THE OSHC ORACLE

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Term 3 2016

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OSHC HOURS:
Monday to Friday
Before School Care (BSC)
7.30am to 8.20am
After School Care (ASC)
3.15pm to 6.00pm

CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE:
Permanent
BSC Full/Part Session $8.00
ASC Full Session $18.00
ASC Part Session $14.00
Casual
BSC Full/Part Session $12.00
ASC Full Session $22.00
ASC Part Session $18.00

Play is not a departure from learning – learning is

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

Matt 13:31-32
Term 3 up close...

Term Focus: Honesty

This term, to acknowledge our school’s focus on Honesty, children in OSHC discussed a variety of scenarios role-played by each other. We also looked at a number of different circumstances wherein children had to discern whether the actions had been honest or dishonest. Similarly, we played a game of multiple choice where children were given a situation but with only two definitive answers. It gave food for thought to all present as we discussed the limitations of only two possibilities and how often there may be no clear-cut answer or possibly multiple solutions. It was a great opportunity to explore the implications and importance of honesty in our day-to-day living.

Olympics

While the Olympics were under way in Rio, we had a few of our own events here at OSHC. Slightly modified, children participated in Javelin, Gymnastics and weight lifting just to name a few. While no medals were awarded, the children had a great time giving the events a go.

Children’s thoughts...

It was fun pretending I was an Olympic athlete – Asha H

At OSHC we recreated weightlifting and had a lot of fun – Jacob S
Father’s Day

Father’s Day was a great success with incredible generosity from our school community. We raised a total of $985.73, which will be shared between Variety the Children’s Charity and costumes for the Norwood Christmas Pageant. Thanks to all our children who worked so diligently ensuring everything was wrapped in time, and for assisting in the running of the stalls at Recess. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Royal Adelaide Show Competition

Congratulations to all our children who worked on individual projects for this year’s Royal Adelaide Show Art Competition. We are very proud of all our final entrants - India De Conno, Mia Pirone and Jasmine Mooney. Jasmine received a Certificate of Merit for her black and white photograph featuring a tree in the middle yard, which was quite a feat considering the standard of competition. It was certainly a highlight to see our children’s work proudly on display at the show.

Children’s thoughts...

It was a great turnout and a lot was sold. I also felt good being able to help sell at the stall
– Grace W

My favourite part is putting ribbon on the gifts. I get better at it each time – Alisha M
Fresh Produce Friday

Fresh Produce Friday has continued this term, with sales of freshly picked herbs, rhubarb, broccoli and cauliflower straight from the garden. Unfortunately, it is hard to predict exactly when these days will occur as, of course, we are reliant on harvest. Next term we plan to add cherry tomatoes so keep an eye out!

Children's thoughts... It was good being involved and getting the certificate of merit made it all the better – Jasmine M

Children's thoughts... It was really nice picking and getting the produce ready for selling – Darcy W

I loved being the shopkeeper – Paige S

National Hearing Awareness Week
Each year we like to acknowledge Hearing Awareness Week and draw attention to the difficulties facing those who may be hearing impaired. Having all our senses is something we often take for granted so sharing the experiences of others in this position is an opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding within the broader community.

Community Invitation

We would like to extend a very warm invitation to any of our parents and grandparents, who may have a special talent, interesting career, unusual hobby or even a few entertaining stories to come and share with us. We would love to spend an afternoon with you!!

Card Making

We are very blessed at St Joseph’s to have such a strong sense of community. This term we were fortunate to have Carol Young run a workshop on the art of card making. Carol is the grandmother of Emily in RMB and completely donated both her time, energy and resources for the project. Children were able to design and create their own cards to take home for personal use. We are also going to put our talents to good use and make more cards for Save the Children Fund shop situated on Magill Road.
Pay It Forward

This term OSHC decided to reintroduce the Pay It Forward campaign, which for those who are unfamiliar, originally developed from an idea inspired by the movie of the same name. Students participating are dedicated to performing random acts of kindness and were given an official bracelet to symbolise their commitment. The idea is for those who have benefitted from the good deeds, to reciprocate by repaying it to others instead of to the original benefactor. This then creates a ripple effect of kindness. During group time students shared random acts of kindness they had performed.

Toothpick and Blu tack sculptures

Children were challenged to build a small structure using only toothpicks and blu tack. This activity required some planning, fine motor skills and often, quite a bit of patience. Children had to work out how to best place both elements to ensure a stronger structure.
Pinwheels

One of our group time focus areas this term was the benefits of the generation of energy using wind power. Many children said they had seen the wind farms down our south coast and commented on how big they were and how they work. Connecting with this theme, we made our own pinwheels, which we enjoyed bringing out into the wind as well as blowing with our breath.

Farewell

At the end of this term Jacinta will be leaving us to pursue a more permanent position in a larger OSHC. We thank Jacinta for her time with us, and wish her well in her new endeavour.
**SRC Meeting**

Our new SRC members have been working hard this term to make sure all OSHC students' voices are heard. Great initiative was shown by Alex Martin as he ran our SRC meeting. Alex asked all the important questions and all members had a chance to contribute their ideas. Feedback from the students has been shared with OSHC staff and taken on board for future planning.

**From the Kitchen**

With fresh planting and the abundant rain that occurred this term, we hope to be able to use and sell more fresh produce in Term 4. The spring menu is below and if you have any snack ideas that you would like to share with us, please forward them to acatiana@stjotran.catholic.edu.au.

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Dear Families

We have had such a wonderful term with many celebrations, much hard work, and loads of fun. Our children have participated in significant events including The Olympics, Father’s Day, Book Week, School
Tree Day and The Royal Show Art Competition. In addition, we also felt it valuable to spotlight Hearing Awareness Week, R U Ok Day and National Child Protection Week. We have had a close look at wind and its power and have revisited the Pay It Forward campaign.

As you may be aware, this term we have asked parents to complete a general survey on all Quality Areas. The results have directed us in what areas we need to prioritise. Thank you for your time and the kind comments. Our results are in and are as follows:

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As a result we have devoted an entire wall to our planning and programming process. If you have time and would like to know more, staff would be happy to go through and address any questions. We have also created a dedicated space for our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) which we would love to hear your feedback on, as and when we reflect on various quality areas.

By the time you receive this newsletter I would have commenced long service leave. Of course, I am confident the care of your children and running of the service are in great hands, thanks to the dedication of all our wonderful educators. I shall return in Week 3 so in the interim any queries can be redirected to Annie Noel who will be overseeing the service in my absence. Bookings can be made via the office or directly through the service. I look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

Happy Holidays!