Message from the Director

As the year comes to a close it’s good to look back on what has been a very busy year for OSHC. A major focus has been changing the physical environment of the centre and involving the children in this process. Our aim was to make the centre feel warm and inviting, but also ever changing, and with the children’s help we’ve come a long way in a year.

We’ve also made inroads in implementing a program that takes children’s interests and builds on these ideas to promote learning outcomes, albeit in a leisure based environment. For example all of the ideas for re-designing the room came from the children, we just helped deliver it.

There’s a number of new projects on the horizon. By January’s end we hope to have completed a full re-development of the prep room, with painting set to start in the coming weeks. This year we will also be implementing a transition program for year 2’s heading into prep next year. Over the last two weeks of term these students will visit the prep room and get a feel for the difference in routine so they feel comfortable with the change in the following year.
We are also proud to announce that in-line with the national framework, by January 2014 all staff at OSHC will hold or be working towards a certificate III in education or a higher teaching qualification. We aim to provide the best quality care for your children, and this standard for educators will ensure this continues.

Whilst the children’s ideas are vital, we also welcome yours as parents. If you have any ideas for activities or things you’d like to see at OSHC let us know and we’ll do our best to accommodate. We know it’s hard when we only see you for a couple of minutes a day, but strengthening the relationships with parents is something we continually strive to improve. So even if it’s a quick comment or suggestion, please don’t hesitate to talk to a staff member.

It’s been an exciting year at OSHC and the team and I are looking forward to another heading into 2014.

Adam Krawczyk
Director of Pulteney Grammar OSHC
Menu

As you know at OSHC we have an ever-changing menu & this year we set a new focus on ‘healthy eating’. We are always looking for new ideas so parents if you have some easy to cook recipes you know your children love we want to know your ideas! We also run cooking activities with the children over the holidays and if you would like to come in and help one day let us know! We love the help!

Sign up For Our Learning Stories

As a qualified childcare service, we are required to present evidence of our ‘my time, our place’ based programming. We do this through the use of learning story cartoons which you can see in the display cabinet out the front of our room. If you would like to sign up for these to be emailed to you simply let Adam or another staff member know and we’ll sign you up to the mailing list!

Hats!

As the summer months are about to hit us, we’d like to remind you that your child needs to bring a play hat to OSHC if they are to be out in the sun. We check the UV everyday, and go by the Bureau of Meteorology’s recommendation. If your child does not have a hat, they will have to play in shaded areas only with sunscreen. So pack an extra or come check our lost property if you think you lost one!

Movember

Once again some of the men in the OSHC room are participating in Movember this November. The link for donating online is below just search the team name. Any donation would be much appreciated! http://au.movember.com/donate

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