

Program Update



What's been happening at OSHClub?

Here we are, getting ready to approach Easter. Boy, who would have thought that we are already talking about Easter, wasn't it just Christmas last week? Before we move onto the excitement that surrounds us for Easter, I always like to update the new parents of the school, our wonderful Kindergarten mums, dads and guardians as to what OSHClub has been like for kindies in the past fortnight. Not so much the new students of the school anymore, they have transitioned so well and are such an integral part of the community now. These past two weeks I have seen boys flourish out of their comfort zones. The boys have been buzzing, every afternoon greeting me with " *my day was amazingly awesome* ". The pictures below show how our Kindergarten boys are being well fed and indulging in a balanced diet here at Oshclub, helping to fuel a growing body.



Apart from the smooth transitions from our Kindergarten the rest of the boys at OSHClub have been doing fantastic. As always, the outside sport activities have dominated the culture up at Oshclub. What has been so wonderful to see is all students participating in our structured group games. Taking suggestions from the boys each day, and actually having the boys lead the activities they choose has been such a success. Dodge ball, snatch and rainbow skittles are the most popular sports at the moment along with cricket and especially the beginning of rugby as we approach winter. We are so lucky to have the indoor facility that allows our sports to be such a big part of the program at OSHClub, rain, hail or shine.



However, our inside activities for our more creative minds is equally as exciting. The focus for the past two weeks has been on origami and painting. The boys have come up with some great ideas including painting of your hand to make a hand print to stick up on the walls at OSH. Slime is constantly a popular activity at Oshclub that we can never get enough of. Our cooking activities are also extremely exciting with our new kitchen facilities allowing our little master chefs to flourish in the kitchen with activities including pizza making and create your own coloured pancakes. YUM!! In the next two weeks leading up to Easter we will be focussing on creating Easter cupcakes and craft activities that centre around celebrating the arrival of the Easter bunny.

Furthermore, this is a note for parents regarding food at Oshclub. Our menu each afternoon focusses on a balanced diet to assist the growing and hungry bodies of your boy's afterschool. Each afternoon there is a fresh fruit and vegetable on offer to accompany the main dish. Pastas, frozen yoghurt, sandwiches, vegetable rice, homemade pizzas are just some of the food on offer each day. Our main goal is to ensure that your boys are well fed at the program as we know the end of the day is such a pivotal "I'm hungry" moment for your boys. Who knows, maybe you will hear less of the "What's for dinner tonight" phrase if they become full on our wonderful meals provided at aftercare. As always we welcome any suggestions from parents and especially if they have a recipe or food ideas which they cook at home and believe will be a success with the rest of the boys.



Raffle, what raffle?

Parents, you may have heard your children speak about the famous Oshclub raffle and hear your child nag you to send to Oshclub on the days the raffle is drawn. To clarify, we have introduced a raffle system to promote good behaviour. The first point of behaviour management we intend to instil in the boys is the importance of not needing extrinsic reward for good behaviour, and knowing what the right thing to do and when to do it. However, the introduction of the raffle system has offered boys an added incentive. Each staff write names of students who they have seen displaying positive behaviour, ranging from attitude to helping others, the list of positive behaviours to ensure a raffle ticket is endless. At the end of each week on a Friday two names are drawn to choose from our magnificent prize box that screams boys. This has been a fabulous system that the boys have responded so well to. Well done boys, we love rewarding the amazing behaviour that is displayed at aftercare.



This is a side note for parents. With the start of the new year comes the start of the struggle to ensure that all of the Homework gets done on such a busy schedule. Is your child tired when he gets home, forgot his homework at school, refuses to do it or gives you the millions of excuses we know too well? We try as best as we can to alleviate this stress at OSH by offering homework club. We feel this is such a success due to the balance that happens. Boys are surrounded by other boys who are indulged in their homework and therefore there is an atmosphere of learning and motivation. From the moment boys arrive we have 30 minutes of homework time followed by food and group activities. This gives boys enough balance and incentive to finish homework and enjoy the rest of the afternoon. We ask all parents who wish for their son to do their homework at OSHClub to inform staff who will then ensure this gets done. Any other requests regarding homework at aftercare, please feel free to discuss with any of our staff (they are in some amazing new OSHClub red shirts).

Holiday Program

This is just a heads up for parents that our amazing April holiday program is now available to book and view. There are hard copies of our holiday program available at the program or on our website. We have some amazing excursions including inflatable world and Elizabeth arm with a

cooking theme day and let's get messy themes also dominate in the program. Get in early to book to avoid disappointment. We look forward to an amazing holiday program.

Booking Reminders

Thank you to all of our families who are remembering to book in regularly. This helps us maintain safe staff to child ratios and ensure we have plenty of food prepared for our hungry boys. We do understand that last minute events arise and for this reason we do accept drop ins; However, if you know that you'll be needing one off care, please endeavour to book online the day prior to your child attending the service. You have until midnight to book your child in for the following day. Should you need to make a late booking (attend on the day of), please SMS/ phone Rebecca Leontios, the coordinator on 0428 131 700. Alternatively, you can email our accounts team directly who will pass a message onto the team at Oshclub. Additionally, please also let staff know if your children will not be attending on a day that they are booked as this will assist staff to account for all children at the beginning of the shift.

Late Collection of Children

At OSHClub Newington our afternoon sessions conclude at 6:00pm; children collected after this closing time will be charged \$2 per child per minute that you are late. If you are held up, please contact the program on 0428 131 700 as a courtesy to inform staff of a late pickup.

Contact Details

Parent Information

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All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.