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THORNDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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OSHC Newsletter

Hello 2021!

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!

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.

Cancellations

Families should let us know of any cancellations as soon as possible. Failure to cancel before school sessions by 6pm the night before and after school sessions by 12pm on the day of care will result in charges being applied.

Vacation Care cancellations must be made 1 week before the school holidays begin. Please refer to the table below outlining cancellation days.

Cancellations for Vacation Care	
Term 1	Friday of week 10
Term 2	Friday of week 9
Term 3	Friday of week 9
Term 4	Friday of week 8

If families can provide the service with a medical certificate for the child's absence, non-cancellation charges will be waived. This also applies to children who are sent home sick from school during the day.

Pupil Free Day

March 5 2021

If you require a booking for the pupil free day please let an educator know as soon as possible to arrange that for you. If you have a permanent booking on a Friday, they DO NOT carry over to pupil free days (or for vacation care).

Upcoming Vacation Care

Vacation Care Dates:

April 12 – 23

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 March 3 (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 2nd of April (week 10). Any cancellations made after this time will be charged the full fee; unless a medical certificate is provided.

QR Code

We now have a QR code specific to our OSHC service. The COVID Safe Check-In is used to quickly and accurately respond to new cases and hotspots. All adults, including parents, are expected to use the COVID Safe Check-In when entering the gym during OSHC hours. If you do not wish to sign in electronically, please ask an educator and we will provide you with a paper-recording sheet. Please note the COVID Safe Check-In is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes and does not replace our usual signing in/out procedures.

Homework

Our Homework Club is back for the year. It runs Monday to Thursday 3:30 – 4pm in the Intervention Room in the Thiele Building (providing we have correct ratios). Children are encouraged to do their homework during this time however; this responsibility lies with the child and families. If you would like your child to receive a reminder about completing their homework, please add them to the list located on the sign in desk.

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...

Term 4 Program

Our final theme for 2020 was Colours – and we fulfilled our goal of having our craft wall look like a big rainbow! Each week was a colour of the rainbow and the crafts corresponded to those colours. The final product of the craft wall amazed the children!



We also did crafts to celebrate significant events and festivals such as Remembrance Day, Book Week, Aussie Backyard Bird Count, and NAIDOC. We kept up our sustainability practices, which included taking out the compost bin, putting rubbish in the correct bins, and newly added sprinkling coffee grounds into the garden to enrich the soil! In an effort to encourage more leadership and autonomy we also came up with the idea of OSHC monitors who will oversee various activities such as reading with the younger children for homework, setting and packing up craft and serving afternoon tea.



December/January Vacation Care

Our December/January Vac Care was packed full of fun activities, excursions (yay!), incursions, and centre-based days. It was a sizzling hot Aussie summer so all the water excursions were a great success! The children especially enjoyed the excursion to Marion Pool which had a massive water playground! Vac Care can be very tiring for the children so we ensure that we have activities and centre-based days that allow them to relax such as movie marathons, mindfulness colouring, and hama beads. To extend on this, we also had Wellness Wednesday on the last week of Vac Care in which a yoga instructor from Yogamigos came and did some yoga and breathing with the children. On this day we also made soap and candles, and made a compliment and affirmation wall to show our friends and peers some love!



Term 1 Program Outline

The theme for this term is 'Countries of the World' – every week will be a country and our craft wall will reflect our journey – so remember to come check it out at the end of the term! 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 below.

Kelly Sports

Kelly Sports will be commencing Tuesday March 2 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 March 30.



Sustainability

To increase sustainable practices at our service we have introduced a new recycle bin for soft plastics and a tub for reusable boxes. If you have any soft plastics at home like bread bags, cereal box liners, dry pet food bags and chip and cracker packets or reusable boxes please bring them in to add to our collection. The soft plastics will be dropped off at our local Coles for recycling and the children will use the boxes for creative making.

Thanks,
Vanessa Lucchesi
Educational Leader ☺