

HC OSHC NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO 2024

We would like to welcome both new and old families to an exciting 2024 at Hallett Cove OSHC.

The summer holidays has seen us welcome lots of new families, with lots of new reception children making friends and getting familiar with the school environment before commencing their first schooling year, as well as new families moving to our school and also families from other schools who's OSHC isn't running these holidays.

It has been beautiful to see how welcoming our OSHCIE's have been to the new children and watching the new friendships develop.

ACCREDITATION VISIT

We are excited to announce that our service will be undergoing an accreditation visit soon.

This visit is an opportunity for us to demonstrate our commitment to providing high-quality care and education to your children. During the visit, the assessors will be observing our practices, documentation, and questioning educators.

There is seven different areas that they will rate us on;

1. Educational Program & Practice
2. Children's Health & Safety
3. Physical Environment
4. Staffing Arrangements
5. Relationships with Children
6. Collaborative Relationships with Families & Community
7. Leadership and Service Management

We will keep you informed of the date of the visit and any other relevant information. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to Christie or Renee.

XAP SMILE



We invite you to download the 'XAP Smile' app on your mobile

device, as this is the software we use for all our bookings, payments, parent, guardian and nominee details. From the Xap Smile app you can manage everything online from booking casual bookings, cancelling bookings and viewing your invoice.

You can also add more nominees, and make sure all medication and consents are signed. We encourage all families to check that all information on the app is up-to-date and all consents you agree to are signed.

TERM BOOKINGS

2024 bookings or term time books are currently open and DO NOT carry over from last year.

If you are wanting regular bookings for the whole year please message or email as with what your require for your child/ren.

If you are wanting casual bookings you can message, email or do your own booking through the app.

CANCELLATION PERIODS

BSC and ASC - 24hr hours

Vacation Care - 7 days notice

During Vacation care please you let us know as early as possible if your child isn't attending as we have a number of days with a waitlist.

During term time it is vital in the afternoon, to ensure we aren't running around the school searching for your child.

YEARLY SURVEY

At the end of last year a yearly survey was posted onto SeeSaw, however I've been informed that the link didn't work successfully, so please find the new link below or scan the QR code to the right
https://qfreeaccountssjcl.a2l.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_10gBGTWJzcUIE8K

We would love as many people to do the survey and even get their child's input, as information like this helps us reflect and evaluate our practices. You and your children are our most important stakeholders and we really value your opinion.



PROGRAM UPDATE

TERM PROGRAM

With Renee taking over as Educational Leader, she is bringing a wealth of knowledge to this position and some exciting changes as well. The program format will be slightly different and look to include different areas of inquiry, a combined before and after school program as well as different themes.

The theme for Term 1 will be "getting to know our OSHC friends" with a focus on values. We will also be looking at sending out more frequent updates as group posts on SeeSaw. If you are not on our SeeSaw list - please let us know. Messages regarding consents for group posts will be sent out to families in the coming weeks.

As well as SeeSaw, we have introduced a floor book that allows educators to quickly write some notes as well as a section for families to provide any feedback. This is available on the table next to the sign in/out area for parents to look through.

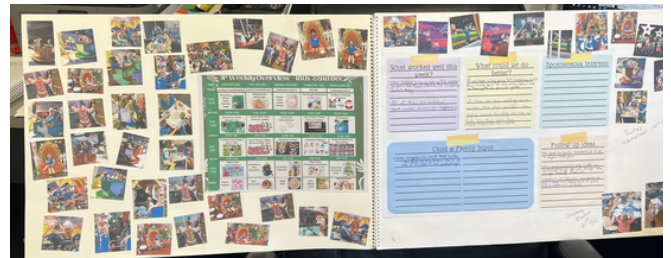
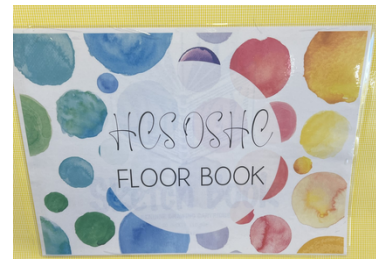
RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

We are excited to announce that our service will be participating in a national research project asking children who attend OSHC how they spend their time at OSHC.

Research in OSHC is very scarce so it is very exciting to be given this opportunity for our children to provide insights into how they spend their time at OSHC and have their voices heard on such a grand scale.

Information regarding consents for families will be sent out prior to commencement of the research with the researchers coming down from Brisbane early February.

FLOOR BOOK



STAFFING UPDATE

As the new year begins we will have a number of staffing changes. As you may know we have said goodbye to Nandi before Christmas. We will also be saying see you later to Molly and Julia who are off on an amazing adventure to Canada/America. Jasmine will be taking some time off as she is assisting at some camps for Woodcroft College.

SUN SAFETY REMINDERS

Even though the weather hasn't exactly been our typical summer, we would like to remind families that when attending OSHC, children need to wear appropriate clothing including tops with sleeves (no tank tops) and enclosed shoes. Children must also have a red OSHC hat. If your child does not have a red OSHC hat, please speak to an educator who will be able to sort this out for you. Hats are \$10 and charged to your account.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE TRANSITIONS

Children in reception to year 2 are taken to class by an educator at 8:35am.

Children in year 5 and above WITH PARENTAL CONSENT can leave at 8:20am and head to class.

Children in year 3 and above will be dismissed at 8:30am. If requested, new children, may be taken to school by an educator

AFTER SCHOOL CARE TRANSITIONS

Children in reception to year 2 meet an educator in the ELC building prior to coming up to OSHC

Children in year 3 and above make their own way to OSHC.

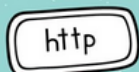
At families request, some older children may be collected by an educator to assist in this transition.

SUMMER HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS SO FAR....



HELPFUL TIPS - INTERNET SAFETY

HOW TO KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE ON THE INTERNET



Be aware of what your kids are looking at online. Even child friendly sites can be hacked.



Follow your child on any social media platform so you can see what they are exposed to.



Get to know the social media platforms and what they are mainly used for.



Teach your children not to share any personal information or photos online at any time.



Know what sites your kids are on and sit with them when they are online to get a feel for the content.



Make them aware of cyber bullying and let them know to always come to you if someone is not nice to them on social media.



Regulate the amount of time kids are online outside of school requirements.



Have all online activity take place in a common area of the home where others are present.



Remember it is still important to be aware of your child's online activity when they become a teenager.



Apply parental controls where possible, but don't trust that they will catch all inappropriate content.



Check your child's browser history to see what sites they visit.



Ensure they never reply to a message or email from a stranger or upload any photos of people/your home.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

BRICKS in motion

Is your child interested in LEGO and building their problem solving skills? Book them into our after-school program Bricks in Motion. Over the course of 8 weeks we will explore a hands-on approach to STEAM concepts by building with LEGO and discovering physical science in action using our LEGO BricQ Motion kits.

For children aged 8+

Tuesday afternoons during school term
3:45 pm to 4:30 pm @ Cove Civic Centre

CREATIVE KIDS CLUB

Calling all aspiring artists! Join us for our after-school program Creative Kids Club, where you'll have the opportunity to learn new skills, try out different art mediums and most importantly have fun while being creative! This 8-week term class will cover different topics each week including drawing, painting, design and collaging. All materials provided.

Cost: \$20 per term (8 classes)

For children aged 8+

Wednesday afternoons during school term 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm @ Marion Cultural Centre Library



Tanjule RG Club is a competitive and/or recreational Rhythmic Gymnastics club for gymnasts from 3 years of age. At Hallett Cove R-12 Gymnastic, more info go to;
<https://tanjulerg.com/welcome/>



Expert soccer coaching for children from the age of 6 and above, if your child wants specialist coaching in a small group environment. Options include;
Player Development Program - \$22.50
Skill Sessions - \$38.50
All Girls Skill Sessions - \$38.50
At: Sports Park Drive, Morphett Vale SA,
Ph: 0434615627
accounts@soccerbydesign.com.au



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TAEKWONDO
Oriental Sports Academy

Hallett Cove R - 12 School Gym,
2-32 Gledsdale Road, Hallett Cove SA
Kids Taekwondo: Tues 6.00 pm