



St Andrew's OSHC

Volume 1, Issue 2

St Andrews OSHC

21-04-08

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Tandi Davel, Louise Foran, Zari Johnson, Rioghnach Lee & Jeremy Fraser to our staff, all of whom are studying for various degrees at Uni. I'm sure that they will enjoy working with us and getting to know our lovely families.

Unfortunately, since the school year commenced, we have farewelled Aleisha, Elise and Maree. We wish them all the best with their new "full-time" employment. We now have all new staff photos and profiles on display for parents to view.

The current staff list for 2008 is as follows:

Co-ordinator:

Jayne Browne

Assistant Co-ordinator:

Hayley Browne

Assistants:

Jon Vieira	Lauren Radley
Allan McCabe	Kait Smith
Cynthia Waygood	Nicole Franklin
Tandi Davel	Louise Foran
Zari Johnson	Jeremy Fraser
Rioghnach Lee	

We are now able to email accounts and newsletters to families, however, we do not have the email addresses for a large number of families. This method of delivery will be far more efficient, and, if we have

email addresses for both parents/carers, we can ensure that everyone is receiving information, and accounts etc are not being left in the bottom of school bags.

The busiest time of day for OSHC is from 2.40pm to 4.00pm. When the children come out of school and have lots of energy to burn, it does take extra time to check the roll and serve afternoon tea etc. We would appreciate it if parents could organise another time for enquiries etc. I am available every morning from 7.00am to 9.00am, and in the afternoons after 4.00pm to discuss any concerns.

89 Hogarth Road,

Ferny Grove. 4055

P.o. Box 226, Ferny Hills. 4055

PH 38510043

Fax: 38511988

OSHC Website:

www.standrewsosohc.com.au

OSHC Email Address:

fernygroveosohc@bne.centacare.net.au

Enrolments

We still have numerous children attending the program but have not had new enrollment forms completed for 2008. Please remember that this is a legal requirement and failure to do this could affect bookings. Booking forms can be downloaded from our website.

Payments

OSHC is a non-profit organisation whose only source of funds is generated by the prompt payment of fees. Payment can be made by Direct Debit, Direct Deposit, Direct Credit, Cash, Cheque or Debit/Credit Eftpos.

Fundraising

We still have some chocolates left and would like to sell them as soon as possible. We only have peppermint, Caramello and plain and they sell for \$1.00 each and can only be sold after school. The children voted for the funds from the left over chocolates, be donated to assist the RSPCA in their great work.

Inside this issue:

Introduction to staff

Email Addresses

Account & Fees

Fundraising

Lost Property

Homework

Concert



Health

Although we serve afternoon tea each day, some children are bringing their own. We don't have a problem with this, however, we do ask that food brought from home is healthy, as we have seen children with cakes, chips, juice poppers etc. These foods should only be served as an occasional treat or for a special occasion such as parties, birthdays etc. OSHC has a food policy which has been approved by Nutrition Australia, however, it is difficult to implement without Parent/Carers co-operation. If you have any queries, I'm happy to go through the policy with you.

Child Care Benefit

I cannot stress enough to families to ensure that they check any paperwork that they receive from Centrelink. I can only apply Child Care Benefit from the information forwarded to OSHC from Centrelink, therefore it is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that the information is correct. Families should receive the same information that is received by the centre.



Fee Increase

We are very hopeful that by mid-2009, we will be in a position to start planning for our own building, ready for use at the start of 2010. It would be so nice to have our own space to set up permanently. However, to make this dream a reality, it will be necessary to increase the fees from the start of Term 3. BSC will be \$8.00, ASC will be \$12.00 and Vac Care will be \$28.00.

OSHC Concert - Saturday, 30th August, 2008.

Our annual concert for this year will be held on Saturday, 30th August at 6.30pm. We have started rehearsing and putting children into various performances. The children have been asked if they would like to participate and are given the opportunity to do so if they wish to. Be involved. We ask that parents/carers please let me know ASAP if their child will not be

able to participate if they have prior commitments etc. The majority of costumes will be provided, and children would only be required to provide costume items that they may already have such as jeans or a t-shirt. More information will be sent out closer to the date, This concert will be our 7th and it has been great to see the children gain confidence

through performing in front of an audience and they have a lot of fun as well as raising money for charity. It was lovely to see so many families attend last year, and also some very proud grandparents.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that our policy on mobile phones is outlined in the Parent Handbook, which is on our website. If children need to have a mobile phone with them at OSHC, it must be handed to the co-ordinator and then it will be returned to the child at the end of the session. It is a Centacare Policy that neither staff or children use mobiles during OSHC..

Homework

Also, a reminder regarding our homework policy. We have a homework session at 5.00pm when a supervisor is available to assist. Children can do their homework at any time, however, to maintain our staff ratio, we cannot allocate staff to assist at other times.



Parking

We ask that parents please use the main car park off Hogarth Road as there is more space for parking, turning etc and will not affect the safety of the children.

Thankyou for taking the time to read the newsletter and keeping up to date with events happening at OSHC.

Thankyou,
Jayne Browne
(Co-ordinator)