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We're almost half-way through another year, (yes, tax time again). Doesn't the year go by so quickly, and we seem to cram more into our time each year!

We have been very saddened over the last few weeks with the loss of our year 7 teacher, Nicola McGovern. We extend our deepest sympathy to Nicola's family, & also to Russell Bird & his family for the sud-

den loss of his father. We've also had several of our OSHC families who have suffered the loss of loved ones this term, & we also have those families in our thoughts & prayers.

Welcome home to Cynthia & Steven from their fantastic trip down south. Unfortunately, Cynthia's parents have been having a few health problems and we wish them a very speedy recovery. We hope to see Cynthia back with us at OSHC next term.

A reminder that parents/carers should talk to the staff or myself if you have any problems. If we cannot resolve the grievance satisfactorily, you may contact the Regional Co-ordinator for Centacare Childcare Services. Incidents will occur between children (and naturally we all want to protect our children), however, if parents/carers do have a problem with another child, the issue must be brought to the attention of staff. but we can't help if we don't know about it.

Sports Day

A reminder that the last Friday of the term (26th) is the school sports carnival. If you are attending the carnival & taking your children home afterwards, please let me ASAP so that I can make necessary adjustments to the staff roster.

Accreditation

We are due for re-accreditation again at the end of next term, and we will keep families informed when the surveys need to be completed & returned, and also the time when we can expect the visit from the NCAC Validator.

Parking

A reminder that parking is allowed only in the front car park before 7.30am and after 3.30pm, for the safety of children. The "goat track" entrance at the rear of the school is for use of emergency and delivery vehicles. **Please do not drive through the gate at any time.**

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New Fee Structure

Families will have received a letter from Julie Miles, Regional Co-ordinator for Centacare), outlining the new fees, to take effect at the beginning of the new term. A casual fee has been included, however, it will not take effect until the beginning of 2010. Permanent bookings are sessions which are booked for every week; (ie. Every Tues & Wed). Casual bookings are classed as those which are booked occasionally: (eg: once per fortnight or less). Shift workers who provide rosters in advance are also classed as permanent bookings.

Concert

Our concert is only 4 weeks away and the children have been rehearsing very well with almost all children wishing to participate this year which is fantastic. More information will go out to parents at a later date regarding costumes etc. the majority of which will be supplied by the centre. Children will only need items that they would already have such as jeans & shoes.

Joseph

We recently enjoyed a visit from Joseph, The African Drummer. The children enjoyed listening to his stories & songs & learning a little of his culture. As we sponsor a child through World Vision, they were also very interested in hearing about his life in Africa, as Joseph was also a sponsored child before coming to settle in our wonderful country.



I've had some queries regarding payments & cancellations, so to clarify this, fees are charged on Monday mornings for the following two weeks. If you pay these fees in advance but give sufficient notice of cancellation, the booking will be cancelled, and the paid fees will be credited to your account. All fees must be settled by the end of term, or if experiencing difficulty, please contact me to work out a payment plan. Fees may be paid via internet banking, direct debit, cheque or eftpos (debit/credit).

Lost Property

We always seem to have an overflowing basket of lost property. Please name all clothing, hats etc. & check the basket regularly for any items that may belong to your child. At the end of term, anything left will go to Lifeline, however, we will return named items to their owners.

Vac Care Bookings

Vacation Care booking forms and the program are on our website for parents to download. Please book ASAP. We have a great excursion & excursion happening each week of the holidays, as well as lots of other fun. Fees must be paid before the start of Vacation Care to secure your child/ren's booking.

The new fees which will commence at the beginning of next term are as follows:

Before School Care: Permanent—\$9.00

Casual - \$12.00 (2010)

After School Care:

Permanent—\$13.00

Casual - \$16.00 (2010)

Vac Care & Pupil Free Days:

Permanent - \$30.00

Casual - \$40.00 (2010)

Chocolate Drive

Our chocolate drive is doing very well and we still have some left for sale. We've had such a great response from families, so much so, that we had to order more chocolates. Thankyou for supporting the children's concert, & hope you can buy/sell lots more chocolates.

Thankyou for taking the time to read the newsletter and keeping up to date with events happening at OSHC. If your computer is unable to open the program newsletters & other information are on our OSHC Website.

Regards

Jayne Browne
Co-ordinator