



Summertime Fun



Welcome

We're only 2 weeks into summer and we're having record breaking temperatures. Please make sure your children are well protected with sunscreen and hats, hats, hats—everyday!

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COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

We've had a very busy year with quite a few changes.

We have received the results of our NQF Assessment by ACECQA, a division of the Dept. of Education & Care, and are pleased to report that we have been assessed as **"MEETING" the national standard in 7 Quality areas, 18 Standards and 58 Elements.** The assessor was extremely complimentary about our staff and our relationships with our children and families.



It's been a whole term of having spaces available for casual placements everyday, and we must say that it was very satisfying to be able to help our families with additional requests without hesitation but from Term 1 2017 we are *full to the brim* and the wait-list is once again in operation. We will welcome 27 new Kindies, and 2 new children to Year 1 and Year 4.

In our last Newsletter we introduced a new staff member – Zoe Taggart Kirbyshire, sadly we are now saying Good-bye to Zoe as she heads off to Canberra to university next year, we wish her well.

I'm looking forward to meeting our new families and seeing everyone at the start of a New Year. Please have safe and happy holidays.

Sonja

LEARNING OUTCOME 4
Children are confident and involved learners



LOST PROPERTY

Due to concerns about head lice we will no longer provide hats and will not keep a lost property basket.

All items left at OOSC are added daily to the school 'Lost Property' near the uniform room.

Please check the basket if you have missing items.

NO HAT, NO PLAY



Happy Holidays!



A WORD FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL LEADER

When we reach the end of a year we look forward with mixed emotions, on one hand our kindys have grown into confident happy school-children ready for the independence of Year 1, but on the other hand we have to say our goodbyes to our Year 6 students.

Their primary school adventure is over and they are stepping into the very big world of high school. We can say confidently that their time at WPPS has prepared them well, they are assured, involved and intrepid young people with the skills needed to adjust to the changes and step forward with confidence.



Our Kindergarten children are also moving forward with new skills

I would like to include a recent Observation from our files which underlines the progress made by our Kindergarten children in their first year at school.

10.November 16—Kardina Perera

This morning the kindy children sat down on the mat for morning roll call as usual. I observed as they settled into small groups. With 5 weeks to go before the end of the year it is great to see that they can engage in small groups and independent play.

A child said 'it's fun to play your own games,' Another boy said 'I'm going to sit on the couch and read a book', he went over and chose a book from the shelf, he was joined by another boy and after a while the two boys went on to the play Battleship. Another child chose a book and took the place on the couch. A mixed group of 6 boys and girls played Connect Four, with one organising everyone and explaining the game. The children took turns and helped each other understand the game. I encouraged one of the girls to join in the games but she was happy to watch and chat with me, even when asked by another child she wanted to remain. Another 3 children played the Dinosaur game well making sure everyone got a turn at rolling the dice.

As the school bell rang the children lined up in a pattern of girl boy girl boy and left the Centre. It made me proud and confident to know that our youngest group of children are ready for Year One!

Thank You for a great year ☺

Kardina



CHRISTMAS PARTY BBQ DADS

Big Thanks to Tim, Gary, Dave, Jock and Nalin



GENERAL NOTICES & INFORMATION

WE WELCOME

Tien Tifa and Louise Hanna
to our Parent Committee,

AND THANK

Catherine Perez-Mansill (President),
Anna Butcher (Vice-President),
Carolyn Mead (Secretary),
Phillipa McInnes, Jannelle Cowan,
Sophie Davidson, Steph Parker,
Sophie Lev, Ruth Cooper,
Sam O'Donnell and Emma Burney

FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM



Christmas is the ideal time to collect small boxes, Christmas cards, gift bows and rolls of leftover wrapping paper for our craft projects

Please ensure that the boxes have not contained any nut products.

We would also like small recycled items for craft such as lids from soft drink and milk bottles, ribbons, cardboard tubes (no toilet paper) egg boxes and recycled paper is always needed.

If your office has any non-confidential paper for recycling or you have changed logos and have surplus stationary please bring it in.



Allergies & Asthma

Please ensure that your Action Plan will be within date when we return in 2017 and please inform us of any changes in your child's medical needs.

All medication (even Ventolin carried in school bags) requires a Medication Authorisation

Don't forget to pick-up any inhalers or Epipens you may need over the long holiday

STAY AWARE



UPDATES ON DROP-OFF, COLLECTION & NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

Mornings

We are progressing well with the new system of parents signing in on arrival, but please note that you may not sign your child in if they will not remain at the Centre. If you arrive just before the school bell your child will have to be marked absent for that session.

Afternoon

Staff signing the children in to OOSC in the afternoon has been very efficient and we can move onto afternoon tea very quickly. Once again, please do not come and sign your child out if they are not attending, they must be marked as absent.

A reminder—if a brother or sister under 18 yrs. is collecting your child we require a formal letter to hold in our files. Collection by anyone unknown to staff requires photo I.D.

Absence

From the beginning of Term 4 we instituted a charge of \$10 if we have to call to check if a child has been taken home or was absent from school, but are still having ongoing unexplained absences. It is vitally important to notify our office in writing if your child will be absent, an email is preferred or a note in the communication diary.

We will accept a phone call or a phone message if absolutely necessary.

ACCOUNTS

Please remember that all accounts are due in advance for each term. Invoices are sent out in WEEK 2 and payment expected in full by WEEK 4 at the latest. Make sure we have your CRN numbers so that you receive CentreLink rebates.

We send accounts, and messages, out from our HUBWORKS processing system so please check they don't end up in your junk mail folder

ANNUAL FAMILY REGISTRATIONS for 2017 will be billed in TERM 1

Please see our Coordinator, Sonja de Jong if you have any concerns or need to create a payment plan.

OFFICE TIME & ENQUIRIES

We are generally happy to see you when you bring in and are collecting your child but at times we may be busy with other duties, so for a quick chat we can usually help you but for any issues that require a longer discussion please call and make an appointment.

For consultation and notification of new medical conditions please ring for an appointment.

Please avoid coming in the 10 minutes before school when we are busy with kindy group time as it is very distracting for the children and just after the end of school bell we are focused on afternoon tea and getting the children signed in.