



Newsletter term 1, 2015

OOSH Friends,

Term 1 is over and it's time to eat a lot of chocolate and start thinking about term 2!

Term 1 has been a wonderful and productive term, smooth sailing but still extremely busy. Thanks to the OSHC committee and the Centre staff for continuing to assist in the constant growth and improvement of our wonderful Centre.

Welcome to our new staff members, Jessica and Paul! Paul has loads of experience in childcare and Jessica's passion is Special Education. They have both already settled in well. All the best Jessica and Paul!

Our AGM will be taking place at the Centre on Tuesday 26th May, 6:30pm. All are welcome.



PROGRAM

Through regular evaluation, our program continues to change and support the after school needs of our children. Our Term 1 2015 programmed activities were as follows:

Monday: Staff Activities
Tuesday: Ball Sports
Wednesday: Dance/Yoga with Lillian
Thursday: Taekwondo with Jos
Friday: Chill Out-Movie Day.

Our program at OSHC is a dynamic and ever changing one. The observation of your child and the identification of your child's needs (by our cohort of trained educators) assists in informing our program to best suit your child's requirements. This term we have included program items inspired by your children. Some of these are:

- Inclusion of broccoli on our veg platters
- Introduction of new comic books to our library
- Watching documentaries on our movie days
- Parachute games
- Beading
- Year 6 chill-out area
- Face-Painting in Vacation Care

Our pet rats are a wonderful addition to our program. The children are able to assist in feeding them and keeping them clean which is a great opportunity to learn how to be responsible for living things. Our rats at the moment are called Dolly & Ginger and are very friendly, happy and clean!

Should you wish your family to care of our rats over the weekend on occasions, please let us know.



Bethan & Dolly

ADMINISTRATION

Our touch-screen system has had some updates and is working more efficiently. Please be patient with our system, as we are constantly improving it as we gather feedback from users and other Centres. If you ever have any difficulties with the system, please call the Centre or administration and ask for assistance.

Administration (Becklyn): 9878 2651
www.becklynweb.com.au/eppingheights/

If you are still using the password initially allocated to you, we strongly suggest you log on to our webserver to change this to something you can easily remember. Please be aware that staff will soon be unable to access your password information as the passwords become encrypted. If you forget your password you will need go to our webserver and go through the password retrieval process. If you do not have your password on collection or pick-up, additional charges may apply.

OSHC admin would like to remind parents to please ensure that they include their parent code when they make internet payments. Several unidentified payments have been arriving in our account which are quite onerous to follow up. Your assistance with this would be appreciated.

If you are not receiving a fortnightly emailed statement from administration, please contact the centre to confirm your email address.

If you are not receiving CCR (Child Care Rebate) which is a government rebate that EVERYONE is entitled to, please contact administration on 9878 2651 or email Julie@becklyn.com.au

ACTIVE KIDS

The active kids program was dissolved at the end of 2014, but we decided to continue on with some coaches into 2015 funded by the Centre. This term we have been lucky enough to have Jos Munoz back for Taekwondo, and have introduced a new dance/yoga coach, called Lillian.

Both coaches have done a wonderful job this term, the kids have really had fun!

SPORT TIME!!



VACATION CARE

The next Vacation Care will be during the Easter 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.

For information regarding the vacation care program, please check out our website.

Please see some pictures of our January V/care below.



JASMINE CHILLING OUT IN THE HALL



WATER FUN DAY!



AND THE PAPER PLANE OBSESSION BEGINS...

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