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OSHC Newsletter

What a Year!

This year we have seen many changes to our OSHC service including a new Director, lock downs, new areas to play and so many new learning opportunities for the children. We have had the pleasure of welcoming two brand new Educators to our team Natalie and Ashlee. Natalie is a qualified Educator bringing her awesome energy and eagerness to play. We also have Ashlee our Wellbeing Leader who will help us to learn deep about our minds, bodies and souls and all the things that feed them! Welcome to the team ladies.

Stef had her baby!!

Stef and her husband Caleb are overjoyed to introduce Isabelle Gava who arrived on August 12. She is the sweetest, most gorgeous, bundle of baby and they are all settling into life as a family extremely well.



Accounts

Your OSHC account must be paid in full before the end of this term. Payments can be made via Qkr, BPoint, credit card or cash.

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

Updated Enrolment Forms and 2022 Bookings

Updated enrolment forms will be emailed out by the end of week 3 for all families to complete. It is important we have up-to-date information for each child and family enrolled at the service for safety and policy guidelines. Forms must be emailed back by November 26 otherwise your OSHC account will be closed. Please indicate your preferred bookings for 2022 as your current bookings do not roll over.

Upcoming Dates:

Pupil Free Day - Monday November 15

Places are limited so please ensure you complete the booking form as soon as possible to guarantee a spot.

Vacation Care Dates:

13th – 24th December 2021

10th – 28th January 2021

CLOSED WEDNESDAY 26th January 2021

Program and booking forms will be emailed out on Wednesday November 3. Remember we need the signed booking and consent forms and a \$10 per child per day deposit to secure your bookings. Please bring a sun smart hat. *Caps are not permitted.*

Christmas Closure

OSHC closure dates over the Christmas and New Year period are Saturday December 25 2021 – Sunday January 9 2022 (inclusive).

Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal

Kmart and The Salvation Army are once again coming together to help support those doing it tough and we encourage you to embrace the spirit of giving this year by supporting the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal. On December 1, we will set up our own Christmas tree and ask that any gifts you wish to donate are placed underneath. The gifts will be donated to our local Kmart store on December 17.



Year 7 Graduation

Congratulations Year 7s!! Thursday December 9 is the year 7 graduation. This is held in the gym so OSHC will be operating out of the Intervention Room for after school care on Thursday December 10 and before school care on Friday December 11. All other aspects of the program will remain the same. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tegan.

Warm regards,
Tegan Neville
Director

Term 3 Review

In Term 3 we focussed on the Olympic Games which were being held in Tokyo! We regularly had the Olympics playing so children could watch this massive global event. For our budding sportspeople, watching the Olympics was a great way to see that dreams can be achieved – as they say, ‘you cannot be what you cannot see’. Our program included several Olympic themed activities including group sports games such as basketball and soccer, abstract Olympic ring painting, and Olympic torches. We also had a fun game organised by Stef before she went on Maternity Leave – the children had to look at baby photos of the educators and guess who was who... and it wasn't as easy as it seems!



One of the most salient differences in our service are the new areas designed by Tegan that help create more spaces conducive to fun, play and learning! These new areas include the Book Nook, Regulation Roundabout, The Imaginarium, ElectricCity, and the Inspiration Station. You can read up more about these areas on SeeSaw. Thank you, Tegan, for your imagination and dedication!



Term 4 Overview

This Term's theme is Nature! We will be spending lots of time outside soaking up the beautiful weather and exploring the natural world around us – especially the nature play! As per normal, crafts, indoor, and outdoor activities will be planned using observations and Learning Stories. We also strongly encourage parents and children to utilise the Inspiration Station to let us know if there is anything specific you would like planned!

October Vacation Care Review

In the October holidays we had many fun activities for our children, a majority of which were outside as the days were longer, the weather warmer, and the sun shining! Two of the standout days were the Morialta Aboriginal Walk and Cubby Building at Belair National Park. Both days gave the children an opportunity to connect with nature, be curious and imaginative and develop respect for culture and diversity (Learning Outcomes 2, 3 & 4). Both days were underpinned by Aboriginal culture and history, important parts of the Australian Curriculum. The Cubby Building Day encouraged the children to work together to build the most incredible cubbies demonstrating resilience, persistence and creativity. All of which are integral to the development of healthy social skills and learning confidently.

It is hard to summarise every day in Vacation Care because so much happens but I have to make special mention of our Amazing Africa Day where we focussed on this beautiful continent in honour of Black History Month. On this day we learnt how to say hello in different African languages, we played a traditional African game, and ate a customary African curry. We love cultural days such as these because it allows children to immerse themselves into other cultures, especially ones that may not be covered in the Curriculum. Next Vacation Care we will have another cultural day planned so stay tuned!



Thanks,
Vanessa Lucchesi
Educational Leader 😊



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