

Vacation Care

Term 4 School Holidays – December 8-22, 2023 & January 8-29, 2024

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ST PETERS GIRLS

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Come and join us during Vacation Care where the rich learning opportunities that we offer at St Peter's Girls' ELC will continue to flourish. Our holiday program builds and expands on the learning that has been happening across the term. Alexandra Portus and Valentina Fernandes plan closely with Learning Community 1 and 2 teachers; together they implement an exciting and engaging program that transitions seamlessly into Vacation Care.

Throughout the holiday period, we will extend the understanding of our Central Idea: *'Celebrations can tell stories'*. We will support children to develop their sense of identity and belonging as we explore celebrations that are relevant to the children, their experiences, the purpose behind the celebrations and how they enrich our community. Our senses will help explore these celebrations in greater detail as we delve deeper into the symbolism, food, music and dancing that are an expression of these important occasions for our community. The festive season will provide a wonderful provocation to continue the inquiry that has been happening throughout the term.



Exploring our ELC Community Garden

During this season of summer, we will explore seasonal food using all of our senses and investigate the types of foods that are appropriate for the weather that we are experiencing. We will also incorporate our central idea by exploring the relationships between the festive season and how food brings us together as family, friends and community. Our ELC Community Garden will provide inspiration for cooking opportunities. Children will investigate what they can grow at this time of the year, how to nurture and care for plants and consider their requirements such as water, sunlight and positioning. We will also investigate traditional Aboriginal foods and how they can enrich cooking experiences.

Investigating Literacy

Children will continue to engage in mark making and be encouraged to be authors through investigation and play. Books will continue to be used to inspire learning and ignite children's curiosity and questions. We will be revisiting books that we have loved throughout the year as well as Christmas stories and engage in dramatic play as we re-enact these popular texts. We will build on and extend vocabulary through a range of stories and introduce new words in the context of our investigations, play and activities. Children will explore the symbolism used in various celebrations and continue to engage with the carols from our Christmas concert exploring the language used and the message conveyed.

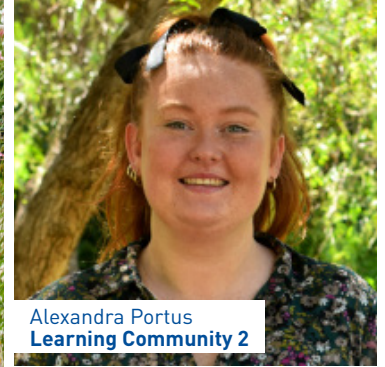
Exploring the Hundred Languages – Supporting Creativity

Our beautiful outdoor spaces will allow children to engage with nature and carefully observe the changes that the summer season brings. Children will have the opportunity to be artists inspired by the flourishing colours of summer through the use of water colours, clay and other art mediums. The warm weather will provide abundant opportunities to get outside and engage in a range of activities such as sensory play and water play. Our mud kitchen and potion making will inspire children's creativity and imagination, allowing them to use their senses to learn about their environment and build their language and communication skills as they share their ideas.

Vacation Care Coordinators



Valentina Fernandes
Learning Community 1



Alexandra Portus
Learning Community 2

Our Natural Environment

We will explore the importance of food and the way that it brings us together as a community. Cooking activities using our Community Garden produce will provide a wonderful springboard for discussions and opportunities for children to hypothesize, plan, experiment, test, reflect, draw conclusions and share their learning.

Wellbeing and Movement

We know the integral role that the natural environment provides for our wellbeing. With a focus on our natural world, we will continue to foster children's capacity to understand and respect their environment and the interdependence between people, plants, animals and the land.

We will be taking precious moments in our day to intentionally practice mindfulness with children, engaging in breathing exercises, relaxation and yoga. Music and movement will allow us to use our bodies creatively to express ourselves and support our gross motor development. We will continue planned and intentional gross motor experiences. Children will participate in cooperative games that involve them experimenting with speed, directionality and large muscle movements.



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Online Booking Form

Families can book their children into Vacation Care via our online booking form on the School website.

Scan the QR code or visit www.stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au/school-life/elc-vacation-care/ and click **Book Now**. Fill out the form and select required days. Please note: if you require bookings for more than one child you will need to fill out a form for each child.

If you need to make changes to your booking, please contact ELCVacationCare@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au



Billing and Charges

Vacation Care runs from 7.30am – 6pm **Rate per child per day: \$145**

No payment is taken during this online booking process. All bookings made will be charged to your ELC account, similar to term time. Where eligible, the Child Care Subsidy is applied to Vacation Care bookings.

As Vacation Care catering and staffing is based on bookings, please book by Wednesday 6 December (Week 8). **Due to limited spaces during vacation care, please book early. Any bookings and changes made after this date will incur a late booking fee of \$5 added on top of the daily rate per child.**

PLEASE NOTE: absentees or changes must be communicated via ELCVacationCare@stpetersgirls.sa.edu.au

What to Bring

Similar to a typical ELC day, children will need to bring their own packed lunch, hat, water bottle and a change of clothes each day. Due to allergies, we ask that you do not pack nuts. A healthy morning and afternoon tea and late snack will continue to be provided to children. Lunch orders from the Tuck Shop are not available during Vacation Care. **The ELC uniform is not required to be worn during Vacation Care. Appropriate casual clothing with closed footwear is acceptable.**

