

OSHC Newsletter

Term 4 2020

Director's Report Term 4

Staffing Arrangements Term 4

Congratulations to Steve Clark who has accepted the Directors position at Westbourne Park Primary School. Steve finished at East Adelaide at the end of the school holiday program and we wish him all the best for his future career.

Tori Griggs has accepted the Assistant Director role on a short-term basis for the first four weeks of Term 4 whilst the service advertises the position on a long-term basis. We also welcome Renae Feder to the team, who comes to us from Prospect OSHC.

2021 Bookings

Please advise the service if you intend to alter your bookings for 2021. We have changed the process from previous years and will be carrying over any 2020 bookings unless informed otherwise. Please only inform the service if you intend to change your bookings for 2021 or if your child will be leaving the service. Furthermore, if you have a new child starting in 2021 please ensure a completed OSHC enrolment form is completed online and returned to the service prior the end of Term 4. Please note that new Receptions can attend OSHC after the two-week closure for Vacation Care.

Fee Payment

Please ensure all accounts remain up to date. A statement of account should be automatically sent to the email address on file – please contact the service if this is not occurring. To discuss an account further, please contact Benjamin Goudie on 8362 6585 or email Benjamin.Goudie465@schools.sa.edu.au. Furthermore, please contact me if you are experiencing any issues with the Child Care Subsidy so these can be addressed swiftly.

OSHC Advisory Committee

The service runs an OSHC Advisory Committee in Week 2 and 6 on Tuesday evenings.

The role of the committee is to:

- Assist the Governing Council to meet the relevant Australian and South Australian Government legislation and standards (National Quality Standards)
- Support and assist the Governing Council, Principal and OSHC Director to ensure that the quality of the care being offered is in keeping with the values, principles and policies of the school, council, community and DfE
- Advocate for, represent and ensure that children, families and staff have a voice in the management of the OSHC service

If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please contact Benjamin for further information.

Kind Regards,
Benjamin Goudie



Inclusion Project

At the commencement of Term 4, our service embarked on a six-month project with Kerra-Lee Shearer, a local behaviour specialist. Throughout this time, she will be leading team meetings and providing our educators with mentoring and feedback around current inclusive practices.

We as a team have made a commitment to ensuring we are continuing to improve our practice and critically reflecting on how we manage the range of behaviours and emotions we experience within the centre. OSHC can be a challenging environment where children bring a range of experiences from their school day into the OSHC program and these can be displayed in a range of behaviours.

Hats

Please ensure children are bringing a wide-brimmed hat to OSHC during Term 4 and Vacation Care program to enable us to adhere to our Sun Smart policy.

We do find some children leave their hat in their tray at the end of the school day. A possible solution may be to provide your child with a separate OSHC hat they can access after school. This will allow them to enjoy the sunshine and play outside with their friends.



Vacation Care October 2020

Out and About

Our October Vacation Care was an exciting one for students and educators; after a long wait, we finally ventured out of OSHC and explored our local area by going on multiple excursions.

Students enjoyed a trip to the Wizbang Family Fun Centre and the Mars Sports Centre. Group 1 and Group 2 children both got the chance to explore Morialta Nature Playground, which is always a great opportunity for students to collaborate with their peers and test their own abilities.

As well as the return of excursions, we continued to offer a range of exciting incursions and home days. We were all excited and intrigued to host Street Sup for some Stand Up Paddle Boarding (on land!). Students got very active during our days at OSHC, thanks to our guests who hosted a Zumba class and a fitness boot camp. Group 2 students also partook in a Claymation seminar, and their videos are now available on YouTube!

It felt like this Vacation Care flew by, and we're sure the rest of the year will be no different. Summer Vacation Care will be here before we know it, so we welcome ideas on how we can make it the most memorable Vacation Care to date. Please reach out and provide feedback on your child's experience this Vacation Care – we love to hear from families and students about what stood out to you!

Thanks for the great holidays – we are excited to do it all again with you in December and into the New Year.



~ LOST PROPERTY ~

At the end of Vacation Care, we are often met with a surplus of lost property. Whether it is casual clothes, personal items, or school clothes, we understand how frustrating it is to lose track of your belongings.

Every fortnight, our educators will continue to sort through the OSHC Lost Property basket and endeavor to get your child's property back to them by returning any named items to their respective class areas.

To assist this process, please ensure your child's property is clearly named and encourage your child to check all lost property locations for their belongings.