



News Update

16th November 2015

We are closing in fast on the end of the school year and like most years it can be very hectic for families. Before we know it school will be finished and Christmas will be upon us. There are some important dates to remember between now and the end of the year.

2016 Enrolments:

Recently we sent an email regarding re-enrolments for 2016. Attached to the email was a letter introducing our new website <http://www.albanyhillsoshc.com.au> and outlined the re-enrolment process for 2016. We require all families to complete a re-enrolment form for 2016. Each year we are legally required to update all child files. By having everyone's details up to date we are able to ensure that all children have emergency details on file that are accurate. Please note that if your child suffers asthma, allergies or anaphylaxis you will need to have an up to date action plan at the service before they can attend in 2016. These must have been completed in the last 6 months. For families with siblings that will be commencing at the school in 2016 there is a full enrolment pack available on the website or from the service for completion. Don't forget to supply your child's immunisation schedule upon enrolment and re-enrolment if not previously supplied.

Service Closure:

The service will close this year from 6pm Thursday 24th December 2015 and will re-open Monday 4th January 2016 at 6.30am.

Vacation Care Program:

Bookings for the vacation care program will be taken from 30th November 2015. We will be sending out the vacation care program and booking forms via email. There will also be copies available to print on our website and hard copies at the service for collection. New prep children in 2016 are more than welcome to come to vacation care from the 4th January 2016 however they will be unable to attend excursions. Unfortunately the service does not offer alternative care for children on excursion days. Reminder that Monday the 25th January is now a student free day and the service will be running a vacation care program on this day.

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal:

We are very excited to again be participating in the annual Salvation Army Christmas appeal. We will be accepting donations of items for the appeal at the service from 23rd November to 4th December. Items are not only for children but also adults that may not be fortunate to have family members close by. We are also taking items of non-perishable foods or gift vouchers for supermarkets. Foods with a use-by-date before April 2016 cannot be accepted for health and safety reasons.

I have attached separately to the newsletter suggestion ideas from the Salvation Army. Let's not only give to our immediate family but also to those in our wider community and spread some Christmas cheer and good faith.

Children's Christmas Party:

Due to the huge success of our Children's Christmas party last year we have decided to hold it again at Lollipops Play Centre Strathpine on Friday 11th December from 6pm to 8pm. This is a great opportunity for families to meet other families in the school community and sit and reflect upon the year. Families that have used the service during 2015 are welcome to attend. We will have exclusive use of the centre and will have a visit from Santa on the evening who will hand out gifts (books) to the children from the service. If there are siblings attending on the night that do not attend the OSHC you are more than welcome to provide us with a gift (book) to hand out on the night. Please wrap and label the gift with the child's name, siblings name and grade their sibling attends clearly on the front.

The play centre will have their café open for parents that wish to purchase food or drinks on the night. Don't forget to **bring socks**. **'No socks, No play'**. Please RSVP's for the evening by the 4th December 2015.

Kym, Kylie and the Educators
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