



St. Andrew's OSHC Newsletter



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Caring for Your
Children

After a much needed & very relaxing week in Vanuatu, I'm back into the swing of things again. If you are planning a short break, I can thoroughly recommend Vanuatu as the place to relax, snorkel, sail, swim etc as much as you wish, and I really think that the people from Vanuatu would have to be the friendliest people that I have ever come across, always smiling & happy.

Welcome

We recently welcomed Jeremy Bell to our OSHC staff. Jeremy is currently studying Primary Education & is getting to know the children very quickly.

Cynthia & Steven are still towing their caravan around in Tasmania, and enjoying themselves. (Yes, we are jealous, aren't we?)

Thankyou to the busy Mums & Grandma and Hayley, Lauren & Nicole who baked yummy cakes and biscuits for OSHC's home-bake stall at the elections last Saturday. The \$285.00 raised was a terrific effort, and this money will now be donated to the Salvation Army for the Bush-fire/Flood Appeal.

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Bushfire Victims

During my recent visit to the blood bank, the nurse mentioned that donations have dropped off, however, the burns victims from the bush-fire will require blood products & transfusions for quite some time to aid recovery.

Donating blood at the Blood Bank is one way that we can help out, and it won't cost us anything but a little time (and blood).

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.

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OSHC Concert—2009

The concert for this year will be held on Saturday evening, August 29th at Toogoolawa, & runs for approx 2 hrs, with supper served afterwards. Our first concert was in 2002, and was meant to be a one off to celebrate our 10th birthday of OSHC at St. Andrew's. The concert was so popular with children & parents that this year is our 8th concert. Several years ago, the children decided to "charge" their families a gold coin donation to see them perform, and this money is donated to charity. We have 64 children who have nominated to perform for this year, so we will be

starting the planning & choreographing after the Easter break. Parents please let me know **ASAP**, if your child/ren will not be able to attend the concert.

Notices regarding costumes will be sent home closer to the date, however, any items needed will be items that children would already have ie: shoes, socks, jeans etc. All other costumes will be supplied by OSHC. The stage hire has become more expensive over the years (as has everything else), and funds raised from the chocolate drive will cover the cost of the stage & costumes.

Grievance Procedure

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 Child-care Services. Incidents will occur between children (and naturally we all want to protect our children), however, if parents/carers do have an issue with another child, the issue must be brought to the attention of staff. Children should not be reprimanded by a parent/carer other than their own, but we can't help if we don't know about it.

OSHC Website

Vacation Care booking forms and the program are on our website for parents to download. Please book ASAP.

Trish has put some photos of some of the cooking and craft that the children have made, so please take a few minutes to have a look & see their great work.

Children's Book

I visited the St. Williams Craft Market recently, & purchased a lovely children's book, "I Can Fly", at an excellent price. A great gift idea for Easter (cut back on the chocolate). I was delighted to meet the author, & to discover that the lady is a local resident from Mitchelton.

Fundraiser

We will be having a chocolate drive in May to assist with the cost of costumes & the stage hire for our annual concert which will be in August or September. More information will go out later, however, please remember that you only have to sell chocolates if you want to.

Bravehearts

The Bravehearts visit in Feb was very well received by the children. I have 2 CD Roms which parents may borrow to see exactly what the children learnt about. I will be organising a Child Protection workshop for staff in the next few months, and any interested parents/carers are most welcome to attend.

Jam Jars

We would like to make some jams & pickles for the school fete in May, & need jars to put it into. Please save your glass jars & lids for me, preferably 400g jars or less. Baby food jars are perfect.

We are also in need of clean butter/margarine tubs & tetra pak cartons (such as milk or juice) for our Easter Craft activities.

On behalf of the staff, I'd like to wish you all a very Safe & Happy Easter break. If you are driving, please drive carefully & we'll see you all back for Term 2.

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

Regards,
Jayne Browne
(Co-ordinator)

