

OSHC NEWSLETTER

Term 1, 2022

Directors' Report

Welcome back to another exciting year filled with learning new skills, making new friends and having fun! On behalf of the team at East Adelaide OSHC, I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season spent with loved ones and family.

The summer Vacation Care did not go as first planned, however, we were still able to provide a fun and enjoyable holiday for all children involved. Worldwide phenomena such as COVID, the Queensland floods and the Ukraine War were all major contributors to the Vacation Care program being reworked. I am proud to have such a fantastic team at OSHC as the educators were able to promote resilience through their engagement with children which made Vacation Care a fun experience for all.

It has been fantastic to see so many new faces at OSHC throughout the year levels but also through our new receptions! Current children have worked well with our newcomers and have helped them to transition and feel comfortable in new surroundings.

OSHC experienced a staggered start to the term which was largely affected by COVID as per the government's directives and schools COVID road map. COVID has unfortunately made collaborating with our wider community and families more challenging over the past few years which is why I thought it would be nice to bring back our OSHC newsletter! You can expect this newsletter to appear at the start of each term which will provide a snapshot of the term that was and the term that is to be.

With the return of After School Sport activities and other activities such as music, art, chess & Auskick I would like to note that it is imperative that families advise us of children's locations After School. Whilst attending these sessions, children are under the Duty of Care of the OSHC service if attending sessions across OSHC and we must be made aware of these. I request that families advise children to sign into OSHC with the educator before heading to sports practice, and will be collected at the end of the session.

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Afternoon Tea

We offer afternoon tea from 3:10 – 3:40pm as children arrive to the service. We do notice that some young children are having the tendency to head outside on arrival rather than eat – please remind your children that afternoon tea is on offer during this period. Furthermore, if they are feeling hungry during the program they can to ask an educator for something from the platter. Late snack is provided from 5 – 5:30pm as another opportunity for children to fill their bellies!

Fee Payment/Child Care Subsidy

Please ensure fees are paid on a regular basis. A statement of account is emailed weekly to the email address listed on the account. Please contact the Director – Nathan D'Agostino for any concerns regarding fee payment or Child Care Subsidy.

OSHC Management Committee

The service runs a management committee consisting of the OSHC Director, Principal, Governing Council members and parent users. The committee reviews service operations, issues, policies etc. Parents who may be interested in becoming involved can contact Nathan for further information.

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In Term 2, children will have the opportunity to participate in yoga which will be part of our Mindfulness Mondays! This program will occur every Monday during Term 2 from 4 – 5pm so please discuss this with your children if they would like to participate! The session involves crafts, calming music and activities blended with learning experiences for all children.

Term 1 saw the continuation of our OSHC House Cup where children can earn house points for positive behavior. The winning team is awarded the cup itself where children from the winning house can have photos lifting the cup proudly in the air. Our Term 1 OSHC House Cup winner was Light! Who will be our Term 2 champions? Find out in our next edition of the OSHC Newsletter!

The 10th of March signified 1 year of being the Director of East Adelaide OSHC. How time flies! I have thoroughly enjoyed stepping up at the service which I joined as an educator back in 2016. It has been wonderful to manage different aspects of the service and build even more professional relationships with families and their children. I look forward to continuing to work with educators, families and children to make East Adelaide OSHC the best it can be. Thank you all for your support during my transition and first year in the role!

Warm regards,

Nathan D'Agostino



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Lost Property

We understand how frustrating it must be to continually lose 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 back to their respective classes. Lost property that is unnamed will be compiled and uploaded to Konnective and sent via email for families to identify.

Families are welcome to search the lost & found tub and basket at the front of OSHC at any time.

2022 Family Handbook

At the beginning of the year the Family Handbook was updated and uploaded to the OSHC section of the school website. This document contains everything OSHC related from fees and subsidies to everyday OSHC routines. Please download, print off or read through the Family Handbook before bringing any concerns directly to OSHC leadership.

Bookings & Waitlists

Please ensure that your bookings are managed regularly to ensure the correct sessions are listed. This also applies to cancellations to alleviate the afternoon stress of locating missing children from our roles.

To ensure we have enough educators; waitlists are sometimes used to make sure children are adequately supervised at all times. Waitlists are updated every day and you will receive an automated email if your child has been taken off the waitlist and added to our role.