



FULHAM NORTH OSHC

NEWSLETTER

Term 4, 2022

To all families,

Welcome, and here we are in term 4. Our October holidays were enjoyable and lots of fun. One of our highlights was visiting the Monarto Zoo, and although it was a long drive there our children were all very excited about having the opportunity to see up close a variety of different animals. We were fortunate enough to have a guided tour. Many of our children got to ask lots of questions regarding the animals we were visiting. We sighted Lions, Cheetahs, Zebras, Giraffes, and our favourites the Meerkats. Another favourite excursion the children could not stop talking about was the Science show at Unley Hall, we had hands on workshops for the children to experience and a show where the children were able to interact and sing along with the Science Professor. Our "in days" were just as busy playing in the gym, participating in different art activities, making candles and also experiencing a Japanese day which involved making sushi and origami. Towards the end of the holidays the weather fined up for children to be able to play in the sandpit, engage in pretend games under our shaded area, and play a game or two of soccer and footy.

I'm currently updating the OSHC website and invite you all to have a look at it. I'm making available on the website our latest policy book, family handbook, vacation care programs and enrolment forms.

Our OSHC staff and I will continue to encourage all parents/caregivers to fill in our short questionnaire on quality areas which are applied to our centre as this will help us improve and enhance our OSHC service. We will have them situated around the sign in sheet.

Quality Assurance

This term we are discussing with the children QA 3.2.3 "Physical Environment and Environmentally responsible". Physical environment is safe, suitable and provides a rich and diverse range of experiences that promote children's learning and development. Staff are encouraging children to become environmentally responsible. We are doing this through group conversations, where we discuss with the children ways they can contribute. Examples are participating in yard clean ups, providing a fruit bin for food scraps, use of recycle paper bin, using natural light for most of the afternoon and re-using art and craft materials. Our children are all involved and happy to participate and have a serious mindset on being responsible.

Donations and Family Involvement

Always "a thank you" to the parents who continually donate art and craft materials much appreciated.

Vacation Care

Our Christmas program is usually filled with a combination of Incursion and excursion activities due to the weather being so warm. The aim is to ensure at least one excursion per week is planned. A reminder that OSHC will provide sunscreen daily, but we do ask parents that they ensure their children are provided with a wide brimmed or a legionnaire hat (**NO CAPS**) over the summer holidays. We also **do not** accept thongs, slip-on shoes or tank tops for any gender as we need to be sun smart. Also, throughout the day we will provide small continual breaks for children to drink water. Cold water is provided at OSHC so that children can always fill up their drink bottles. Dates for the Christmas break will be **19th December to the 23rd of December and January 09th to January 27th, 2023.**

Booking, Cancellations and Accounts

We would like to highlight the importance of booking your child/children in advance for Vacation Care specially to ensure that there is an adequate ratio of staff to children and for bus bookings if we have any excursions. We require parents to book excursions as soon as possible due to limited numbers.

We would like to remind parents that **NO bookings** for vacation care will be accepted unless booking forms have been returned. There will be no guarantee that we can accept your child on excursions if they are booked last minute. Please note that there will be no cancellations excepted on excursion days as they are booked and paid for up front. We require a 48-hour notice for before and after school care, and 5 working days' notice for any incursion and in centre activities. Cancellations can be made by contacting Maria at the OSHC site 0413318645. You can also speak to a staff member at OSHC. A huge thank you to the parents/caregivers who pay their accounts promptly as this is how we can fund OSHC. A small reminder that payments can also be made through our EFTPOS or online banking: BSB 105-128, Acc No 037587040. Timely payments keep the OSHC service financial and running.

Kind regards
Maria and staff

