



News Update

26th September 2016

Welcome to Term 4. We are now in the busiest term for the year. Before you know it Christmas decorations will be up and we will be counting down the days until Santa comes. Just in case you didn't know there is exactly 90 sleeps until the big fellow in a red suit visits.

We've had a great first week of vacation care. Our camp experience at Camp Warrawee was loads of fun. We all enjoyed roasting marshmallows over the open camp fire. Some of us discovered how hard it is to balance on a wire or cross a path on swinging tyres. Many of us explored the bush and gathered items to build a shelter. We learnt that placing the leaves and grass on the roof of our shelter in a downwards position allows the rain to run off the roof rather than placing them across and allowing the rain to leak through. Overall our first excursion was a great success. We had loads of laughs watching the children wrestle in their Sumo Suits. I think the children enjoyed the challenge of trying to get back up off the floor more than the wrestling.



Puppy Club Sponsorship:

In the second week of the holidays we will have the Queensland Guide dogs visit with one of their ambassador dogs 'Charlie'. They will talk to the children about the important role they play in the training of the dogs and the role the dogs play in vision impaired lives across Queensland. We have been lucky enough to sponsor of a litter of puppies. This sponsorship will help to train and prepare the puppies ready for guide dog training. We will follow the litter's journey through a display which will have regular updates and pics of the puppies.

Blanket Drive:

We are in the process of collecting blankets and towels for the Guide Dogs Queensland. If you have any old blankets or towels and are able to drop them off to the service by Thursday 9am we would love to accept them.

Chappy Breakfast:

We recently held a breakfast to raise money for the school Chaplaincy program. Big thank you to Darrell and Joshua who cooked up a storm on the BBQ with bacon and eggs. It was lovely to see the children enjoying eating breakfast in the morning sunshine with their parent/s. We raised just over \$250 which is a great effort. We had such a success we plan to hold one each term.

A big shout out to the **Blue Frog Mobile Café** for their support on the day. Best hot chocolate I've ever tasted.



Survey Monkey:

We value your feedback and suggestions. During the year we send out surveys to gather your valuable input to help us improve the service that we offer. Please take the time and complete the survey through the link below. This is a quick and easy survey which can be done online. It shouldn't take any longer than 5 minutes of your valuable time to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NSHLMT>

Lost Property:

Over vacation care our lost property container tends to fill up fast and overflow within a couple of days. If your child attends vacation care please check this bucket daily to ensure all belongings go home. As children don't wear their uniforms their clothes don't get labelled and we find it very difficult to find owners.

Breakfast Routine:

A reminder that breakfast is only served at the service between 6.30am and 7.45am. If your child **arrives after 7.45am we will be unable to provide breakfast** to them. If you anticipate arriving after this time we ask that children have breakfast at home before they come to care.

2017 Enrolments and Re-enrolments:

Enrolments for new children and re-enrolments for existing children will commence 7th November. All 2017 forms will be available from our website at:

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

All forms need to be returned to the service with all requested documentation attached. To secure enrolments for 2017 all forms must be returned no later than 25th November 2016.

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal:

As we have for the last 2 years we will be collecting items for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Each year we collect non-perishable food items and toys/gifts as donations for families and individuals to make their Christmas just that little bit more special. There are many families in our community that can't afford the luxuries many of us have at Christmas or even buy or receive gifts as they may be alone and not have family to spend Christmas with. These food items and gifts help to put a little Christmas spirit in some homes during the festive season. Please help us with this great cause. We will begin collect late in November. Stay tuned for further information to come.

Albany Hills OSHC Team

