



PROSPECT PRIMARY SCHOOL CARE OSHC NEWSLETTER

OSHC Semester One 30.01.2017 – 21.07.2017

Respect

Success

Creativity



Dear parents, caregivers and students of the Prospect Primary School Out Of School Hours Care (PPS OSHC) community. As the semester one period comes to a close it is a good opportunity to reflect on what has been a busy but wonderful first half of the year. The service has welcomed many new families and also employed seven new OSHC educators. Those who have joined our OSHC community have settled in well by engaging in the routines and developing new relationships.

Over the past semester at OSHC the children have been busy taking part in activities during Term 1 and 2 as well as the April and July Vacation Care periods. During Term 1, the OSHC room and routines were different as we welcomed two new classrooms into the space. This meant that the room layout and normal routine structure changed significantly. During this time the students were respectful of the educators' furniture and materials. The students were flexible and outstanding in the change of routine, and followed all instructions well. The classes have now relocated to their new rooms and we have our OSHC room back once more.

The April Vacation Care period was a short one with Easter and ANZAC Day. Interactive and hands-on experiences were planned and undertaken for an enjoyable Vacation care program. The students attended Jelly Bean Play Café, the movies, had a dress up party with a bouncy castle and attended the Peter Pan Musical.

A number of events occurred during Term 2, with the two classes moving into their new classrooms allowing the OSHC service to make some changes. These changes influenced program planning and spaces within the service. To cater for our growing service new equipment was purchased including new tables and stools. A home corner was designed which now allows the students to be involved in dramatic and free play. A quiet area was also developed which includes the TV with some movies and large cushions for sitting and relaxing. Within the quiet area another space was set up for homework. This space has been used by Junior Primary and Upper Primary students alike to engage in quiet homework study. During the first four to six weeks of Term 2 there were many changes in staffing with 9 of the 24 OSHC educators attending their Professional Experiences as part of moving towards completing their University Degrees. During this time our Assistant Director *Tiana Bergamaschi* took on the role as the Acting Director and did a great job!

Despite the weather, July Vacation Care was jam-packed with students attending excursions and incursions. The students visited The Beach House, went to bowling and laser skirmish, saw Despicable me 3 at the movies and went to Princess Elizabeth Playground. All participated in OSHC learning experiences and demonstrated the values of respect, success and creativity.



Change in routine: As part of our ongoing development of the service a major change in routine has been implemented. The change influences the way in which children transition from their school days to OSHC. After school the children are broken up into two groups. One group being the Foundation – Year One students and the other group being the Year Two and above students.

The Foundation – Year One student are walked over to the OSHC room and the Year Two's and above take themselves to the hall. While the students are in their two groups educators take the roll, ask questions about the students day, review OSHC expectations and have snack. Prior to having afternoon snack the children wash their hands with soap and then create a communal circle for eating. This is a key part of our new process as it allows children to receive their snack quickly and enjoy their eating time together. Once the children have finished eating they are free to move around the OSHC and undertake planned and unplanned learning experiences. This then also allows both groups of children to engage and play together.

This routine has many positive elements, it allows for social interactions for students of the same age and stage of development. It also promotes safe and communal eating for the children where they can foster positive relationships with staff and children.



Reminders:

Lost Property: Please be sure to check the lost property for your child's belongings. Over Semester One the pile has grown significantly. It helps if you write your child's name on their belongings to that they can be easier identified and we can notify you.

Finance Receipts: Receipts for online payments will no longer be posted out. They will now be available for collection in the OSHC office.

Hat Policy: Prospect Primary School OSHC now follow a new hat policy. Hats must be worn during terms 1 and 4. During terms 2 and 3 hats MUST be kept in bags and worn when the UV rating is 3 and above.

Bookings: To make a permanent booking for Term 3 please fill in a booking form. To make casual bookings for Term 3 please send a text message. Cancellations must be made with 24 hours' notice and need to be via text message.

Semester Two dates to remember:

Pupil Free Days: Prospect Primary

July 24th Term 3, Week One

September 4th Term 3, Week Seven

November 17th Term 4, Week Nine

Pupil Free Days: Rosary School

July 24th Term 3, Week One

Christmas Holidays Vacation Care:

Week 1: December 18th-22nd 2017

Week 2: January 8th – 12th 2018

Week 3: January 15th – 19th 2018

Week 4: January 22nd – 25th 2018 (CLOSED Friday 26th Australia Day)