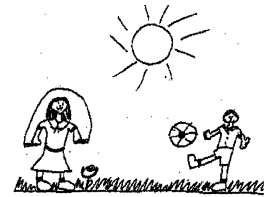




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It's so hard to believe that we are already into the third week of the second term.

Last term, the children enjoyed the Active After School Sports Program, which is a government-funded program, aimed at getting children active. The children learnt various sports skills and some rap dancing from qualified coaches, with other sporting activities & cheerleading being programmed for this term.

We also have a new addition to our staff. We extend a big welcome to Mallory King, who has completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science & is now studying for her Honours degree. Mallory also has experience in coaching Junior Soccer, so I'm sure she will be well received by the children. Please make yourself known to our new staff members, so that they can link the parents to the children when children are being collected in the afternoon.

While watching the Australian National Swimming Championships on TV recently, I was very delighted & proud to see a young girl called Samantha Hoshcke-Edwards swimming in 2 finals. Samantha used to attend St. Andrew's School & OSHC during her primary school years. Although she didn't receive the top placings, Samantha can feel very proud of her achievement, placing her in the top 8 of Australian Women's Swimming. Well Done Sam!

Annual Levy

Just a reminder that the annual Enrolment Fee for families is charged to accounts at the end of first term. The \$20.00 fee will show on current statements.

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.

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.

Concert for 2010

Our annual concert will be held on 7th August this year, and will be at the Community Hall at Arana Hills. We have a list of children who want to perform on the notice board, so please let us know ASAP if you know that your child will not be able to attend on the night.

Closing Extension

THANKYOU TO THE PARENTS WHO EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THE CLOSING TIME. AS A RESULT OF THE EXTRA EMAILS, WE HAVE REVIEWING THE REQUEST, & ARE WAITING UPON AMENDEDMENT TO BE MADE ON OUR LICENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

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.

Toys

We have recently had issues with children bringing toys (especially un-named toys) to the centre. We request that parents don't allow children to bring unnecessary items to OSHC, to prevent theft & breakages, & also to prevent the arguments of ownership.

Other Activities

Other than OSHC, there are a lot of other activities currently operating in the school grounds, eg: chess, keyboard & junior band. We request that parents/guardians please complete the Extra Curricular Activities Form which is on our website. The forms make it much easier for us to keep track of times children should leave or arrive. We are also unable to let children leave BSC early for activities without written permission.

Chocolates

We still have some chocolates frogs for sale, with the price reduced to 50c each. Please help us by buying some when you collect your children in the evenings.

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,
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(Co-ordinator)

