July, 2014 Newsletter

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Term 3
Monday 14th July, 2014
-  
Friday 19th September, 2014

Term 4 starts

Monday 7th October, 2014

Hall Pockets

Please remember to check your hall pockets each morning and afternoon on your child’s preschool day. Your hall pockets will contain lots of important information regarding fees, incursions and any other notes that you may need.

Pre-School Staff

Narelle Bolton  Monday – Friday
Lucy Muscat  Tuesday – Friday
Carmel DeBono  Monday – Wednesday
Louis Woelfl  Wednesday – Friday
Julie-Ann Mifsud  Monday (admin and fees)
Leanne Mifsud  Monday, Thursday and Friday

Pre-School Hours

8.30am  -  
4.00pm

Facebook

Please like our OLQP Preschool Facebook page. We will post up to date information on news and events. Please note that no photo’s of children’s faces will be posted on our page.

Fees

Term 3 fees have been sent out over the last few weeks. These fees must be completed by Friday 8th August, 2014. Thank you to those families who have already paid their complete term 3 fees. Any Term 3 fees that have not been completed Friday 8th August, 2014 will incur a $15 late fee enforced by the Catholic Education Office (CEO) each week.

A Family Assistance Office statement has been sent to all families for Terms 1 & 2. This can be used to lodge your claim at Centrelink if you are eligible. For any questions please contact either Julie-Ann or Narelle on a Monday between 9.00-3.00pm or send us an email.
Parking/Drop Off

The driveway for the Pre-school is only to be used as a 5 minute drop off. Please be aware that if there is a car in front of you, this may take a little longer, so please be patient. If you need to speak to the teachers, please park on the road. The grass area is only for staff parking.

If you have another family member picking up your child, please make sure that they are also aware of the parking/drop off rules mentioned above.

Health Food Policy

At Pre-school we follow a health food policy. Please send fruit with your child for morning tea and for an extra snack (if they are still hungry). A sandwich is recommended for lunch as we do not reheat food for the children. All food is kept in the fridge. Following is a list that the staff has put together to follow our health food policy of foods that the children are NOT to bring to Preschool:

Yogo (any flavour), Flavoured Milk, Tiny Teddies (any type), Shapes (any flavour), LCM’s, Fruit Bars, Fruit Roll ups, Fruit Lollies, Museli Bars – Choc chip, Cheezels, Chips, Soft Drink, Cordial, Chocolate, Nutella and Jelly.

They have also made the following suggestions as healthier food options:

Fresh Fruit or vegetables, Cheese, fruit or plain yoghurt, milk, biscuits/crackers such as Sao, Arrowroot or watercrackers, Popcorn, dried fruit, Pretzels, regular museli bars, Rice cakes.

If you have any suggestions for other parents that would be helpful and in line with our health food policy, please feel free to let us know.

Enrolments for 2015

Enrolment forms for returning children and siblings must be completed and handed back by Friday 27th June to ensure a spot for 2015. Enrolments will be opened to everyone from Monday 14th July 2014. We will be having interviews during August. We ask for parents volunteers during this time. If you would like to spend the morning with us during August, there will be a roster sheet next to the sign in sheet when we return in term 3.

Uniform and Spare Clothes

As the weather changes regularly, please remember to send your children in appropriate clothing and footwear (and make sure that they have a change of clothes suitable for the various weather changes). Make sure they always have hat, as ‘NO HAT NO PLAY’. There is Pre-school clothing available if you have not already purchased some. Please remember to send spare clothes in your child’s bag in case of any accidents, water play or becoming dirty while playing.
Section 5: Health & Safety Policies & Procedures (Managing a High Fever)

We are no longer able to have Panadol or Ibuprofen for children on our premises. The change will mainly be regarding the collection of children if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. As staff we will try to reduce the child's temperature by using room temperature washers on their necks and offering water to drink and keeping a close eye on them and rechecking temperature every 10 minutes. We are to call parents or a nominated authorised person to come and collect the child within 30 minutes of notice, if parents or nominated authorised person are unable to come within that 30 minute window or if the temperature rises to 39.5°C, an ambulance will be called to attend to the child. The change to the policy is as follows:

If the temperature rises above 38°C and the parent/carer is not able to collect the child within 30 minutes and/or the temperature rises to 39.5°C an ambulance will be called for immediate treatment.

In the event that families are not covered by Health insurance for the cost of an ambulance service, the ambulance expenses will be covered under the CEO Diocese of Parramatta Group Cover Insurance through Ambulance NSW.

Section 5.21 Handwashing Procedure Policy

The second change is regarding our hand towels in the bathroom, it has been decided that we need to change to use paper towels for the children rather than their own washer. The washer you have is yours to keep but we will be installing a paper towel dispenser in the bathroom for the children to use from term 3 onwards. In this change we are asking for your help in guiding the children on how to use it. There will be a rubbish bin in the bathroom for the children to place their used paper towel, and we also ask that they use only 1 towel to dry their hands. As we are encouraging children to wash their hands as they enter the preschool we ask that you help us in this activity.

Parent Committee Meeting

Our next Parent Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th August, 2014 at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. The minutes from our last meeting are available on our website.

SAVE THE DATE

OLQP PRESCHOOL ART EXPO
SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 2014
FROM 8.00AM – 12.30PM
**Special Events**

**What's happening this month July, 2014**

**Monday 14th July, 2014**
- First Day of Term 3

**Monday 14th July, 2014**
- Enrolments open to public

**Circle of Friends**
- Friday 18th July, 2014
  - Time: 11.00am
  - (See note in the Parent Notes tab on the website)

**Funky Bugs**
- Wednesday 30th July, 2014
  - Time: 10.30am
  - (See note in the Parent Notes tab on the website)

**Special Events**

**What's happening next month August, 2014**

**Parent Volunteers**
- August (whole month)
  - Time: 8.30am – 10.30am
  - (register sheet near sign in)

**Young Scientists Education (formerly CSIRO)**
- Thursday 7th August, 2014
  - Time: 1.00pm

**Jungle Jammin’**
- Tuesday 12th August, 2014
  - Time: 11.00am

**Parent Committee Meeting**
- Tuesday 12th August, 2014
  - Time: 7.30pm

**Teddy Bears Picnic**
- Monday 25th August, 2014
  - Time: 12.30pm