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OOSH Newsletter 2013 Term One

Our Kindy children with Brodie during story time...

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you and your families! We hope you had a great Christmas and enjoyed the school holidays. We've definitely heard some lovely experiences the children have had over the break. We are looking forward to another great year of OOSH in 2013!!

Kindergarten and New Families

We hope your transition to our Centre has been smooth. Our children have been settling in very nicely and getting to know more friends each day.

Kindergarten and new children to Truscott St OOSH are both walked to and collected from their classrooms during the first few weeks of the term until they feel confident enough to walk down on their own.



Our Staff

A few changes to our staff team this year. We sadly farewell Cameron Gordon from OOSH and wish him great success in his new teaching position at Epping Boys High School in the PDHPE department.

As our Centre continues to grow we welcome some new staff:

Jaime Mahony- Jaime is studying to become a primary school teacher at UTS and will join us a few sessions a week.

Mikaela Mahony- Is now joining us for before and after

school care as well as vacation care. Mikki represents Australia in softball and will be sharing her enthusiasm running some of our Active Kids programs during the term.

Kirsty Gregory- Kirsty is training to become a paramedic and will be with us during vacation care.



A postcard all the way from France!!

Our staff member Penny currently studying over there...

OOSH Fees

Just a reminder that all OOSH fees should be paid by the end of the week of use. Please ensure you describe your payment with your 4-digit parent code. Direct debit is an option if you want to be organised for 2013 fees payment. This will make your life easier and also help our wonderful volunteer treasurer who spends a lot of time chasing debts. Contact our administrator (ph. 9878 2651) or have a look on our website for details www.truscottstoosh.com.au

Changes to Bookings and Absenteeism

A reminder that staff need to be aware if a child will not be present at a session. You must call the centre if your child is absent. Failing to contact staff will result in a \$15 non-notification fee. All additional bookings or changes to bookings require a change of booking form completed and signed.

Vacation Care

We had such a great time during vacation care- the kids have provided some fabulous feedback and have gathered some ideas as to what they'd like to have planned for the next school holidays. Keep the suggestions coming and keep an eye out for photos being uploaded to our website shortly!



The children proud of their efforts during cake decorating day!

Management Committee

At the March P&C meeting election of new office bearers will also occur. If you are interested in joining the OOSH committee you are welcome to come. Pop into OOSH and see Dani for details. You can meet the current team and find out more about the roles. Below is a brief overview of Management Committee roles. The school Principal is also on the committee.

- The OOSH President role is one of a coordinator. While Dani and the OOSH staff deal with the day to day running of OOSH the President liaises with the school, P&C, OOSH staff, Becklyn, parents and Management Committee. He/she oversees the running of the Centre and chairs meetings. He/she is also involved in recruitment of staff.
- Vice President assists President in the roles above and fills in when the President is absent from meetings.
- Accreditation Officer assists the Director and staff in preparing for accreditation and helps ensure high standards of operation are maintained.
- Secretary takes minutes and distributes these after meetings.
- Treasurer, along with Becklyn, deals with budget and expenditure including wages and insurances. He/she also contacts families re debts.
- All the above roles may be cheque signatories and authorise online banking. All are involved in approving expenditure and regularly reviewing OOSH finances.

This year, as always, we aim to provide your children with a safe and happy time at OOSH. We'll endeavour to cater for the wide range of ages and interests of the children. Please let us know of any ways we can further improve the service provided.

Regards

OOSH Management Committee