Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome new staff
You may have noticed some new faces in OSHC over the last few months. We have Rose, who is currently studying her diploma in children's service. Her children also attend the school. We have Lee, who is currently studying his Bachelor of sports, health and physical activity and has been assisting with running our sports programs. Shannon used to teach basic gymnastic skills and is currently studying her Diploma in Early Childhood education. Tasharni who used to teach Taekwondo to children and adults and Krystal who will be working during vacation care, she is a teacher.

Please don’t hesitate to say hi and introduce yourself.

Family and Children surveys
We would like to thank all the families and children who participated in our survey. We received quite a comprehensive amount of feedback, which will help input our service to continue to improve. We appreciate your input and thank you for the overwhelmingly positive responses.

Accounts
Just a reminder that accounts need to be paid weekly and your account needs to be paid before vacation care starts.

Director
I would like to remind everyone that during both school care and vacation care, parents are more than welcome to come and speak to me about any enquiries or concerns that you may have. You may also contact me via email on Nisha.Tsorvas442@schools.sa.edu.au or phone call.
Outdoor Education

Since the re-opening of the sandpit it has been very popular with the children, with up to 20 children in their most days! As always the garden is also popular as students enjoy picking the veggies and flowers.

Cooking

A large number of children have been involved with the cooking program, which has been great to see. Kira has coordinated this and has really engaged the children.

Craft

The children collaborated with staff to choose focus areas for craft this semester. They agreed on beading and having a focus on a superhero theme. Science week was a success with children who made volcanoes, exploding bags, crystals and slime.
HAHNDORF FARM BARN EXCURSION

The Hahndorf Farm Barn is a unique blend of a children’s farmyard and wild life park, where you can hold, touch and feed most of the animals in complete safety and at your own comfort level.

A visit to the farm barn is not just about fun activities it’s educational as well. It’s a great way for children to learn about farm animals and farm life. Children experienced milking a cow for the first time and were given an opportunity to see where milk really comes from.

The children enjoyed interactions with the baby animals and the “hands on” approach to learning about life on the farm.
Bookings
It is important families’ book children into OSHC; so that educators know which children are attending sessions. It is also very important that families let the service know if their child/ren will not be attending the session that they are booked in for. This can be done by ringing the school and leaving a message with OSHC staff or the school front office staff or by speaking to educators’ provider to the session; educators need to contact families to find out if the children have been collected. This means that staff members are not able to begin programmed activities until the safety of children is confirmed. If emergency contacts cannot be contacted, then emergency procedures need to be carried out. The service will alert school leadership, who will support the service to contact emergency authorities.

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Children who are not dressed as outlined will be required to play indoors.

Vacation Care
Please ensure that children attending excursions arrive at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled departure time, so that numbers can be finalised before leaving. All children are required to bring lunch and recess to Vacation Care. We suggest that children bring their own lunch on excursions because often the canteens at venues we attend are understaffed and the menus are unhealthy, poorly cooked and expensive. However, money for snacks and drinks is permitted and parents will be informed when children are able to purchase from excursion venues. If you prefer for staff to look after their money, please put it in a labelled wallet, purse or envelope. Often the excursion supervisor will take the money and keep record when the children arrive at Vacation Care. Children who have meat or dairy products in their lunchbox are advised to store them in the fridge at school care. If children decide to bring belongings from home including electronics and toys we cannot guarantee that safety of their belongings, so please consider this before allowing children to bring them along. Please remember that Virginia Primary School is a sun-smart school and so are we. So, bring hats, apply sunscreen and wear clothing that covers your shoulders and knees. We provide sunscreen throughout the day to ensure that the children are sun safe.

Risk Assessment
Risk assessments are prepared for all excursions. If you would like to see them, please ask staff at the service.

Feedback slip
Please write any comments, suggestions or feedback and return to school care.

Please indicate if you would like a staff member to contact you to discuss this issue:

☐ Telephone (Please leave contact number) ________________________________

☐ Email (Please leave email address) _______________________________________

☐ Make an appointment (Please leave contact number) _________________________