



# VIRGINIA PRIMARY OSHC NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

29<sup>th</sup> September, Friday  
Last day of school

### National Quality Framework This term we have been focusing on Quality Area 1.

*Educational program and practice.*

#### Area 1.1

The educational program is stimulating, engaging and enhances children's learning and development. In school age care services the program nurtures the development of life skills and compliments children's experiences opportunities and relationships at school, at home and in the community

1.2 The program for each child takes into account their strengths, capabilities, culture, interests and experiences.



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*Dear Parents/ Caregivers*

### Reminder

If any family details such as contact numbers, emergency contacts or collection authorities have changed please notify Nisha.

### Staff Development

Elizabeth Azzurro, Tasharni Nienaber and Kira Jackson have started studying their Diploma in children services and next year both girls will be qualified educators. This is very exciting news for our service.

We would also like to wish the very best to Christos and Thuy who are on their finally placement. They have been studying their teaching degree for the last 4 years.

### Policy update

We have updated our Electronic Policy, which has been approved by Governing Council. This will be put in place starting the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. A copy of the policy has been emailed to vacation care families and a copy is attached.

### Animal update

We have welcomed some surprise guests in our OSHC stick insect enclosure. Within the past week children and staff have noticed baby preying mantas that have hatched. The preying mantas are very small and the children are enjoyed trying to spot them.

### Reminder:

A reminder that all accounts need to be paid before Vacation care commences on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Thank you

Regards  
Nisha Ahrens

## Craft

The craft activities continue to be popular amongst the children. Craft these past few weeks has focused on areas that children have suggested. This included fairy tales, music, animals and science. These craft activities have been very hands on and involved children working together and helping one another.



## Cooking

This term Libby has been hard at work organising theme-related fun and delicious cooking activities to get the children excited and enthusiastic about cooking and food. Recipes have included Crown Shortbread biscuits, Oreo cheesecakes, Franks in the blanket and Quesadillas. Time in the kitchen gives the children an opportunity to learn practical skills, demonstrate teamwork and leadership as well as explore different ingredients and recipes.



# Vacation Care

In Vacation Care the children had the exciting opportunity to visit and explore an array of engaging excursions, incursions and centre programs. Some popular excursions included Latitude and the Beach House. During these excursions children were able to be physically active, play with friends and challenging themselves to obstacles and activities such as rock-climbing, the sky walk, arcade games, bumper cars and many more. Popular centre programs included the Box Cart Racing and Day Spa which enabled all the children to explore their own creative ideas and positivity interact and build relationships with their peers.



## 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 to avoid any confusion. This can be done by either ringing the school, leaving a message with OSHC staff or the school front office staff or speaking to directly to a staff member . Staff members are not able to begin programmed activities until the safety of children is confirmed by roll call. 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 necessary emergency authorities.

## Vacation Care

Please ensure that children attending excursions arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the 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 don't fit our healthy eating range. However, money for snacks

and drinks is permitted and parents will be informed when children will have the opportunity to purchase from excursion venues. If you prefer for staff to look after your child's 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 or have ice packs in their lunch box.

If children decide to bring belongings from home including electronics and toys we cannot guarantee the 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.

Thank you.

### Feedback slip

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

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

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- Email (Please leave email address) \_\_\_\_\_
- Make an appointment (Please leave contact number) \_\_\_\_\_