



LNPS VAC CARE NEWSLETTER

vacation care information

JANUARY 2015

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all and the children for making this Vacation Care another great one. It takes hard work and determination to run a quality service.

During the December 2014 -January 2015 Vacation Care Program, the students engaged in a variety of fun and exciting indoor and outdoor activities.

The students were involved in several excursions: The Odeon Theatre at Semaphore, Lollipops Playland, AMF bowling and laser skirmish, The Ice-Arena, The Maritime Museum and Lighthouse, Wet 'n' Wild, Semaphore Waterslide Park and Water world.

We also had some memorable visitors attend the service, they included: Red Elf, Blue Elf, Laygo and Games 2 U.



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 near by 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 Primary OSHC.



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

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

We would love to hear your thoughts on our most recent Vacation Care Program, please forward any feedback or suggestion to the Director

via email : Maria.Morello708@schools.sa.edu.au

I would like to say thank you to all the educators for their hard work and support through these holidays and for those educators who have implemented activities. They

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Diary Dates

- ☺ Monday 16th March- Vac Care booklets available
- ☺ Thursday 2nd April- final day to book in for Vac Care
- ☺ Friday 10th April-End of Term 1 school holidays
- ☺ Monday 13th April Vacation Care commences
- ☺ Friday 24th April - end of Vac care
- ☺ Monday 27th April- First day of Term 1 2015 .

Payments:

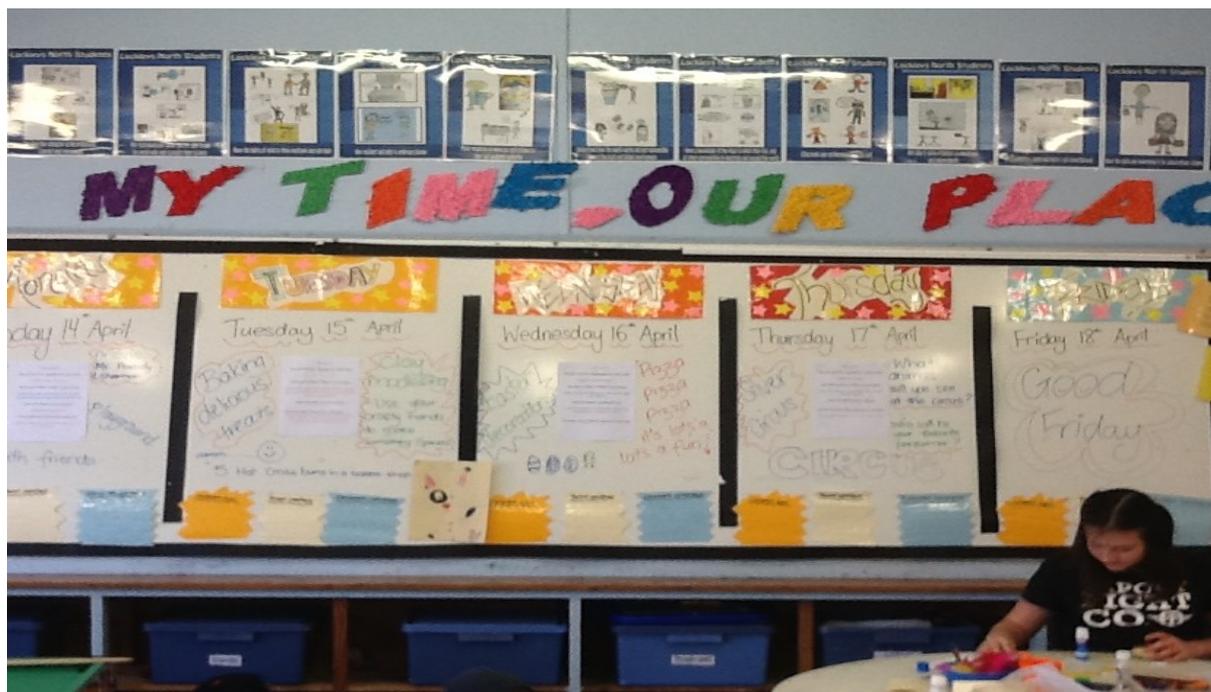
Parents are asked to use the red & white envelopes provided and place in the locked letter-box (located in the OSHC room) to make payments. The children are our first priority and we must ensure there is adequate supervision at all times meaning that we are not always able to leave the floor to take payments. Alternative payment options are Bizgate or by phone during office hours.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to call us on 84435308 or 0411236014.

Thank you
Maria Morello
Director



Here are some examples of the excursions and in-days we have had during the December/January school holidays!



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Red Elf, Blue Elf: The children were treated to an interactive performance when Red Elf, Blue Elf visited. Children took on different parts and characters and helped the performance come to life!

Tie Dye: A fun and creative experience was tie-dying t-shirts on Monday 5th January. The children began with a plain white t-shirt, then with the use of rubber bands, water syringes and different colored dyes the t-shirts became colorful masterpieces! It was great to see the new fashionable clothes on display in the days following.

Waterworld: Our last day of holidays took us to Waterworld at Tea Tree Gully. A big drive to and from but definitely worth the wait! The children kept themselves cool between the two pools- one deep, one shallow and three large, extra speedy waterslides! Everyone had so much fun but unfortunately time flew by and we had to return to OSHC!

Outcome 1: Children develop their autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency





LAYGO: The children used their creative skills to paint their own lego characters. Some children followed a 'superhero' theme whilst others made up their own designs.

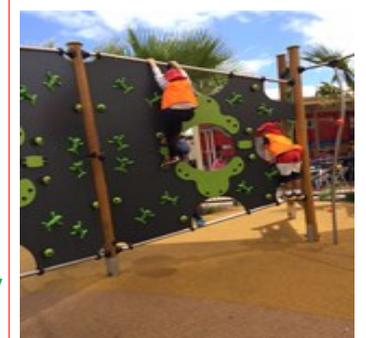


Games 2 U: One of our most popular visitors during Vacation Care were Games 2 U. All children participated in the experiences they had to offer such as: laser tag, giant hamster ball, water tag and videogames. The children took turns and had the opportunity to participate in both individual and group experiences.

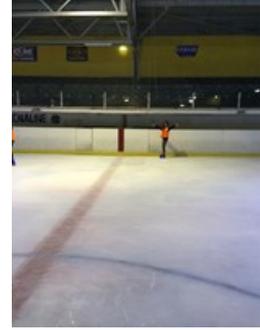
Lollipops Playland: The children were kept extremely busy at Lollipops play land on Wednesday 14th January. Physical skills were put to the test with activities such as throwing, catching, running, jumping, sliding, crawling, climbing as well as riding on the pirate ship. A very busy day. Enjoyed by all.

Semaphore Waterslide Park: The children participated in a range of experiences as at Semaphore Waterslide Park. Many children spent their time solely on the waterslides, whilst others shared their time between the ferris wheel, rides, mini golf and jumping castle. A tasty bbq followed before a brief play on the playground.

Outcome 1: Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect



Ice Arena: Educators and children were kept cool at the Ice-Arena on Friday 9th January. Children began on the small rink while they found their feet and balance. A large group of children then progressed to the large rink for some more space and speed!



Maritime Museum : Friday 16th January took us to Port Adelaide where we visited the Maritime Museum. The children went onboard a real ship as well as visited historical displays, information and even watched and listened to audio tapes. An entertaining yet educational performance was done by a group of performers who told us some 'gory stories'!. A picnic lunch and visit to climb the tall lighthouse allowed us to see the views far and wide.



Clay Modelling: The children got their hands dirty with clay modelling during the 5th week of vac. Some children used utensils, shape cutters and wooden carving instruments whilst others used 'good old' handmade designs. A very therapeutic and relaxing experience yet designs and ideas flowed throughout.



Wet 'N' Wild: We visited St. Clair's recreation centre on Wednesday 21st January, where the children participated in roller skating and then water experiences in the afternoon. Children went for a dive down the slip and slide, got wet with spray bottles and hoses and were allowed to throw soft water balls at each other to keep cool! A very busy day with 52 children!



Outcome 1- Children have a strong sense of identity