



# St. Andrew's OSHC Newsletter



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Caring for Your  
Children

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We've had an extremely busy start to the year & I apologise for not getting the first newsletter out sooner. It is hard to believe that we are already into the second last week of the term.

On behalf of our staff, I would like to welcome our new families to our centre. We hope that you will enjoy being part of the school & OSHC community.

We have had some changes to our staff since the end of 2009. Jon has accepted a teaching position with the Goondiwindi State School, and Jeremy & Ryan have both taken full time employment. We welcome Shannon Wilson & Jordan Hill who have recently joined our staff. Shannon is studying for her degree at uni, while Jordan is studying to become a paramedic. I am currently conducting more interviews & will be employing another staff member by the end of the term. A full list of staff is

available on our website.

**We would also like to send our best wishes to several of our OSHC parents who are currently deployed with the Aust Defence Force in Afghanistan & other areas. It is very difficult to be away from family for so long & miss out on a lot of special family events & activities.**

## Payment

To make the payment of fees a little more convenient, parents have the choice of Direct Debit/Credit, internet banking or fees can be paid by Cheque, cash or eftpos. Please ask staff for further information.

## Junk Craft

Instead of throwing out the household junk, please bring it in to OSHC. The children love to make their own creations with "junk"; we especially need margarine tubs, milk formula tins, boxes, milk cartons & all junk, except toilet rolls, which are against WPH&S regulations. The red wheelie bin is for our "junk" collection so please donate.

## Emails

Emails are a fantastic & easy way to relay messages, however, there are times when gremlins move into the system and some emails don't arrive at the intended destination. Please request a read receipt so that you know that the email has been sent to the correct address.

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## Hats & Head Lice

Just a reminder that we enforce our rule of no hat, no outdoor play. It is the children's responsibility to bring their own hats to OSHC, therefore, no hats will be lent to children from the lost property basket. This may also help to minimise the spread of the dreaded Head Lice of which we have had several cases reported recently. When we have head lice reported to us, a green sign will be on display near the attendance sheet to let families know about it.

## Closing Extension

We have had a couple of requests to extend our closing time in the evenings from 6.00pm to 6.15pm. If you would like to have the extension, please let me know via Email as soon as possible. If there is enough support, we will look at commencing the new time for the start of term 2. I know that it can be very difficult to be at the centre on time if trains are held up or you are caught in traffic behind accidents.

## Food

Although we do not serve breakfast at the centre, we have decided to serve some fresh fruit to the children just before they go to school. It is a long time until first break for children who eat very early, & this will commence at the start of Term 2 also. Also, a reminder that the centre follows a nutrition policy & menu which has been approved by Nutrition Australia. We ask that children do not bring their own food to ASC unless discussed with staff.

## Parent Handbook

As there have been numerous changes to the Centacare OSHC Parent Handbook, we have posted an updated version on our website to try to keep costs down. I strongly recommend that parents read it, & note changes from the existing one. If you do not have access to the internet, or have any queries, please contact me.

## 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.

## Vacation Care

The booking form & program for the Easter Vacation Care is available on the website. Please send in bookings as soon as possible to allow time for the staff roster to be finalized.

## Concert for 2010

We will be holding our annual concert in August (hopefully) again this year, however, with the high cost of hiring a stage, we have decided to change the venue to the Community Hall at Arana Hills. If your child/ren have expressed an interest in performing, & you know that

You have other commitments during that month, please let me know ASAP. As we have not yet booked a date, we may be able to work around other commitments. We will be starting to rehearse & plan props etc when we come back for term 2.

**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)

