



MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL OSHC PROGRAM, TERM 4, 2016.

GENERAL NEWS

Welcome back to what will no doubt be a jam-packed, productive and educationally fun-filled Term 4. Are you ready for the fabulousness of the coming Term and the onset of the Festive Season? No? Me either! Our continued challenge and commitment is to provide a fun, accessible, flexible, responsive, stimulating, affordable and NQF compliant Out of School Hours Care program. To this end we will provide an exciting and varied program throughout the year, one that 'enhances each child's learning and development' (NQF Standard 1.1). Should you have any queries about our program please do not hesitate to approach a member of the OSHC team.

Throughout Term 3 we offered a variety of ongoing and engaging activities including craft, cooking, movie afternoons, treasure hunts, and outside play/games; keeping the children happily entertained. We also conducted a weekly colouring competition and explored themes as suggested by the children which included Let's Dance, The Olympics, Brazil, The Paralympics and Father's Day. We allowed access to the ipad and wii games in line with 'Building Better Brains' protocols. Time spent at the computer/on the ipads or other game consoles is limited to ensure children engage in other games/activities/outside play during sessions. We encouraged outside play each afternoon allowing the children choice in terms of games/sports/outside activities. We continued to implement 'Together Time' and 'Floor Fun' to allow transition periods ie arrival at end of school day, and to-from afternoon tea to run more smoothly. It has been very pleasing to watch the children take ownership of these activities, often planning and running these sessions. In the process they have been demonstrating an increased confidence and developing their leadership/public speaking skills.

One of our primary aims here in OSHC (as per elements of the NQF for School Age Care) is to foster a sense of 'belonging, being, becoming'. As such we have been implementing some fun strategies to promote these ideals. We engage in 'About me' and 'Guess Who I Am' activities (games and worksheets) and provide the opportunity for the children to share more about themselves and their achievements at together time. We have been encouraging older students to take on monitor/peer roles and they have been enjoying the added We have updated our room displays and resources to ensure all new members of the OSHC 'tribe' are welcomed and recognised. We continue to celebrate birthdays, acknowledge Pupil of the Week awards, Sports Awards or any other school based and external achievements.

Term 4 will see us explore topics such Be Kind to Animals Week, Spring, the Melbourne Cup and Christmas (other activities will be available for those families who do not observe Christmas). We will also have a continued emphasis on outside play. Research demonstrates the importance of outside play in all weather conditions. As such we will endeavour to spend some time each afternoon outdoors thus enjoying our 'outdoor spaces' and promoting NQF 3.2.1, allowing children to 'engage in quality experiences in their natural environments'. We will obviously use our discretion in terms of the weather using undercover space and ensuring children wear hats/apply sunscreen and drink plenty of water throughout the warmer months.

As mentioned, we promote a collaborative approach to each child's needs. We want to ensure that each child is supported to participate in the program. We consult teachers regarding your child's learning and development and also welcome your input to program content. We welcome your ideas and suggestions and as such you are invited to discuss your ideas directly with staff or use the suggestion book which is kept at our front desk for ease of access. (NQF standards 1.1.2 and 1.1.3).

NQF 1.1.4 states that documentation about each child's program and progress be available to families. Our weekly program is available to view online linked to Compass and Tiqbiz and prominently displayed inside the OSHC room for your information. And you are always welcome to view examples of your child's work which are kept in their portfolios which you can access at any time. You are also invited to contribute to view and contribute to our Quality Improvement Plan at any time

Donations/Community Projects.

We extend our gratitude to those families who have generously donated equipment, time and expertise to the OSHC program over the past term. Thank-you in particular to the following families for ongoing support - Syme, Sutton, Bendle, Revell, Lanyon, and the Cleaves. And albeit a little self indulgent may I thank my niece and nephew (Liv and Archie) who donated all of their wii games to us.

For those who have given weet-bix/money for Edgar's Mission or bought blankets for our homeless drive – your kindness is greatly appreciated.

OSHC Committee:

For your information the OSHC subcommittee for 2016 comprises the following members;

Sheena Cronin	(Teacher Representative)
Tess Morris	(OSHC Director)
Rebecca Trevillian	(Parent Representative)
Louise Bendle/Natalie Lanyon	(School Council Representative)

Term Dates:

Term 4 runs from Monday 3rd October, 2016 until 20 December, 2016. Last day of Term will see OSHC commence early to coincide with the 1.30pm finish to the school day.

Please note there is a pupil free day on Monday 31st October, followed by a public holiday which falls on Tuesday 1st November, 2016 (Melbourne Cup Day). We did not have enough numbers to justify running a curriculum day program on 31/10/16. Apologies to those of you who were interested in a program on that day.

Please note that there are occasions (eg outside play, Sporting Clinics) when staff/children are outside the OSHC room and staff are therefore unable to answer phone calls to the OSHC landline. Staff can be contacted on the OSHC mobile 0417 136 280 during these times. This also satisfies the requirement that we have access to an operating telephone for immediate communication to and from parents and emergency services, regulation 98. (National Quality Framework)

SPORTING SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

We will work in conjunction with our new PE Teacher, Mrs Chisholm to deliver some form of structured sports program this Term. This has yet to be finalised and we will keep you informed.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To ensure your spot in OSHC this term and throughout the year, we ask that all permanent booking forms are filled out and handed back to the OSHC staff a.s.a.p. Casual bookings are still available and bookings can be made either through the school office or directly with OSHC on **9876 0389**.

Bookings and any cancellations need to be made 24 hours before the required session to ensure we have appropriate catering and staff in place. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AT PRESENT DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING AND THE NEED TO ADHERE TO STAFF RATIOS. Given a large intake of new students we ask that you secure a place by completing a permanent booking form to avoid disappointment.

PAYMENT OF FEES

In order to continue successfully running our program, it is essential that fees are paid. Invoices are issued each week so please check your child/children's bags. Payments can be made by credit card, cash or cheque at OSHC or the school office. Please see attached a copy of the OSHC Payment Policy.

We would greatly appreciate that families with outstanding accounts pay their account. All Fee Payments go entirely into operating the service and helps ensure the continuation of the school's successful O.S.H.C. program.

HOURS AND COSTS

Before School Care (breakfast until 8am)	*7:30am-8:45am	\$11.00
After School Care (afternoon tea provided)	3:30pm-4:30pm	\$11.00
	3:30pm-6:00pm	\$22.00
Early term finish (last day of term)	2:30pm-3:30pm	\$11.00
Curriculum day*	8am-6pm	\$33.00
(*dependent on student numbers)		

*Please note that commencing Term 1, 2017 Before School Care will operate from 7am.

Early in 2017 I intend to consult parents in relation to extending hours of After-School Care, with a view to finishing at 6.30pm. I will also be surveying you all to ascertain the demand for running a Curriculum Day program. Should the demand warrant, a proposal will be put to school council for approval and a new fee structure introduced accordingly.

IF YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR THE CHILDCARE BENEFIT YOU WILL NOT PAY THE FULL RATE. It makes BSC and ASC very affordable. Please remember, it is your responsibility to apply for this benefit and you may do so via the Family Assistance Office/Centrelink.

OSHC staff are:

Tess ***Director***
Simon ***Educator***
Jenny ***Educator***

Dianne ***Educator***
Jess ***Educator***
Rebecca ***Educator***

Tess Morris.
OSHC Director

Shaun McClare.
Principal.