

Lockleys North OSHC
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providing care for kids and service to families

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 27th January - First day of Term 1
- Friday 5th March – Pupil Free Day
- Monday 9th March– Public Holiday
- Monday 16th March-VAC Care booklets available
- Thursday 2nd April – final day to book in for VAC Care
- Friday 3rd April– Good Friday-Service closed
- Monday 6th April– Easter Monday– Service closed
- Friday 10th April– End of Term 1 school holidays
- Monday 13th April-Vacation Care commences
- Friday 24th April-Last day of Vacation Care
- Monday 27th April– First day of Term 2 2015



To ensure that there are plenty of fun activities for the children, we value your ideas and thoughts to better our service. Any suggestions would be appreciated. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to call us on 8443 5308 or 0411236014.



Thank you
Maria Morello
Director

January 2015, Term 1

From The Director

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to yet another school year! I hope you all had a restful and fun-filled holiday! I would like to start by welcoming all our new students and their families to OSHC this term.

My Time, Our Place at OSHC: Our Program

This term our program focus will be on the individual child; looking at self identity: Who am I? Who are my friends? Who is a part of my family? What things am I good at? Etc. These factors help educators get a clearer understanding of the child and their needs, strengths and interests whilst establishing and building on trusting relationships between children and educators.

Please feel free to add any suggestions or provide feedback on this current or future topics.

This program joins in with the environments practice of school-aged care educators where children's learning is connected with the environment around them, allowing children to learn experientially from the people and places within their everyday lives.

Our new program layout has been a success and we have continued to use this approach which allows for increased spontaneity and flexibility to the needs and interests of our children.

Please don't hesitate to pop in or have a look at our program and our *My Time, Our Place* board in the OSHC room next time you pick up or drop off your child/ren.



Unfortunately we must say a sad goodbye to one of our permanent qualified educators- Bridget Roberts.

Bridget has now completed her studies in secondary school teaching and has already landed a contract at a nearby high school! Bridget will however, return throughout our Vacation Care Programs during the year.

We wish Bridget all the best for the future and thank her for the past three years of loyal service she has provided Lockleys North OSHC.

Reception students: During the first 4 weeks of the term an OSHC Educator will be located in the quadrangle with our colorful 'Freddy Fish'. Freddy Fish helps the children identify the OSHC educators in the crowd of people and reassures them who we are if they forget. Older siblings are also encouraged to help the younger children walk to and from OSHC.



A few reminders: Please ensure you have filled out a new enrolment form for your child/ren prior to commencing OSHC; existing families **must** also fill out a new form to update all records. Thank you to those parents who have updated and returned their enrolment forms. If you haven't updated a new enrolment form for the year 2015, could you please do so as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available at the service for you to collect.

Also please ensure if your child/ren requires a permanent booking you need to fill out a green 'permanent booking' form (bookings do not roll over from previous terms or years).

If your child/ren requires casual bookings please advise us ASAP to ensure we have vacancies on the dates you need. Casual bookings are best suited for families that require different days/ sessions rather than the same booking each week. Please come and see the Director or our friendly OSHC educators to discuss any questions you may have.

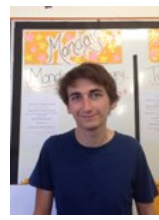
Pupil Free Day: The Pupil Free Day will be held on Friday 5th March 2015(week 6). A notice will be emailed to parents and also can be collected from the OSHC room. Please indicate whether you require care for your child/ren for that day. We will require a minimum of 15 bookings to operate the service. You will be notified by Monday 23rd February 2015 (week 5) if the service will be operating.

Menu: Please ensure you check the front notice board for the OSHC weekly menu. If your child does not like the meal that is programmed, please ensure your child has alternative snacks for that afternoon. Also please advise OSHC educators if your child has specific dietary requirements such as gluten free, lactose free etc.

Sun Safety: Remember that we follow the same sun safety rules as the school which means all children are required to wear hats outside as well as sunscreen. If your child is allergic to the sunscreen we provide please bring an alternative. Note that we do not provide spare hats, so if your child does not bring a hat they must stay inside or under the shade of the OSHC verandah.

Vacation Care Program: Vacation Care booklets will be available on **Monday 16th March** from the school website, the front office and OSHC room. The last day for bookings will be **Friday 2nd April 2015**.

New OSHC and Vacation Care educators:



We would like to introduce some of the new casual educators who have joined the OSHC and Vacation Care teams. Please say 'hello' and make them feel welcome the next time you see them.

(L-R) Lara Tittoto, Rob Gentilcore, Jonathon Lamb, Jeol Efthimiou and Kai Whittaker, Anne Matheson