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OOSH Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2016! We hope that you all enjoyed your break over the Christmas and New Year period. We have been busy here at OOSH over the holidays with our fantastic Vacation Care program, trying our best to keep all the children having fun!

There will be a few changes here at OOSH as we move into term 1 so please take the time to have a quick read through our newsletter.

New OOSH Director!

We are very excited to announce that OOSH will be welcoming a new Director who will be joining us at the start of term 1. Aliya Iftikhar joins the Centre with many years of experience in OOSH and we believe that she will bring a great deal of knowledge, experience and benefit to the Centre moving forward.



Antony will be stepping down as the Director of Truscott St OOSH as of the 1st February 2016 (week 2, term 1). Antony will be returning to tertiary studies in February 2016 and as a result, will be unable to fulfil the commitment of the Director position. Due to Truscott St OOSH being such a great place to work, Antony was excited to be given the opportunity to stay on in the Asst. Director role and continue to make a contribution to the Truscott St school community.

Nel, our current Asst. Director will be off on holidays for the first month of term 1 and upon her return will remain as a casual team member as she begins her transition from completing her tertiary studies into the teaching profession.

New Director Message - Aliya Iftikhar

Dear Community Members of Truscott Street OOSH,

My name is Aliya Iftikhar and I will be joining your OSHC team as the Director from the 1st of Feb 2016.

I have been working as a Coordinator in a couple of OSHCs in the past few years before that I worked as a teacher overseas. I have a husband and two children. I have years of experience working and spending time with children. I have always been a staunch supporter of children's right to play and believe that it does take a village to raise a child. I would implore our schools teachers, parents and students to give their honest feedback to us on our pedagogical approaches in the coming months.

In keeping with the tradition of all excellent past practices of the Centre, we anticipate the coming year will bring rewarding experiences to our stakeholders.

From the start of Feb. please take a moment to introduce yourselves to your new OSHC team member and I will endeavour to remember all our lovely students and caregivers names.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Sincerely,

Aliya Iftikhar

Vacation Care – Summer 2015/16

It has been a massive few weeks for us here at Vacation Care! We have spent the holidays doing some awesome activities, having lots of fun and even learning some cool new things along the way. We would like to thank all those families who made Vacation Care such as success these holidays.

A special mention goes out to one of our OOSH mum's – Iris Alhassid, who planned and implemented one of our Vacation Care days with her fantastic Art Therapy activities. Thanks Iris!

Some of the standouts from our Vacation care program this summer include:

Water Day

The children had an awesome time with our giant water slide!!



Art Therapy

Our Art Therapy activities were embraced really well by the children. It was a tone down on our usual upbeat activities and it was great to see the children engaging with the concepts of using art for expression and making ourselves feel better!



Collaroy Beach

It was an ambitious activity and it paid off as we all had a great time playing at the beach! The children loved experiencing something new at Vacation Care!



Go Karts

Back by popular demand were the Go Karts. This time we brought in some extras so the children got to have more time on the go karts and they were happy about that!



Aquatic Centre

One of the best excursions these holidays with the children all having a blast! Again, something new for Vacation Care which the children really enjoyed and it was great to see how well behaved they all were!



Kachan School of Tumbling Performance

The children were really inspired to learn some new skills at the Gymnastics Centre. They had a great time and we were really impressed with their perseverance during the day.

Start of Term 1 Information

The first day of school is Thursday 28th January and this is noted as week 1 in BSC/ASC bookings. If your child is going to be away from BSC/ASC on the first Thursday/Friday back to school, please ensure that you inform the service by email or phone.

New Kindergarten Families

We are very much looking forward to having the new kindies joining OOSH this term! OOSH will be collecting your children from their classes for After School Care and delivering them after Before School Care for the first term. As best as you can, please try to make sure your child understands that they will be coming to OOSH and reminding them on the days that they will be attending. We find that the more they understand what is happening, the smoother the transition between home, OOSH and school.

Thank you and we look forward to another awesome year!

OOSH Team 😊