

OSHC Newsletter

What a Year!

2020 has seen many challenges and changes and we would like to thank each and every one of our families for their continued support over this past year. We wish all our families a very safe and happy festive season and are looking forward to a big and adventurous 2021!

Accounts

Please ensure your OSHC account is paid in full before the end of this term. It may lead to Vacation Care or 2021 care being cancelled if your account has not been paid. Payments can be made via Qkr, BPoint, credit card or cash.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please see Stef to set up a payment plan so we can support you with your child/ren attending our program.

Updated Enrolment Forms and 2021 Bookings

Updated enrolment forms will be emailed out by the end of the week for all families to fill in. It is important for us to have up-to-date information for each child and family enrolled at the service. Forms must be emailed back by November 19 otherwise your OSHC account will be closed. On the new forms, please include your bookings for 2021 as current bookings do not roll over. Further information will be included in the email.

Hats

All children are to wear a sun safe hat *each time* they attend OSHC and *Vacation Care*. Red OSHC hats are only supplied on excursion days. This is to prevent the spread of head lice. *Caps are not permitted.*



Upcoming Vacation Care

Vacation Care Dates:

14th – 24th December 2020

11th – 22nd January 2021

CLOSED MONDAY 25th January 2021

Bookings will open on Wednesday November 4! Do not forget we need signed booking and consent forms and a \$10 per child per day deposit to secure your bookings. Please note: forms will **ONLY** be accepted via email or hard copy.

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.



Pupil Free Day

OSHC will be operating on the Pupil Free Day on Thursday November 5. Places are limited so please ensure to book in as soon as possible to guarantee a spot.

Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal

Kmart and the Salvation Army are coming together once again to help support those doing it tough. The Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal is Australia's largest and longest running Christmas gift Appeal and has raised more than 8 million gifts that have been distributed to those in need. On December 1, we will set up our own Christmas tree and any gifts that you wish to donate can be placed under it. Educators will then gather the gifts and drop them off to our local Kmart store on December 18. Some gift ideas could be books, sporting equipment or back to school supplies.



Change of Location for ASC

Thursday December 10 will be the year 7 graduation. This is held in the gym and will need to be set up during the afternoon so OSHC will be operating out of the Intervention Room on Thursday December 10 for *afterschool care only*. All other aspects of the program will remain the same. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Stef.

Term 3 Review

Term 3 was packed full of fun! Our term's theme was Space and we did many crafts to learn about and celebrate the universe above us! We made marbled planets which the children really enjoyed as it uses unconventional craft materials – in this case it was shaving cream and paint! Another popular craft was Zip lock Bag Solar Systems. This craft was done over two weeks and enabled the children to practice their fine motor skills. The final product was a sensory toy which the children could use for fun or to relax! It was exciting to learn about our solar system and all the planets which are found within! Another standout craft was the Plastic Egg Aliens which enabled the children to add their own flair and creativity to their little aliens!



We also observed, celebrated, and learnt about many festivals and events including Rosh Hashanah, National Wattle Day, World Maritime Day, Australian Citizenship Day, and the International Day of Peace!



Term 4 Overview

This Term's theme is Colours – fitting as we are currently in Spring and are seeing the advent of many new colours after a dark and cold winter! Each week or fortnight will be based on a different colour and crafts will correspond to said colour. Our aim at the end of the term is to have our craft wall look like a huge rainbow! If you have any ideas or suggestions for crafts or activities, feel free to let me know in person or on the feedback slip provided.

October Vacation Care Review

Excursions have well and truly come back after a long hiatus... and the children were jumping with joy! We spent some days out and about at the park riding our bikes, at the cinema, and visited Marryatville OSHC for the OSHC Olympic Games. Speaking of the Olympic Games... All educators would like to extend MASSIVE congratulations to our OSHC squad for coming in first place – GO GREEN TEAM!

We also had days with a focus on Learning Outcome 2 (Children are connected with and contribute to their world). Namely Ready, Steady, Cook and the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. The former day provided children with cooking experiences to build their life skills, and the latter day enabled the children to immerse themselves in another culture and their traditions. We even ate traditional Mooncakes which are an integral part of the Mid-Autumn Festival... yum!



Thanks,
Vanessa Lucchesi
Educational Leader 😊

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OSHC Feedback Slips
