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providing care for kids and service to families

May 2015, Term 2

From The Director

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to yet another Term 2! 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: Program

This term our program focus has begun with 'favourite things'. These experiences and activities help educators get a clearer understanding of the child's 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 people and places within their everyday lives.

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

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

Farewell Vanessa: Our Assistant Director Vanessa Graham will be leaving us on Friday 1st May 2015 (week 1) to begin her Maternity leave. We wish Vanessa and her family all the best and look forward to hearing the exciting news!

Vanessa will return in the September/ October school holidays later this year. Rebecca O'Hara will be our acting Assistant Director whilst Vanessa is on leave.

Diary Dates

- Monday 27th April - First day of Term 2
- Thursday 7th May- Sports Day
- Friday 8th May - Pupil Free Day
- Monday 1st June- VAC Care booklets available
- Friday 26th June- Final day to book in for VAC Care
- Monday 8th June- Public Holiday Queen's Birthday
- Friday 12th June- Pupil Free Day
- Friday 3rd July - End of Term 2 School holidays
- Monday 6th July- Vacation Care commences
- Friday 17th July- Last day of Vacation Care
- Monday 20th July- First day of Term 3 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

A few reminders: Please ensure if your child/ren require a permanent booking you are required to fill out an orange '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.

New Fee Structure: Please note that our new fee structure has been implemented as of Monday 27th April 2015 (Term 2) for Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care. Families that are eligible will still receive their rebates (CCB and or CCR) through Centerlink. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further enquiries.

Pupil Free Days: There are two upcoming pupil free days during the term which will be held on Friday 8th May (week 2) and Friday the 12th of June 2015(week 7). 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 4th May 2015 (week 2 for the first pupil free day) and by Friday 5th June (week 6 for the 2nd Pupil Free day) if the service will be operating.

OSHC designated area: Please beware the OSHC children use the playground and oval area (near the goal posts) after school. This area needs to remain safe for all children at OSHC. To ensure this area is safe to use we ask that parents/children refrain from playing/sitting here after school to prevent incidents occurring. Parents will be asked to leave by the educators, if found in the area. This will also include children who attend Greek school and any Active After School Programs.

Active After School: If your child is going to attend an after school activity please notify the service in advanced. If our educators have not been notified by parent/caregiver children will not be allowed to leave the service.

Absentees: Parents who have children attending OSHC but are absent from school or picked up early from school, need to notify the service by phone on 8443 5308 ASAP as we have children on the waiting list.

OSHC Cancellations: Parents are required to give the service 2 weeks notice of any cancellation in writing or by email to the Director. This will apply to all sessions including BSC, ASC, Vacation Care, Pupil Free Days, School Closures, Sport Day, Camps and Early School Dismissal. The service is unable to swap days or sessions

Vacation Care Program: Vacation Care booklets will be available on **Monday 1st June (week 6)** from the school website, the front office and OSHC room. The last day for bookings will be **Friday 26th June (week 9) 2015**. Below are a few photos from our most recent Vacation Care during the April school holidays.

Why not consider putting your child/ren in for a day of fun in our safe, comfortable and enjoyable environment while you can enjoy sometime to yourself!

