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# Vewsletter Term 3, 2019

OSHC Friends,

What a productive and fun term at OSHC it has been. There has been a lot going on, but we have all really enjoyed ourselves in the notoriously hectic term 3!

Term 3 has seen our annual family survey go out to all our families. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete this survey. It will provide some good insights into the values and requirements of our many families. Please stay tuned to see how we are moving forward with the information we have

Late last term, we welcomed new staff member Ben Mansfield to our team. Ben has formal qualifications in childcare and a keen interest in the arts as well as sport. Ben is working closely with Tom with our EHOSHC Futsal team which is very exciting, and we wish Ben all the best of luck with not only the team, but all his endeavours with our Centre. Welcome Ben!





Our newest team member, Ben.

This term, OSHC have been working very hard on knitting squares to create a big warm blanket for our sponsor child in Nepal, Sushila. Amy-Louise Parsons and Jessica Morrison have headed up this project and it is almost there! Thank you to all children, educators and parents who have contributed to this wonderful blanket. Stay tuned to see the finished product!





Jess modelling the blanket & Rianna working hard!

In 2019, our service has been focusing on community involvement and have initiated several projects that enhance our centres relationship with not only our school community, but the wider community also. This year we started a termly OSHC BBO which

gives our families and educators the opportunity to socialise. EHOSHC has also taken on the school Father's Day breakfast, hosted a community tree planting event and are looking forward to putting into place a whole lot more to help foster a close-knit community. Our service is very lucky to be in a position where we can work closely with our families and wider community to build a trusting, happy and safe environment which benefits everyone. EHOSHC acts as a hub of community support for our families, and it is a wonderfully rewarding part of our job as educators to see and 'feel' this community closeness growing.



Father's Day Breakfast... what a hit!

## **PROGRAM**

Through regular evaluation, our program continues to change in order to support the out of school hours needs of our children. Our Term 3 2019 programmed activities were as follows:

AM:

Monday: Big fat Split!

Tuesday: Book Bonanza (This term we read *Fantastic Mr Fox*)

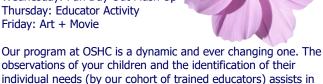
Wednesday: Art n' Craft Thursday: Cooking Friday: Science

PM:

Monday: Dance Tuesday: Sport

Wednesday: Fun Day Out Mash Up

Thursday: Educator Activity Friday: Art + Movie



individual needs (by our cohort of trained educators) assists in informing our program. This term we have included program items inspired by your

children. Some of these are:

- Pokemon card making
- Harry Potter wands
- Soccer for k-2
- Knitting
- Sand-pit

Check out our OSHC videos on:





Our dance program this term came to its crescendo in week 10 of term with a filmed performance from our kids. What an exciting event to be part of!

Our wonderful events and activities coordinators 'Fun Day Out', have once again delivered with a great termly 'mash-up'. Every few weeks, a brand new children's activity specialist has come in to work with the children to ensure they have a fun and educational afternoon with us. It has been amazing to say the least!



**Bubble making with Benny-O** 

#### Sanil learning all about Australian shipping history

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Please note that Re-enrolments commence in week 1 of term 4, at which point you will be required to log in to our webserver and lodge your online 2020 re-enrolment, pay your 2020 membership fee and request your bookings. We anticipate that we will once again be dealing with a waiting list for next years after school care. Parents should also note that priority of access will no longer be applicable to bookings, and priority of childcare places will be at the discretion of the service.

Please be reminded that ALL notifications of absence, general correspondence and enquiries should be sent to eppingheightsoosh@hotmail.com

Our administration company 'Becklyn' often receive emails from our families that should be sent to the centre. We can't guarantee that the information you send to Becklyn will be forwarded to the centre in time for cut-off periods relating particularly to notifications of absence. In these instances, you may be charged a non-notification fee if you have sent your email to the incorrect address.



Yet another beautiful afternoon tea at OSHC!

## **Sports and Specialist Teachers**

Our Term 3 Program of Sports and Specialist Teachers: Monday: Dance with Bianca Wednesday: Fun Day Out Mash up

# **VACATION CARE**

The next vacation care will be during the spring holiday period. It looks as though it will be another wonderful program. As with all our programs we would love your feedback, please let us know how you and your kids enjoy our programs by emailing us at the centre.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: PLEASE ensure you have read all the pertinent information regarding the vacation care program.

OUR RECENT INCLEMENT WEATHER MAY AFFECT OUR VACATION CARE PROGRAM. PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT THE CENTRE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE PROGRAM TO AN ACTIVITY OF SIMILAR COST WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO THE WEATHER CONDITIONS ON THE DAY.

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