



# VIRGINIA PRIMARY OSHC NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**28<sup>th</sup> September, Friday**  
**Last day of Term**

### National Quality Framework This term we have been focusing on Quality Area 6

*Collaboration partnerships with  
families and communities*

#### Area 6

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.



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Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and  
Child Development

*Dear Parents/ Caregivers*

### New Childcare Subsidy Package

The new childcare Package is up and running now. We do have lots of families who are still PENDEL which means pending eligibility- parent assessment not yet completed by DHS. Once Centrelink has assessed your information they should back date your account. However some families have received the service CCS rebate directly into their bank accounts. If you happen to notice you have a payment from CCS and you're not sure what it is for, please contact Centrelink or we may be able to help you. If you still haven't registered with MyGov and would like some information, please don't hesitate to come in and ask for assistance.

To find out more [education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare) or watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q6sTeqWkcY>.

This is for ALL families who have a permanent booking, casual booking or who may need to use OSHC in case of an emergency.

### OSHC shed make over

This term the staff have worked extremely hard in giving the shed a brand new makeover. Everything in the shed was thrown out and we started again based on the feedback we received from the children. The children wanted a teaching area, which now includes 2 white boards, black board, teaching tables, stationary and mats for the children to sit on.

We have a home corner kitchen and doll house that the children are enjoying playing with along with a car table with tracks, garages and ramps.

We have a new table tennis table, Foosball table which turns into 2 other activities and an air hockey table.

### OSHC Reminders

If your child has Football, Soccer or netball and you rely on us to take your child/ren over to the Community Oval or school Oval please make sure you have signed the permission form for this to occur. If the training is cancelled it is the parent's responsibility to ensure you have called the service to inform us of this.

If your child is booked into OSHC and you pick them up at school finishing time or arrange for family or friends to collect them instead please remember to notify an OSHC staff member.

### Farewell

We would like to wish Lauren, Michael and Shay good luck for their future teaching opportunity. Thank you for your contribution to our service.

### Vacation Care Reminder

Children are welcome to bring their scooters and bikes to vacation care and on pupil free days however children are not to bring their tools to fix or pull apart their scooters or bikes.

## Inside Activities

This term OSHC is going to focus on further engaging students to build positive relationships with one another and their educators. Our staff encourage all children to engage in a range of fun and practical activities such as cooking, group and individual craft projects as well as a range of play resources and facilities. New and exciting equipment have been introduced into the activity space to encourage children to interact with one another and explore different types of play. Due to its popularity amongst the children, a new home corner has been placed in the activity room which has already become a favourite amongst children of all ages, encouraging positive interactions and dramatic form of play. New consoles added to our electronics play equipment have also been updated including X-box Kinect, and Wii sky landers games, which were kindly donated by OSHC staff and families. This has enabled a more engaging and interactive digital experience for children which further encourages the development of turn taking, fairness, cooperative and negotiation skills amongst the children.



## Outside play

This term the OSHC outdoor shed has undergone a complete makeover to make the space a more inviting and engaging area for the children to play in. Some of new facilities include a new dollhouse, home corner and a teaching area containing whiteboards, chairs, tables and mats gives children the opportunity to engage in different forms of dramatic play. A variety of sporting facilities such as foosball, table tennis and air-hockey tables have been incorporated to encourage children to interact in collaborative and engaging sports. Our staff have also re-painted the blackboard and have placed racks for organising the sandpit equipment so that they are easily accessible for the children to use. This new area has really delighted and thrilled the students, encouraging them to explore different forms of play and physical fitness in a well organised and welcoming space.



## Vacation Care

In Vacation Care children had the exciting opportunity to be part of and explore a variety of engaging excursions, incursions and centre programs. Some popular experiences included Flip-Out, Whiz Bang, movies, inflatable world, science workshop, freaky Friday disco, a scavenger hunt, scooter boards and community centre activities as well as an array of engaging cooking and craft activities. During these excursions and experiences children were able to be physically active, play with friends, challenge themselves to new experiences and obstacles as well as explore their own creative ideas, learn practical skills, continue to interact and build positive 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) \_\_\_\_\_