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**THORNDON PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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OSHC Newsletter

Welcome to 2020!

A big warm welcome to all our new and existing families! We have had a great start to the year already and look forward to what is ahead for us!

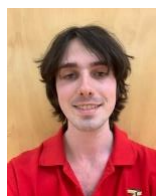
New Educators

We are excited to welcome a few new faces to our OSHC team!



Esther works at Thorndon Park Kindy during the term and will be joining us in the school holidays.

Rosalie is currently in her third year of studying a Bachelor of Psychological Science at Uni SA. She enjoys seeing the children's creative and imaginative ideas through the programmed art activities.



Sean is studying a Bachelor of Arts to then study a Masters of Teaching. He is in his third year at Uni SA. Sean's favourite part of working in OSHC is having the opportunity to engage in a variety of fun outdoor activities with the children.

Peri is in her second year of studying a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education also at Uni SA and is enjoying getting to know all our wonderful children and their families.



Cassandra is studying Psychological Science Counselling & Interpersonal Skills and is looking forward to meeting our OSHC community.

Upcoming Vacation Care

Vacation Care Dates:

14th – 24th April

CLOSED 13th April

Vanessa is busy working on the April program and can't wait to share it with you all! It will be emailed to all families on Wednesday the 4th of March (week 6). As we always say, be sure to book in early to avoid disappointment. Cancellations for this vacation care period can be made up until Friday the 3rd of April (week 10). Any cancellations made after this time will be charged the full fee; unless a medical certificate can be provided.

Fees

BSC

\$12.00 (includes breakfast)

ASC

\$24.00 (includes afternoon tea)

Early Finish for end of term

\$27.00 (includes afternoon tea)

VAC/Pupil Free Days

\$58.00 (includes afternoon tea)

These fees do not include any CCS you may be entitled to. If you have any questions regarding the child care subsidy please do not hesitate to come and see Stef. Fees are due within 7 days from the date on the statement. If fees are not paid it may result in care being cancelled or action by a debt collector.

Pupil Free Day

Friday 6th March

We are now taking bookings for the pupil free day on the 6th of March. Please book in fast as we only have limited places available.

Kelly Sports

Kelly Sports will be commencing Thursday the 5th of March from 4 -5pm. Your children will be able to get involved in different sports each week run by a qualified coach. These sessions run for 5 weeks and end on the 2nd of April.

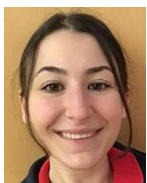
Advisory Committee

The OSHC Advisory Committee is responsible for:

- assisting the school governing council to comply with the Education and Care Services National Regulations
- supporting the school governing council, principal and OSHC director to ensure the quality of care being offered is in keeping with the values, principles and policies of the school, council, community and the department
- ensuring that children, families and staff have a voice in the management of the OSHC service
- supporting the OSHC director and staff on a day-to-day basis
- making recommendations to the school governing council for its endorsement (ratification).

If you are interested in joining the OSHC advisory committee this year, please come and see Stef during OSHC hours. We meet on the Tuesday of weeks 2 and 6 of each term at 5:45pm. All are welcome!

From Our Educational Leader...



Hello! As I am new to the Educational Leader role, I'll tell you a bit about myself. My name is Vanessa and you may have seen me around OSHC since I started working here in 2018. You may also see me around the school as an SSO! I studied history and Italian at Uni and did my honours thesis on ethnic soccer clubs in post-WWII South Australia – a subject which I find so fascinating! I love playing netball and soccer and volunteer at Adelaide City soccer club doing media duties and history content. Feel free to say hello anytime and offer suggestions for our program!

Term 4 Program

In Term 4 last year our theme was Summer... fitting as we waltzed into the hotter months! Our craft wall displayed many of our summer-based activities; including paper plate suns, pop-stick flowers, giant cardboard popsicles, and wonderful sea creatures. These crafts enabled the children to develop their creative side whilst having fun!

We also learnt about several cultural and environmental events such as the Hindu festival of

Diwali, which we celebrate by making Rangoli, a mandala type art that is made with either coloured sand or rice, chalk, or flower petals. Other events and festivals we celebrated were Halloween, the discovery of King Tut's tomb, Marie Curie's birthday and Remembrance Day.



December/January Vacation Care

This past Vacation Care was full of fun activities! During the first week we focused on the celebration of Christmas; we baked gingerbread cookies, made Christmas cards, jingle bell sticks, pine cone Christmas trees, paper roll snowmen, and much much more! As the weather was SO hot we unfortunately had to stay inside and a few excursions got changed around to ensure everyone's safety.

Over the next three weeks we went on a variety of excursions which included the Cinemas, Aquadome, Marion Outdoor Pool, Pizza Hut, and Untethered Virtual Reality. Back at OSHC, we did activities such as cooking, face painting, talent shows, hair makeovers, water fights, and lots of crafts! If you have any suggestions for our Vacation Care program please feel free to let us know.



Term 1 Program Outline

This Term our theme is Celebrations Around the World. The next few months are chock-a-block with events such as the Fringe, Valentine's Day, the Clipsal, St. Patrick's Day, Chinese New Year, ANZAC Day, Shrove Tuesday, Easter, May the Fourth, and Harmony Day (just to name a few)!! Consequently, our OSHC program will reflect the celebration of these festivals through crafts and activities.

