on the bar that even the



One of the perks about holidays is spending your whole day in your PJs cause you have nowhere else to be. We brought a little of that lazy

day magic into Kids Care on **Wednesday** with our Pajama Party. Chantelle and Chloe painted everyone's nails and did wonderful hair braiding. In the hall we made massive forts and had a big pillow fight, this evolved into an epic game of the floor is lava. Thankfully no one's toes were permanently burnt off.



On **Thursday**, we tried something new at Kids Care and turned all the children into super stars with the crew from Let's Make a Movie. We all piled into the hall and split into groups to learn funky dance moves to the latest hits. Then we all got to perform in front of a green screen while the rest of our group sang along. Later that day we all got to sit around the TV and watch the movie we made. It was great!

**Friday** we caught the bus to Ryde Aquatic centre and had an action packed day of swimming, splashing and sliding. Despite the heat we were all still cold by the end of it but it didn't take long to warm back up and so we made slushies in the courtyard to cool off.



### Week 3

On **Monday** we got a taste of what it was like to live under the sea at Sydney's Aquarium. We got to see

sharks, dugongs and lots of different penguins. We also learnt about how to help save our oceans from pollution. The children were compassionate about this topic and came up with some wonderful ideas of how to keep our oceans cleaner in the future.



**Tuesday** we donned our tradie gear and became busy builders. Making all sorts of things from wood work construction, to ninja warrior obstacle courses. We also got to design our own delicious burgers for lunch!



On **Wednesday** we did our best to reach the final frontier of space themed craft and activities. Lots of the children dressed up for the day which was great! We had the team from Kapow Kamp come in and challenge the children's problem-solving skills by making rockets, creating parachutes and cracking codes to unlock treasure chests. For those willing to take the challenge we had Jedi training out in the park where the children mastered agility balance, strength and patience.



**Thursday** was a day for people rocking the boat, literally. We went off to Pittwater to take kayaks out on the lake. The younger kids also got to try paddle

boarding it, some of them were even steering the staff by the end of the session. There were water games and beautiful seaside views. A perfect way to spend the day.

Things on **Friday** got a little messy. Okay, I lied, they got A LOT messy which was fantastic as that was the aim of the day! We had tie-dying, flubber making, shaving cream art and of course everyone's favourite, THE COLOUR RUN. This time the colour run had a bit of a twist, the children sat on the park's spinner and got sprayed with an array of colours as they spun around. They loved it! Then they played colour water tag afterwards, great stuff!



## Week 4



It was okay to be a square on **Monday**, that is after all the shape of a pixel. The theme of the day was video games and the children could bring their electronic devices to play

on throughout the day. It was so hot that it was good to have the down time, but the kids still summoned up the energy for building obstacle courses in the hall, making Pokémon themed paper waterbombs and cooking delicious and refreshing ice-cream sandwiches.

On **Tuesday** we visited Manly's foreshore to check out the newly re-opened Surf n Slide. Some of the younger children were scared to try the bigger slides at first but by the end of the day most of them had given it a go and were even happy to slide solo! We were so proud of them for challenging themselves.



It was set to be another hot Summer's day on **Wednesday**, but we were well prepared with our giant inflatable water slide, slip n slides, water kickball and a

dunking machine! Wherever you were at there was a water activity to do. The kids even had the opportunity to dunk the staff with Jenny kindly volunteering to go first!

**Thursday's** excursion took us to the city where we got to watch an incredible puppet show called Slapdash Galaxy at the



Monkey Baa theatre. The puppets were all made from recycled materials and told a story of two brothers fleeing their home planet to find a new planet in the Pearl Galaxy. On the way they met some weird and wonderful monsters including the giant space spider! The kids and the staff both loved the show and afterwards the children got to stay and play in the Darling Harbor playground.

## Week 4.5

We skipped Friday of last week as it was a public holiday so the last day of Vacation Care was a **Monday** and what better way to bring the Summer



holidays to a close than a trip to the beach? We hopped on the bus to Balmoral and met up with the



lovely people from Balmoral Sailing Club. They took us out on small sailing boats which the children got to steer themselves and then we

swapped over to kayaking and paddle boarding which included an epic game of aquatic netball. Team Paddle boarding won with some incredible shots by Matari. The children found the rocking challenge the most fun, you and your partner had to stand at either end a paddleboard and try to knock the other person off. Most of the time no one was left standing.

To see more photos from each day (and there's a lot of them!) please visit <http://rosevillekidscare.com.au>