



VIRGINIA PRIMARY OSHC NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Learning for our Future

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Pupil free day

1.12.17

OSHC is available

15th December, Friday

Last day of school

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

New staff

We would like to welcome 3 new staff members to our team. Lauren Robson is currently studying her Master of education, Shaylee Buckley who is currently in her 3rd year of teaching and Ryan Hagemann who is currently studying Bachelor of secondary education.

Please feel free to come and speak with them and say hello.

Farewell

We would like to say a big congratulations to Christos and Thuy for completing their teaching qualifications!

Christos is now teaching and is no longer available to work in OSHC for the remainder of the term however we are lucky enough to still have him working with us in vacation care.

We would like to say farewell to Jessica Costello who has been working in OSHC for 5 years. Jess now has full time work in social media and marketing and we wish her all the best. Jessica will come back and visit the children and staff as she holds OSHC close to her heart.

We would like to wish Rebecca Boteju all the best for the future who has also moved on from her time here in OSHC and thank her for her work and we will still be seeing her around the school, which is great.

Family information

We have a family feedback sheet available from the front desk in OSHC where families are able to ask questions or comment on the program and service that we deliver. Please feel free to take one as we always welcome feedback on how we can further improve our service. We also have a change of details update form for families to complete if contact numbers or addresses have changes. It is important that we have the correct details in case of an emergency

Lunch order box

It was suggested from one of families who filled out our survey to place a lunch order box at the desk for children who use before school care. Please notify a staff member if your child has put a lunch order in the box.

Special mention:

OSHC is now dedicated to supporting Cancer Council SA through annual donations. As a service we are proud to uphold their message of Sun safety and awareness.

Regards
Nisha Ahrens

National Quality Framework

This term we have been focusing on Quality Area 6.

Collaboration partnerships with families and communities

Area 6.1

Collaborative relationships with families are fundamental to achieve quality outcomes for children. Community partnerships that focus on active communication.

6.1 Respectful supportive relationships with families are developed and maintained.

6.2 Families are supported in their role and their values and beliefs about child rearing are respected.



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Craft

The craft activities continue to be popular amongst the children. Craft these past few weeks has focused on areas of society and culture, we have looked at the celebrations of different countries and traditions. Themes included Safari, All around the world and Halloween. These craft activities have been very artistic and have encouraged children to express their own creativity, imagination and unique ideas.



Cooking

This term, cooking activities have also continued to be popular amongst the children. They highlight the importance of a healthy balance in regards to food and treats. Recipes have included savoury zucchini muffins, Chocolate tarts, Halloween mummies and Choc Weet-Bix balls. Exposure in the kitchen gives the children an opportunity to gain confidence, learn as well as develop practical skills, demonstrate teamwork by negotiating and sharing leadership skills with one another 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, Inflatable World Hahndorf Farm Barn and roller skating. During these excursions children were able to be physically active, play with friends and challenge themselves to obstacles and activities such as rock-climbing, the sky walk, bouncing and skating. Additionally children were able to explore and discover new things and gain an insight and appreciation for nature and animals. Popular centre programs included the Science Workshop, Virginia Kitchen Rules and Virginia Survivor which enabled all the children to explore their own creative ideas, learn practical skills as well as 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.

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) _____