

OSHC Newsletter



Term 2 2020

Directors Report Term 2

I welcome all our families back to the service for Term 2. It is fantastic to see children returning to OSHC with a smile and our attendance numbers starting to increase with the commencement of the school term.

The past two months have been extremely challenging for us as a service and for all our families. Our Vacation Care program was forced to adapt, with our usual excursions and incursions cancelled and thus provided us with the chance to run some different activities based at the service. Furthermore, we would like to thank all our families who have donated cleaning supplies, paper towel and handwash across the past few weeks whilst they have been difficult to source.

We are continuing to follow the advice from the Department of Education and we continue to ask our families to drop and pick up children at the door and refrain from entering the building at this point in time. Our educators continue to promote effective handwashing with children and are ensuring our hygiene practices are being followed.

I would like to thank my educator team who have continued to work with the upmost energy and enthusiasm throughout the last two months in the face of difficult circumstances. They have continued to provide quality care for the children at East Adelaide as we have navigated the challenges of COVID-19.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at Benjamin.goudie465@schools.sa.edu.au or on 8362 6585 if you have any issues regarding the service.

Kind Regards,

Benjamin Goudie – OSHC Director



Australian Government

Department of Education,
Skills and Employment

Early Childhood Relief Package

On 2 April 2020, the Australian Government announced the new Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package. From Monday 6 April 2020 weekly payments will be made directly to early childhood education and care services in lieu of the Child Care Subsidy and the Additional Child Care Subsidy, to help them keep their doors open and employees in their jobs.

Payments will be made until the end of the 2019-20 financial year and families will not be charged fees during this time.

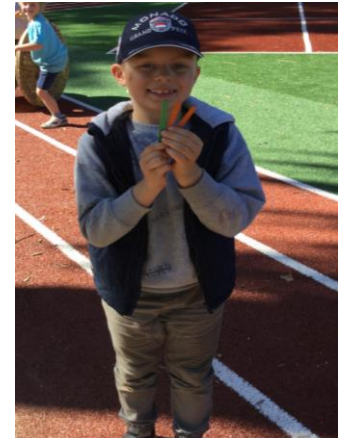
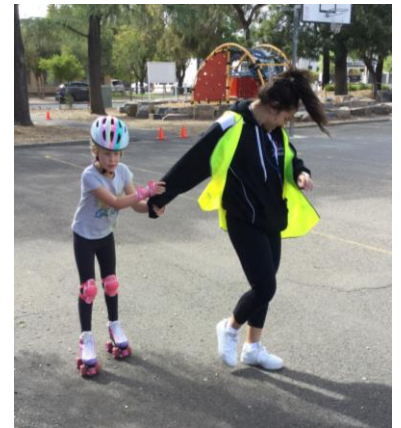
Vacation Care April 2020

The April Vacation Care this year was one like no other. Given the unprecedented nature of recent times, we committed ourselves to running the April Holiday program solely from OSHC. We would like to thank families and students for their flexibility and kindness during this time.

Working with recent restrictions, we still found many exciting things to do over the break. Students enjoyed special activities including minute to win it games, Easter activities (including an Easter egg hunt) and building pillow forts. Children enjoyed our extra craft and STEM activities, such as sand art and making battery-powered cars. Our themed days were also a hit, with Dress as A Professional Day, Pirate Day, and Wheels Day standing out amongst the rest.

We were also very excited to run our first-ever online incursion with Emma Dawson, from *The Dance Pad*. OSHC students got into position, watching Emma on our TV screen as she joined us on camera. Thank you, Emma, it was a huge success!

Overall, we were very impressed with the positivity, resilience and togetherness shown by OSHC students throughout Vacation Care. We look forward to hearing your ideas for the July break!



Lost Property

We understand how frustrating it must be to continually be losing satchels, hats, drink bottles etc. We also don't want our lost property to build up!

Hence every two weeks, our educators will sort out children's lost property and return any items with a name on back to their respective classes.