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### **OOSH Newsletter - Mid-Term 3, 2014**

#### **Centre Assessment**

On Tuesday 8 July, 2014, during our winter Vacation Care program, the Centre underwent the National Quality Framework assessment and rating process. This was carried out by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) and the Department of Education and Communities. The purpose of the assessment was to determine whether and at what rating level the Centre meets the National Quality Standard, in particular the 7 Quality Areas defined as part of the Framework.

The Centre's ratings were as follows:

Quality Area 1	Education Program and Practice	Working Towards
Quality Area 2	Children's Health and Safety	Meeting
Quality Area 3	Physical Environment	Meeting
Quality Area 4	Staffing Arrangements	Meeting
Quality Area 5	Relationships with Children	Meeting
Quality Area 6	Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities	Meeting
Quality Area 7	Leadership and Service Management	Working Towards

The overall result of the review was that OOSH was given a final rating of Working Towards the National Quality Standard. The areas that were rated as Working Towards as part of the assessment have now been addressed by the Committee and OOSH Staff, and we believe that we are meeting the National Quality Standard for these two areas.

In addressing these areas, we have:

- amended and/or added policies that were identified as requiring change. Generally these changes do not impact on the way we operate the Centre or your interaction with the Centre. There will be some additional requirements for parents of children with medical conditions - further information will be sent to these families.
- implemented some changes to our programming - the suggestions book next to the sign on sheet is part of this.

A copy of the final assessment rating can be found on the Parent Information section inside the OOSH room (on the wall to the left as entering room).



### Vacation Care



We are rapidly approaching our Spring Vacation Care Program!!! The holidays will be jam-packed with activities for our children to do. The two week period will be made up of exciting excursions and incursions featuring Robotic Dinosaurs, Magicians, Trampolining, Wildlife Parks, Gladiators and Mini Olympics!!!

There will also be a variety of themed days within the Centre for our children, where we will be calling upon all Detectives, Superheroes

and Talented Mega-Stars!!!

The Program will be released on Monday 1 September 2014; the booking deadline will be Friday 12 September. Make sure you get your bookings in fast so you don't miss out on this fantastic program!!!



### OOSH resources

Thanks to all the parents who have contributed recyclables and other resources for our craft activities throughout the term. If you have anything that you feel may be of use then please bring it in to the Centre so we can use it for our craft activities. There are different themed craft activities that are run each week at OOSH and for each separate day during Vacation Care.

### Assistant Director

The Centre is currently in the process of interviewing for an Assistant Director to join the team and assist Brodie with the day-to-day running of OOSH. Notification of the appointment will be sent out once the position has been filled.

### New Additions to the OOSH Team ☺

Over the next few weeks you will notice a couple of new faces working at OOSH. We are excited to welcome Michelle, starting in week 6, and Danni from week 7, to the OOSH Team.



### OOSH and Vacation Care Fees

Please ensure your account is up to date - have a look at your fortnightly statement (sent by Becklyn) when it arrives and make a payment if you have an outstanding balance. All vacation care fees are to be paid at the time you make your booking - please also ensure any extra days you add during vacation care are paid at the time they are added.

### Non - Notification Fee

A reminder to all parents that failure to inform the Centre of your child/s absence will result in a fee of \$15. Failure to notify results in staff members having to take time away from supervising the children to contact parents and locate missing children, affecting the staff to child ratios.

### Online Bookings

Please ensure that you are using the online system whenever possible for booking changes. If you have missed the deadline (i.e. past midday the day before for casual changes, or past Friday 9am the week prior for permanent changes) then you will need to either call, email or come and speak to the Centre in person to inform of the required changes. If you do you not have your log in details (sent out to everyone at time of enrolment) then please contact BECKLYN either by phone (9878 2651) or via email (info@becklyn.com.au).



### **Fathers Day Breakfast**

OOSH will be hosting its annual Fathers Day Breakfast on Friday 5 September from 7am. Can you please advise Brodie and the team if you are attending the event. If you are unable to stay for the duration of the session, can you please inform the team as we will need to book your child in to the Friday morning session.



### **End of Term Party!!!**

In the last week of term 3, on Wednesday 17 September, there will be the OOSH End of Term Party!!! We will be having a Jumping Castle and will be preparing a special afternoon tea for the children. Make sure you book your children into the Wednesday PM session so they don't miss out on the fun!!!

Thank you,  
The OOSH Team ☺