



**Term 3 2017
Issue 1**

**Murray Bridge
North School OSHC
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October
Vacation Care
Tuesday 3rd October to
Friday 13th October

*Open 9 days
Please book in early to
avoid disappointment*

*Lots of great
things to do so come
along and
join in the fun*

Term 3 Dates

Student Free Day
Wednesday
August 2nd 2017

Student Free Day
Monday
August 14th 2017

School Closure Day
(Royal Adelaide Show Day)
Friday
1st September 2017

End of Term 2:
Friday 29th September '17

**School Commences
for Term 4**
Monday 17th October '17

Talking OSHC

For service information please visit the school website, schoolbag or befriend us on facebook.

If you require childcare or maybe just a break please contact us or drop in for a visit. We operate a before school, after school and vacation care service from the Old House, between the hours of 6.30am and 6.30pm. There is always plenty to do, yummy food to eat and friendships to be made.

OSHC Bits: OSHC currently opens at 6.30 am. There has been some discussion over the last 12 months as to the variability of a 6am opening time. Should this benefit you could you please let staff know so they may keep a record for discussion at management level.

Management Meetings: If you have a little time, would like to learn more and assist in the operation of our OSHC program we would love to hear from you. Meetings are held at 3.30 pm on Wednesday week 2 and week 6 of each school term.

Forward Planning:

Christmas/New Year Closure dates: The Murray Bridge North School Vacation Care Service will be closed for its annual 2 weeks closure from the end of trading on Friday December 22nd 2017 until and including Friday 5th January 2018.

The December '17 / January '18 Vacation Care will open for 4 weeks.

- Week 1 Mon. 18th – Fri. 22nd Dec 2017
- Closed Fri. 22nd Dec '17 – Reopened Mon. 8th January '18
- Week 2 Mon. 8th – Fri. 12th Jan 2018
- Week 3 Mon 15th – Fri. 19th Jan 2018
- Week 4 Mon 22nd – Thurs 25th Jan 2018
- Closed Friday 26th January 2018 – Australia Day Public Holiday

Operating Information:

MBNS OSHC Operating Guidelines

Bookings

Bookings are essential. If the service is unable to accommodate children arriving without being booked in they will be returned to the school office where arrangements will be made for their collection.

Casual bookings must be paid for when the child is collected (or prior arrangement).

Non Attendance

Please notify the staff of any changes or cancellation of bookings by 8.30am for the afternoon session and 6.30pm for the following day's sessions. Failure to advise the service may result in the session fee being charged.

If your child becomes ill at school and has gone home, please contact the service on 08 8531 0179 and leave a message on the answering machine or a text message on the Mobile 04825455.

What have we been doing at OSHC during term 2?

The weather had progressively come in quite cold during term 2. Despite the cool weather we have been able to get outside in the afternoons for lots of playtime which remains a favourite venture for our OSHC children.

The children now have 2 cameras available for their use so lots of interesting candid videos and snaps have been taken. Photos are kept on file on the service computer and are only published or displayed of students with enrolment consent.

We had a Student Free Day on Friday 19th May which was quite cold and wet. The early children cooked cupcakes with Michael and played board games until Berreena came in at 1030. Berreena took the children to the school gym where they were able to wear of some energy before returning for lunch and a movie. We were able to get outside for a short run and play.

We celebrated Mother's Day with some lovely cards being made, 'lego' building has been a favourite during the cooler weather, some cooking has been achieved and the children enjoyed the painting we did during NAIDOC week.

July Vacation Care

There was lots of making, playing with friends, food preparation and cooking done over the holidays. Pam catered and prepared the daily menu providing hot nourishing meals which were enjoyed by many of the children who also help with the preparation of the food .

The children found the 'Minute To Win It ' games a lot of fun, there were many masks or Totem Poles made and decorated beautifully, the sheep made from a plastic cup and pegs was a huge hit as was the Video/DVD Stationery Packs. Some children also enjoyed the balsa wood constructions and the kite making although the weather came in nasty and the children did not get to fly their kites. There were opportunities made during the wet weather to spend time in the gym but there was still plenty of fine weather for outside play as well.

On Thursday the 13th July we walked to the new community adventure play park next to the kindy and enjoyed a couple of happy hours exploring and enjoying what the park had to offer.

The children loved the change of scenery and equipment.

On Monday 17th we dodged the rain and walked to the Rural City Library for an enjoyable afternoon of lego building while watching the Batman Lego Movie on the big screen.

On Tuesday morning we walked to the Cameo Cinema to see 'Despicable Me 3' and enjoyed a feast of popcorn, a choc top ice cream or drink before returning for a lovely lunch.

On day 3, 6 and 9 the children filled in survey sheets which consisted of 2 questions, 1 on the food we offer and 1 question on the activities provided on the program. On Day 9 & 10 parents, caregivers and staff were also given their opportunity to fill in a survey sheet consisting of 6 questions from across the national standard guidelines.

Thank you to all who took the time to fill in the survey sheets.

The surveys will assist us greatly when planning future programs while meeting the standards and providing the care families want from our service.

