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MITCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

DEC 18	PUPIL FREE DAY
DEC 18	LAST DAY TERM 4
JAN 28	FIRST DAY TERM 1
APRIL 1	LAST DAY TERM 1
APRIL 19	FIRST DAY TERM 2
JUNE 25	LAST DAY TERM 2
JULY 12	FIRST DAY TERM 3
SEPT 17	LAST DAY TERM 3
OCT 4	FIRST DAY TERM 4
DEC 17	LAST DAY TERM 4



VALUE OF THE
MONTH

RESILIENCE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

END OF THE 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

As the end of the 2020 school year draws to a close, I am affirmed by how much we have achieved in face of such unprecedented challenges. I am so proud of the strength of character that has been shown by our students and staff. The support that has been demonstrated by our community and the sense that we truly have all been in this together. THANK YOU. Resilience and fortitude have been the hallmarks of 2020 and will serve us well as we move into post COVID normal in 2021.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

On Tuesday we celebrated our Year 6 Graduation and while it was different to other years, it was certainly a wonderful event! Our graduates have been exemplary students at Mitcham Primary School and whilst we are sorry to see them leave us, we are confident they are more than ready to begin the next stage of their education at secondary school. The many parents and family members who watched the events that evening from home were impressed by the speeches they made and their confidence in speaking in front of their peers. Congratulations and thank you to the Year 5/6 teachers for all their preparation for the Year 6 Graduation planned and organised a very memorable event. Thank you all! We wish the Class of 2020 a smooth start to secondary school.



FAREWELLS

Today we say our farewell and thank you to Montessori classroom teacher Jeremy Davis and wish him all the very best for the next year and beyond. We also farewell Mrs Lauren Lamont, along with her husband Wil, Lauren will be excitedly awaiting the arrival of their first child in early February.

On behalf of the Mitcham Primary School staff and School Council I would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a very relaxing, safe and fun filled summer break. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the families who will leave Mitcham PS this year and thank you all very much for being a wonderful part of the Mitcham family – it really is our community that makes Mitcham such a special place.



I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, with Year 1-6 students returning on Thursday January 28th and Prep students commencing on Friday, January 29th. If you're travelling and starting after this date, please email the school with your return date.

Happy Holidays!

Erin Norman

Principal

SNAPSHOTS OF 1/2 HAPPY DAY





LEARN THE MONTESSORI WAY IN 2021



LIMITED VACANCIES:

- Early Starter (2 year old kinder)
- Pre-School (3 & 4 year old kinder)
- Cycle (3 year kinder/prep program)

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PREP 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



Dear Mitcham OSHClub Families,

We celebrated the end of the year with a party and said farewell to the Grade 6 students who graduated. Some of them we have seen going through the different phases of primary school life from Prep to Grade 6. We are sad to see the children go but wish them good luck for the future. At our party we were treated to fruit and veggies, then enjoyed special party food such as pizza, croissants, spring rolls and biscuits. We were bit spoilt.

Children did great job in moving extra furniture from the OSH room and corridor temporarily to the store room at the back of the building.

As we are so close to the end of the year we would like to thank the children and the families for attending OSHClub. Though it was not normal year, we are thankful that we all are safe and well. We would also like to wish the Grade 6 children all the best for moving onto high school. They will be missed. They are always welcome back to visit us and let us know how they are going.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bookings are now open for the Summer School Holidays at Mitcham OSHClub. You can see all the details of the fun-packed program in the brochure on the next page.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

We are constantly monitoring the children's hand washing routine. We have reiterated to the children that they must wash their hands for 20 seconds or more. Some ways we have suggested this to them is by signing the alphabet or singing the happy birthday song while washing hands. If you have any concerns and or questions regarding the COVID-19 situation, please communicate this to our staff.

NOTE: The Tirana street car park gate and the pedestrian gate will remain closed all the time. If you are dropping or picking up your child from OSHclub please call us on 0422 097 497 and Oshclub staff member will escort child to from the gate to the OSH building and vice a versa.

BEING SUNSMART

A kind reminder that we are following our Sun Smart policy according to UV level index. So, please remember to provide a hat for your child. We supply Coles' branded 50+ protection sunscreen here at the service,

however, if your child has specific sunscreen needs, we encourage parents to either leave some with us at the program or ensure that children have some in their bags.

Enrol Now: www.oshclub.com.au

OSHClub Program Phone: 0422 097 497

OSHClub Head Office: 1300 395 735



MORE END OF YEAR FUN



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 04 January

IN + \$18.00

DANCE FITNESS

INCURSION - STREETDANCE WITH PROACTIVITY

Experience the most exciting dance program - Streetdance. This program combines the genres of Hip Hop, Reggaeton and Dancehall. The program uses 10 basic steps to create a contagious dance routine, suitable for all abilities.



Monday 11 January

CUTE CRAFTS AND CRAZY KITES

IN-SERVICE

Today's your chance to get crafty as we make some amazing kites and all kinds of colourful creations!



Tuesday 05 January

A BURST OF COLOUR

IN-SERVICE

Who doesn't love a bit of colour? Join us as we splash about in our own world of colourful fun.



Tuesday 12 January

BUILD SOMETHING BIG

IN-SERVICE

Today's the day to build something big! Participate in lots of fun building challenges and activities using all types of materials.

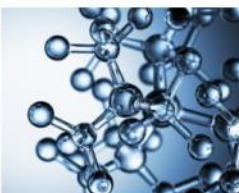


Wednesday 06 January

ALL THINGS SCIENCE

IN-SERVICE

Science is not just about experiments. Explore the world of science with us today as we research and create within the scientific boundaries.



Wednesday 13 January

MOVIE MANIA

IN-SERVICE

Are you a movie buff? Let's get the popcorn ready and test your knowledge on some classic movies. Lights, camera, action, here we go!



Thursday 07 January

IN + \$18.00

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

INCURSION - BUILD A BEAR WORKSHOP

Bring to life your very own Build A Bear in our FURbulous Build-A-Bear Workshop! Your new furry friend will be pre-filled with just the right amount of cuddliness, ready for you to add a heart and personal touches.



Thursday 14 January

DRAWING OUR WORLD

IN-SERVICE

Picture your favourite place in the world... Is it hot or is it cold? What does it look like? Today we explore the world through drawing.



Friday 08 January

BLUE MOON

IN-SERVICE

Put your astronaut helmet on as we head towards the Blue Moon for a fun-filled day in the galaxy!



Friday 15 January

IN + \$18.00

ROAMING REPTILES

INCURSION - AUSTRALIAN REPTILES: FROGS, LIZARDS & FIERCE PREDATORS

Today you will get to meet and touch insects, frogs, lizards, snakes and even a Saltwater Crocodile! What is your favourite reptile?



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EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 18 January

LIFE IS A BOARD GAME

IN-SERVICE

Life is a board game! Let's explore our collection of our favourite and classic board games.



Monday 25 January

AUSTRALIA DAY

IN-SERVICE

Explore the wide brown land we call Australia. Learn about how we live today compared to the past, as we start our Australian adventure.



Tuesday 19 January

IN + \$18.00

A DAY FULL OF MAGICAL CRAFTS

INCURSION - FUNNY BONES MAGIC SHOW

Now you see it, now you don't kids! Not only is there magic in the air, there are plenty of laughs also!



Tuesday 26 January

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Wednesday 20 January

HAWAIIAN LUAU

IN-SERVICE

Aloha! Get set to head to our tropical island paradise of fun. There will be beach-inspired games, music and activities!



Wednesday 27 January

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY!

IN-SERVICE

As we prepare to head back to school, let's wind up the school holidays with a party! Food, games and a whole lot of fun!



Thursday 21 January

JUMP FOR JANUARY

IN-SERVICE

New Year, New You! Yippee, let's jump for January and have some summertime fun!



Friday 22 January

NATURE PLAY DAY

IN-SERVICE

We get out in nature and feel the grass between our toes as we collect natural resources for today's activities.



Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.

Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to **build brighter futures together.**

Vacation Care

OSHClub
Before & After School Care



What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Vacation Care session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Vacation Care booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ

Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0422 097 497 for staffing purposes.

