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## OOSH Newsletter

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Dear families,

### Program & Activities

This term has seen an abundance of play, learning and FUN at OOSH. The children have been involved in a variety of structured and non-structured activities, both child-initiated and adult-initiated. These experiences have provided a great deal of fun, excitement and learning here at OOSH.

#### *Some of highlights from the term:*

**DODGEBALL** – this has clearly been the favourite this term with there not being a single morning at BSC where someone hasn't suggested to play. The game has been great in developing the childrens' resilience, physical skills, teamwork, self-regulation and leadership skills.

**HOCKEY** – another favourite this term where the children really enjoyed the fun spirited competitiveness. There was a notable mention to the way in which the kids ensured fairness and sportsmanship in this game; through swapping goalies, being honest about who hit the ball out, verbally supporting and encouraging each other and working together.

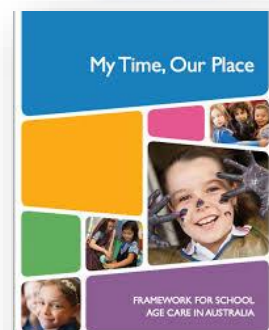
**CONSTRUCTION** – we purchased a few new resources for OOSH and the children are really enjoying engaging with these.

**CHESS** – OOSH also purchased a variety of new games for the children which they have really enjoyed. One of the favourites has been chess. It has been great to see the younger children (even those in kindy!) learn how to play!



### New Programming & Documentation

As the Centre continually strives for improvement we will soon be implementing a new programming and documentation initiative. This will include a new programming wall in the sign in area where parents can view all the exciting things the children get up to at OOSH. It will also include a more visible link between our program and the learning framework for school aged care – My Time, Our Place. We will also be aiming to gain more input from children and families so there will be a section on our wall for children and family suggestions, ideas and comments.



### Spring Vacation Care

The booking period for the upcoming Vacation Care holidays is nearly over!

There are lots of fun activities planned for Vacation Care these holidays, including: Roller/Ice Skating, Pony Riding, Bigblast Play Centre, Peak Pursuits, Luna Park and lots more! To ensure you do not miss out you need to book your children into Vacation Care by this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. For those of you already booked please ensure you hand in all documentation (vacation care agreement and receipt of fee payment) by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

## **2016 Enrolments**

For those families who are going to be using OOSH next year, we would like to inform you that re-enrolments (for current children and their siblings) will open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Term 4, Week 3). More information on the enrolment process will be communicated to families as the date draws closer so please keep a look out in Centre and in your emails.

## **Direct Debit – Ezidebit**

During term two this year the OOSH Management Committee communicated with families seeking feedback on the proposal that direct debit (Ezidebit) would be the single payment method for OOSH fees. The reasoning for doing so was both to reduce the treasury workload of our volunteer management committee whilst making it easier for families to keep on top of payments with an automated system. The decision has been made to push ahead with this idea and as of re-enrolment, all families using the centre will be required to pay their fees via direct debit.

As a result of this requirement, all families completing the 2016 enrolment process will be required to submit a completed direct debit form with their enrolment documentation (families already set up on direct debit need not fulfil this requirement). For those of you who would like one thing less to do at this busy time, please ask Antony for a direct debit form now and you can set this up early!

## **Account Statements**

Each fortnight every family should receive a statement of account via your nominated email address. This statement contains all fee information and payments relating to your account. It is imperative that you are receiving these statements so if for whatever reason you are not receiving these on a fortnightly basis you need to log on to your online account and check/update your email address. Alternatively you can contact our administrators Becklyn, on 9878 2651 who will resolve the issue for you.

## **New Sign in Procedure**

In previous communication with families we indicated that OOSH would soon be introducing a new electronic sign in procedure for families. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the implementation of this system until our administration provider rectifies some issues with the technology. The introduction of this new procedure will take a bit of getting used to for families and staff so we do not want to go ahead until we are confident that we can present the new system without fault. We will communicate with families once we get a clearer understanding of when this time will be.

## **General Reminders:**

- **Breakfast at Before School Care** - finishes at 8:30am (8:15am – Friday). If you wish for your children to have breakfast at BSC you need to have your children here by 8:30am.
- **Notification of absence** – if your child is going to be absent from After School Care, you **MUST** notify the Centre of this absence by phone, email or in person by the start of the session. Failure to do so will result in a non-notification fee being applied to your account.

**We hope you have had a great term!**

Thankyou!

The OOSH Team ☺