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**THORNDON PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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OSHC Newsletter

Acknowledgment to Country

Thorndon Park Primary School OSHC acknowledges and pays respect to the Kurna people, the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



2022 Review

What another great year! Of course there have been some challenges but through it all, educators and families have worked together to ensure the best possible care is provided for you children. We hope you all have an enjoyable break and are looking forward to a fun-filled 2023!

Fee Increase

OSHC Fees will be increasing as of January 9 2023. New fees are as follows:

BSC

\$14.00 (includes breakfast)

ASC

\$25.00 (includes afternoon tea)

Early Finish for end of term

\$30.00 (includes afternoon tea)

VAC/Pupil Free Days

\$60.50 (includes afternoon tea)

Please note: These fees do not include any CCS you may be entitled to.

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 me to set up a payment plan so we can support you with your child/ren attending the service.

Updated Enrolment Forms and 2023 Bookings

Updated enrolment forms have been emailed out to the primary carer. We would appreciate it if they are completed by December 5. It is important we have up-to-date information for each child and family enrolled at the service for safety and policy guidelines. We have also asked that you indicate bookings required for 2023 as your current bookings do not roll over.

Upcoming Dates:

Christmas Closure

OSHC closure dates over the Christmas and New Year period are Saturday December 24 2022 – Sunday January 8 2023 (inclusive).

Pupil Free Day – Friday November 25 CLOSED

Unfortunately, we did not receive enough bookings for the pupil free day this term and therefore we are closed.

Vacation Care Dates:

19th – 23rd December 2022

9th – 27th January 2023

CLOSED THURSDAY 26th January 2021

Program and booking forms will be emailed out later today (Wednesday November 9). Please remember to fill in and sign all corresponding forms to secure your bookings. Each child will need to bring a water bottle and sun smart hat every day. *Caps are not permitted.*

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 15.



Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations Year 6s!! Thursday December 15 is the year 6 graduation dinner and disco. This is held in the gym so OSHC will be operating out of the Intervention Room for after school care on Thursday December 15. All other aspects of the program will remain the same. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Stef.

Ngaityalya, (Kurna - Thank you)

Stefania Gava
OSHC Director

From Our Educational Leader...

October Vacation Care Overview

The October holidays were so much fun! Our excursions to AFL Max, Funtopia, and the Playground Hops focussed on movement of the body, where the children could run, jump, climb, kick, catch, and slide. This was great for the development of gross motor skills, increased cardiovascular fitness, mental health benefits (such as greater confidence), and improved social skills through continued interaction and play.

Our children also utilised these skills through play in our newly filled sandpit!! Every day it was packed with children playing, digging, building, and coordinating various games and building projects. The sandpit was an enormous source of joy and fun for our children and it was heart-warming to see them enjoy their time outside.

Throughout the holidays we also completed a lot of cool art including abstract canvases, nebula jars, glow in the dark slime, and calico bags. However, the most fun (and aesthetic) craft that we did was the acrylic pour art. The final products were creations of vibrant colour and intricate swirls which our children could proudly display in their homes!

Term 3 Overview

Last term at OSHC we got up to quite a lot! As the term progressed, we spent more time outside as the weather became warmer and the grey skies turned to blue! We explored our yard searching for leaves to print and paint, enjoyed the wonders of the forest, played on the playground and with our new sports equipment, and even did some of our crafts/STEM activities outside! As stated in our previous newsletter, we trialled one major craft per week which went well! The children were able to develop their learning over the week, finish crafts they hadn't finished, and even try different variations of the same craft!



Term 4 Program

This term's theme is Sustainability which means lots of crafts using recyclable material. We will also be re-doing our rubbish/recycling display with the help our children - they will learn about the different types of bins, what materials go in which bin, and where our rubbish goes in accordance with the Campbelltown Council guidelines.

Thanks,

Vanessa Lucchesi
Educational Leader 😊