Talking OSHC

Term 4 2016

Last few weeks of term 4. Wow! Where has the year gone.

As we have been continually seeing new enrolments over the last term I would like to extend a special welcome to all our new families and hope you enjoy your time here with us.

For service information please visit the school website, schoolbag or befriend us on facebook. If you require childcare or maybe just a break please contact us or drop in for a visit.

We operate a before school 6.30am to 8.45am, after school care 3.10pm to 6.30pm and a vacation care service between the hours of 6.30am and 6.30pm from the Old House. There is always plenty to do, yummy food to eat and friendships to be made.

Student Free Days and School Closure Days: The Murray Bridge North OSHC will open on Student Free and School Closures days if there is a minimum of 5 bookings received 2 weeks before the event.

Preparations for the 2017 School Year: Are your current childcare arrangements continuing? Are the sessions the same? Has your address or contact numbers changed?

As the 2016 year is nearing an end and we move into 2017 could you please ensure staff are aware of any changes you may have so that the service has all the necessary up dated details it requires.

Management Meetings: If you have a little time, would like to learn more and assist in the operation of our OSHC program we would love to hear from you. Meetings are held at 3.15pm on Wednesday week 2 and week 6 of each school term.

Hats: All children have now been supplied with their first hat which will be kept at OSHC. This will allow every child to be easily identified and will ensure all children are protected from the sun’s rays when required. Replacement hats through loss or damage will be available at the families expense and will be charged to your account at the service cost price.

Sunscreen: The service supplies a general 50+, 4 hour water resistant sunscreen that is suitable for sensitive skin. The sunscreen is always accessible and available. Some children use specific brands of sunscreen. This can also be kept at OSHC or in your child’s bag for when they require it.
October 2016  Vacation Care

The theme for the holidays was ‘Animal Mania’. Most days were very busy with a lot of new enrolments from many different schools. Many new friendships have emerged. There was lots of laughter and happy children playing group games and participating in the variety of art and crafts offered. Ball games and activities were done in the gym for variety or on days when the weather was not kind. The children were treated to some new experiences by the way of ‘Loose Parts Play’ where Sarah supplied an arrangement of pots, pans, utensils, pallets and tyres etc. to encourage creativity and self-expression in the playground. After surveying the children the meal menu was changed to incorporate a bigger variety of choices offered each day which seemed to be enjoyed by most (Area 1 - Educational Program & Practices). Children relayed that they enjoyed being involved, enjoyed the meals provided and looked forward to this practice in the future. Two special event days occurred over the holidays. On the first Friday (7th October) the children ventured to the Cameo Cinema to see ‘Storks’ with their treats of soft drink, chips, popcorn or ice cream. On Wednesday of week 2 we visited the Monarto Zoo where we opted to walk around the zoo at our own pace. It was a beautiful day for a walk, the children were able to spend time at the different points, go at their own pace and to find things of interest along the way. It was a new experience for some children who expected to find animals in little enclosures instead of the open range. A fun filled day was enjoyed by all and I think all enjoyed the 8 kms they walked as well. (Area 6 – Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities).

A Vacation Care review was done with the children following the holidays where the children were asked their views on the program offered. From that they expressed there was no real concerns and all children seem to like what our program had to offer. Children and families will be encouraged to have a bigger say into what our

Zoe and Norman became the face of the Monarto Zoo. Norman was interested in how the Giraffe flexes its neck at the giraffe enclosure at the Monarto Zoo while back home Zac enjoyed making some music.

Although we did not finish the entire zoo we had a wonderful day out. We plan to return to see the rest of the animals at a later date.
Our Philosophy
Access for families and children to the Murray Bridge North OSHC Service will be non-discriminatory. Children's access to safety and care at this service will be ensured, and the custodial rights of parents/caregivers to access the service will be protected. Other members of the community, professionals and students will be provided access to the service where they enhance the program's quality, the protection of the welfare and rights of children and staff or the provision of training and experience to people in the children's service field.

- We aim to provide recreational care for primary school aged children in a safe and comfortable environment.
- We respect people's right to their own culture and beliefs.
- We aim to provide a range of activities that are relaxing, educational and enjoyable.
- We aim to include activities that provide opportunities to understand the range of cultures that contribute to our society.

Keeping Busy at OSHC
Koby, Mitchell and Cale proudly entered their Lego projects in the Murray Bridge Agricultural show...

Great effort boys!

Hayden, Daniel and Cale built an amazing city (New York). They work on this for the entire evening.

Beautiful weather for a game of Rock Chasy.

Making Sushi. Some really liked Sushi while others weren't a big fan but they tried it.

Ideas, Ideas, Ideas
Area 1.1.6 Each child's agency is promoted, enabling them to make choices and influence events and their world.

Yes we do read your suggestions. Yes we do try to put your ideas into the program.
Please keep writing your suggestions on the sheet.

Sharing the excitement when a child come in with great news from their day at school.
### Week 1

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*This service will be closed from the end of trading on the 23rd December 2016 and will re-open on Monday 9th January 2017*

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**Fees:**
- Full Day $52.00
- Half Day $32.00
- Special Event Day $72.00
- CCB Applies

Fees include lunch and snacks throughout the day unless otherwise stated.

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**What do I need to do to book in for Vacation Care?**
- Enrol with Centrelink for Child Care Benefits
- Enrol with the Murray Bridge North OSHC service
- Arrange to get a Booking Sheet from our service, fill it in and return as soon as possible
- Sign the Consent Forms and return these with your booking sheet.

**Lunch during Vacation Care:** All snacks and daily lunch is supplied by the service and included in the daily fee. Please make sure staff are aware of any allergies, intolerances and the service has a copy of a health care plan for your child. Choices and a variety of healthy option foods are offered on a daily basis which the children are encouraged to try.

**Water Play:** It is now summer time and it is fun to play in water. Please pack a change of clothes each day during vacation care so the students may get wet at times water play may be offered. Students will not be permitted to sit around inside OSHC wet or sandy.