



St Andrew's OSHC

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Caring for Your Children

We are now into the last term of the year. Doesn't that sound scary. We will be having our annual family Xmas BBQ in November, and more information will be sent out when I have confirmed the date.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Natasha Booth and Lauren Threlfal, to our staff team. Natasha has partially completed her nursing training, and Lauren is

currently studying for a Bachelor of Primary Education and Bachelor of Business. Please introduce yourselves to them and make them feel welcome to OSHC.

Hayley and Jon will both be away for the whole of October. Jon is doing his 3rd year prac and Hayley is touring around China and Thailand.

The Art & Craft Show for the school will be held on 25th & 26th of October. To enable the ladies to set up on the Friday (24th) ASC will be in the Year 7 classroom.

The Pupil Free Day will be held on Monday, 20th October. If you require a space for that day, please fill in the bookings list which is near the daily Attendance Sheet.

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Vac Care

We need to have a minimum number of bookings to operate Vac Care & Pupil Free Days, and unfortunately, our bookings have dropped significantly. If this trend

continues, we will have to evaluate at the end of each term, as to the viability of operating each Vac Care. The service needs your support.

A reminder that the new fee increase took effect on June 30th. New fees are:

BSC — \$8.00

ASC — \$12.00

Vac Care — \$27.00

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Enrollment Forms for 2009

The new enrolment forms and booking forms for 2009 are now available for downloading on our website. If you don't have access to the website, please ask me for a copy. Places for 2009 for current families, will only be given to those families who have returned the new forms by **31st October**. After this date, all other places will become vacant and given to new enrolments. There are a couple of small changes to the new form, including request for parent's birth-date. This is a new requirement from Centrelink, and parents will not be able to claim any CCB or the "50%

out of pocket" rebate without supplying this information.

New Families

Enrollments for new families will be accepted after 31st October. There will be changes to our Parent Handbook for 2009, however, it won't be available on the website for a little while.

There will be an information evening for new families on Tuesday, 18th November at 7.00pm, to be in Toogoolawa.

Bookings & Cancellations

Survey

To assist us in making the program as interesting as possible, please complete the attached survey and return it **ASAP**. We appreciate any suggestions or constructive comments that you have, to enable us to continue to improve the program.

OSHC Concert -

Once again, the concert was a great success and the children really enjoyed putting it on. Many thanks to Debbie & Leanne for ironing all the costumes, and to Fiona for organising supper, and to the other parents who assisted, & Isabella & Carmel for giving out programs. The concert requires a lot hard work & preparation,

and would not be possible without the help & support of the wonderful staff at St. Andrew's OSHC, so a very special thanks to Hayley, Lauren, Cynthia, Nicole, Riognach, Louise, Jon and Jeremy, and my husband Ken.



I also want to thank Molly, Amy, Wendy, Emma L, Eloise & Libby for their help in choreographing some of the performances. It is not easy (especially for me). I would really appreciate emails with any feedback and suggestions that families may have, and if they would like it to continue as any annual event for OSHC.

Free Workshops for Parents & Children

I have previously mentioned organising an information session for parents/carers, regarding healthy eating & nutrition for children. I am looking for expressions of interest, (I only received one response last time), & if enough interest is shown, I can organize a session at a

and the session is free of charge to OSHC families. Expressions of interest may be registered on a sheet located near the attendance sheet.

I would also like to have a workshop at ASC this term. to remind the children about their

about their personal safety. The younger grades did do this workshop at school earlier in the year, but, I think it is very important to do a refresher course. Please let me know if you do not wish your child to be included in the course.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Regards,
Jayne Browne

