

OSHC Newsletter

Educator Day

On July 29 we celebrated Educator Day! Our team of educators do a wonderful job each and every day supporting, guiding and nurturing the children in their care. We thank them for their hard work and appreciate everything they do for our service!



Current Information

It is crucial that we have current contact information for not only yourself but anyone listed as an emergency contact or collection authority. We also need *current medical information* for your children to ensure we can provide the best possible care to them. If medical plans or medication is out of date, care will be suspended until current documentation and medication is provided. To make any changes please speak to an OSHC educator.

Cancellations

Please ensure you are cancelling within the correct times to avoid being charged for care. Before school care and pupil free day cancellations need to be made by 6pm the night before, afterschool care cancellations need to be made by 12pm on the day of care and vacation care cancellations need to be made by the end of week 9. If a medical certificate can be provided for the children fees may be waived.

Upcoming Vacation Care

Vacation Care Dates:
September 28 – October 9
CLOSED 5th October Public Holiday

The October program is almost ready to share with you! It will be going out on Wednesday August 19. Don't forget to **book in early** to avoid disappointment. Cancellations for this vacation care can be made up until Friday September 18 (week 9). Any cancellations made after this time will be charged the full fee; unless a medical certificate can be provided.

School Closure Day

OSHC will be operating on the School Closure Day on Monday September 7. Places are limited so please ensure to book in as soon as possible to guarantee a spot.

Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

These little pieces of plastic attached to your bread or fresh produce are not rubbish! Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs collect them, sell them to recyclers and turn the money into wheelchairs for disadvantaged people in South Africa. It takes around 200kg of plastic ties to fund a wheelchair and we're going to help! Bring in your bread tags from home and pop them in the jar along with ours; once our jar is full we will mail them off to help support a great cause.



Christmas Closure

OSHC closure dates over the Christmas and New Year period will be from Friday December 25 2020 – Friday January 8 2021 (inclusive). We will also be closed on Monday January 25.



From Our Educational Leader...

July Vacation Care Review

This past Vacation Care was filled to the brim with fun! However, it was also filled with some bittersweet sadness, as we said goodbye to educators Kelly, Mikayla, Sabrina, and Tyler who are off to pursue their teaching careers! We threw an OSHC farewell party for them, and the children said their goodbyes and offered them a parting present. We thank Kelly, Mikayla, Sabrina, and Tyler for everything they have done for TTPS OSHC, they will be missed by both the children and educators!



We had many cool incursion activities for this vacation care as we still didn't plan any excursions due to the pandemic. These activities included arcade games, jumping castle, glow slime, plate designing, and tie-dye T-shirts! One of the biggest hits, in my opinion, was the Big Fat Quiz of Everything. At first the children seemed quite hesitant to participate, thinking it would be boring. But as soon as they were put into groups and the quiz started, it was like a flick of the switch and they were all determined to win, staying engaged the whole time! The quiz demonstrated just how fun group activities can be, especially with a healthy element of competition! I think this competitive spirit will carry into the Mini Olympics we are participating in in October.



Term 2 Program Review

In Term 2, our theme was Sustainability! We did many sustainable crafts using recyclable materials like bottles, paper rolls, newspaper, scrap paper, corks, crayons, CDs, and egg cartons. We also took our Sustainability theme outside by taking out the compost and teaching the children the importance of each bin. If you look around the OSHC room, you will see new displays about what happens when we recycle (yellow bin), compost (green bin), and throw away general rubbish (red bin). You will also see a poster about what plastics can be recycled. Feel free to explore the room and read the displays!



Term 3 Program Outline

This Term's theme is Space which is perfect timing as NASA has just launched a rover on a mission to search for traces of potential past life on Mars! It is expected to reach Mars next February. You can already see some space artwork on our craft wall, and by the end of the term it will be filled with more!

Thanks,
Vanessa Lucchesi
Educational Leader 😊

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