



# News Update

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

Wow how time goes fast. We are at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> week and all of our new preppies and students have settled in well to the outside school hour's environment. We are very busy and some afternoons, are wait listed as we have reached capacity with bookings. We ask families to please only book what they need on a permanent basis to allow other families looking for permanent spots to be able to book these. Casual bookings are more than welcome and we try to cater to the needs of every family.

## Accounts

Please ensure that accounts are not left to go over more than 14 days in arrears. If accounts are left to become overdue and payments are not received there is a risk of bookings being cancelled until full payment is received.

## TV and Xbox Usage

A reminder to families and children that the television and Xbox is not permitted for use before 7.30am during before care and from 4:30pm during after care. These are only turned on at the request of the children. There are many activities offered to children during our before and after care sessions. Every day we have organised and free choice games on the top oval such as football, cricket, volleyball or skipping to name a few. The children also get to play on the playground and use the sandpit. We offer creative activities which can include craft, cooking or science experiments, dramatic and creative play in MOD 9 along with construction, undercover area games such as handball and bin ball plus the very popular free access to the colouring in and craft table in the back room.

## QIP review – QA 1

We had our first full staff meeting for the year and are currently in the process of reviewing and updating our Quality Improvement plan. The National Regulations require services to have a **Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)**. The aim of a QIP is to help providers (services) self-assess their performance in delivering **quality** education and care, and to **plan** future **improvements**. The QIP also helps regulatory authorities with the assessment of the service through the Rating and Assessment process. The National Quality Framework has 7 Quality Areas in which services review and assess their service and practices against standards and elements.

In small groups educators are looking at Quality Area 1. **Quality Area 1** of the **National Quality Standard (NQS)** focuses on **educational program and practice**. Part of the standard is that 'Each child's knowledge, ideas, culture, abilities and interests are the foundation of the program' (Element 1.1.2). In other words, planning a program involves observing, gathering and interpreting information about children. When an educator knows the interest, concerns and aspirations of each child, they can provide relevant learning experiences and support children in their learning and development. When an educator knows the interests, concerns and aspirations of each child, they can provide relevant learning experiences and support children in their learning and development.

We are seeking your input on what you feel we do well and what we could do to improve our educational program and practice. Your input is valuable to us as it allows us to review the practice with honest feedback and receive a 360 view of the service from both providers and consumer's views. We conduct yarnning circles with the children during care sessions which allows us to gain valuable feedback from the children. This enables us to look at our practices and the programs we offer. To help get a full overview of the service we need your feedback. Tell us what you feel we can do better or what our strengths are and we do well. Please take 5 minutes to send an email with the heading QA 1 feedback so we can incorporate your feedback into the review and update of our QIP at our next staff meeting.

Thank you

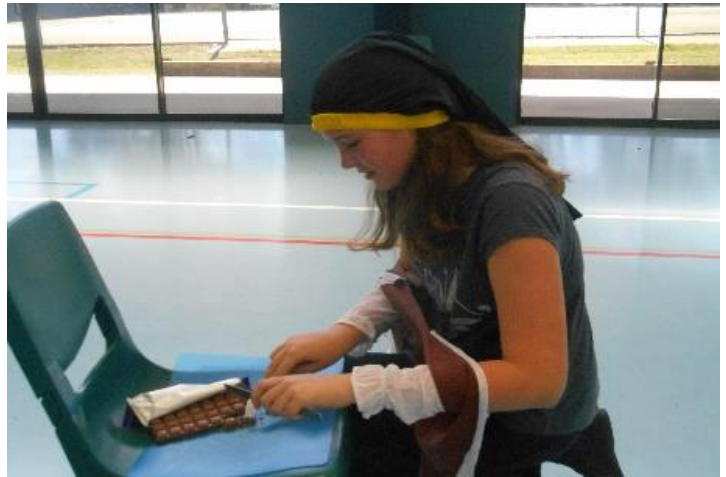
Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated.

### Caught Being Good Awards



These are given out weekly to students who have consistently shown good behaviour and manners when at OSH. Check out the awards board to see who's been good at OSH.

*Harrison S.	*Sienna M.
*Amber S.	*Jed B.
*Rishikesh N.	*Norah M.
*Kaden S.	*Tamara M.
*Koen B.	*Ricky M.
*Ellie E.	*Gemma H.
*Claire A.	*Cooper S.
*William B.	



### Bookings and Cancellations

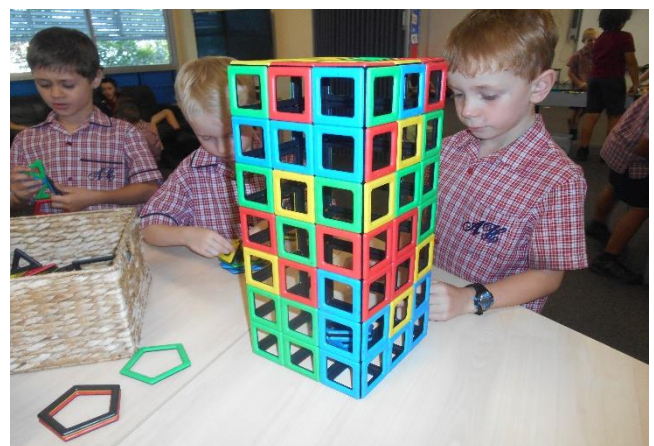
Must be in writing by email or in the bookings and cancellation folder.

***Phone calls cannot be accepted.***



### Dates to Remember

- \*St Patricks Day March 17th
- \*Chaplaincy BBQ Breakfast – Gold Coin Donation  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March
- \*April Fools and Daylight Savings Ends 1<sup>st</sup> April
- \*Vacation Care 3<sup>rd</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> April
- \*Service Closed:
  - Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April
  - Easter Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April
  - Anzac Day 25<sup>th</sup> April
  - Labour Day 1<sup>st</sup> May



## Breakfast Times

### Breakfast is served until 7.45am.

*After this time we will be unable to offer any food to your children as the kitchen needs to be cleaned before transition to class.*

## Homework

A reminder that we offer quiet facilities for children complete homework or enjoy some quiet reading in the school library every afterschool session. If you would like us to remind your child to complete homework when they attend please see one of our staff and we can place your child's name on our homework list.

## Menu Review

*Each year we review our menus. This enables us to look at popular items and not so popular items. We also look at the health guidelines such as 'Smart Choices' which is the Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools. You would know this better as green, amber or red foods. Please see the attached strategy to this email.*

*If you have any suggestions for our breakfast, morning tea (vacation care) or afternoon tea menu's please send your feedback and suggestion to our email [albhills.oshc@bigpond.com](mailto:albhills.oshc@bigpond.com).*

## Educator in the Spotlight

### Bianca Dark



#### Qualifications:

*\*Diploma Children's Services*

*I have worked in the children's services field for 14 years aged from babies to school age.*

*I am originally from Mackay and moved to Brisbane in 2016. I have a 8 months old nephew George who I enjoy spending time with on my weekends.*

#### Hobbies:

*\*Riding my Vespa Scooter*

*\*Fishing*

*\*Cooking*

#### Pets:

*\*Wally – Boxer*



## Vacation Care

**Vacation Care bookings will open on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March.**



### Healthy Anzac Biscuits

<http://www.kidspot.com.au>

The humble Anzac biscuit is a delightful tasting treat and it's extremely easy to make. Anzac biscuits were originally created to be a yummy and satisfying snack that would last longer than the average biscuit, and they still have this quality today! Make a batch or two of these easy biscuits to share with family and friends on Anzac Day.

#### **Ingredients:**

125g butter	1 cup desiccated coconut
2tbs maple syrup	¾ cup coconut sugar
1 ¼ cup self-raising flour	½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 cup rolled oats	2tbs boiling water

#### **Method:**

1. Preheat oven to 175C. Grease or line oven trays
2. Melt butter with maple syrup in a small saucepan over low heat until smooth
3. Mix flour, oats, coconut and sugar in a medium bowl
4. Combine bicarbonate of soda and boiling water and add to saucepan and stir
5. Pour wet mixture into dry mixture and stir well
6. Roll tablespoons of the mixture into balls and place onto baking tray and flatten. Space well apart
7. Bake for approximately 15 minutes or until golden. Cool biscuits on the trays and enjoy ☺