Welcome

Welcome to Term 3 Newsletter
What a great Term 3 we have had. Welcome to all the new families who have joined us, we hope you are having as much fun as we do day after day. Hope all our fathers had a wonderful fathers day and all got spoilt rotten.
Throughout the term, we have been following up on children’s interests to create a program your children will enjoy.
Currently children have been enjoying A huge variety of craft, Sport, Dancing, and much more.

What’s Been Happening

VACATION CARE:
*The count down begins, for Spring Holiday Adventures 2014....
* Spring Booking Forms are available at our center and online. Please visit oshc.ymcansw.org.au were you will find all booking forms as well as all important information regarding care.
*There are a lot of fun things installed for this September Holiday Program like Camp Yarramundi, Lego Day, at Blaxland OSHC, Richmond Movies, Walt Disney Day, Willy Wonka Day and so much more so please take a look at our booking form to see the fun things installed for these school holidays.
* Our Active Kids program is still going strong and we were very excited to be learning about Touch Football and testing our Athletic abilities with our version of Little Athletics.
*This term for our end of term party we will be helping to raise funds for REDKITE which coincides with the Schools charity day as well. Just a friendly reminder that we will all be wearing RED that day, at School and at OSHC. The party will be held on Thursday 18th September, if your child is not booked in they are still welcome to book your children in for a casual day of care.

Menu:
*At the end of every term a children's meeting is held were we discus what yummy foods the children would like to have on there menu. Some great feed back was given with some very yummy choices. Term 4 menu will be on display at the beginning of term 4. If you have any suggestions please place in the suggestion box .

Important Reminders:
- Please remember to sign your child in or out of the centre every morning and afternoon.
- Please let us know if any of your details have changed, and contact numbers kept up to date, in case of an emergency.
- Please label your children’s belongings.
- Always pack a hat as it is a YMCA policy: ‘No Hat, play in the shade’.
- YMCA has a ‘Nut Free Policy’, we do not supply/allow foods that contain nuts.
- Statement’s are now being emailed every week, if there is any chance you don’t received one or would lie one printed out don’t hesitate to ask.

Upcoming Events

September:
-6th Fathers Day
-19th September Last Day of Term 3
-22nd Spring Vacation Care Begins

October:
-5th Daylight Savings Begins
-World Habitat Day
-7th Term 4 Begins
-23rd Diwali
-31st Halloween
YMCA News:

Direct Debit

Please ensure there are sufficient funds each week in your account to avoid dishonour fees for insufficient funds and also notify if your card details change or your card expires so we can change details as soon as possible.

Should have any further queries regarding the direct debit system or billing inquiries please speak to your centre Coordinator on 0408 596 799

Casuals

Just a reminder to all families about casual bookings, casual books are just that casual and should be made no more a week in advanced and booked no less then 24hours in advanced as this can compromise ratios.

Community News:

Your school:

Tuesday the 2nd and Wednesday the 3rd the School will be having Fathers Day Stalls. Ensure to bring some money with you those days and find Dad a great gift.

Thursday the 4th of September is the School Mini Fete. Come along and buy some yummy treats or go Crazy with coloured hair spray. Oh, and don’t forget the school canteen is closed that day!

Wednesday the 17th of September is K-6 Performance night. So if you have not bought tickets yet, ensure you get up to the Ladies in the office to purchase. Miss Louise and I look forward to seeing you there.

Thursday the 18th of September the school will be supporting Redkite, so ensure you bring along a gold coin donation and don’t forget to wear red.

Important Walters Road Facts:

Opening Hours:

Before Care  7:00 am—9:00am
After Care  3:00- 6:20pm

Children’s Services Manager: Maree Hayes
Coordinator : Jade Langford
Assistants : Amanbir Nijjar—Mon & Tues
Louise Dawson—Wed, Thurs & Fri

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Friendly Reminders

HATS

It is a requirement that all children attending the center wear a hat when during outside play. NO HAT, PLAY IN THE SHADE policy is employed by the YMCA.

Absent Children

We ask that you call before 2:30pm on the day that your child is normally booked in. If we don’t receive a phone call, staff start to search the school for children, and this can be a timely and difficult process. If contact has not been made by 2:30pm with a message about children being absent, a $5 search fee will be added to the family’s account. A reminder that After School Care concludes at 6:20pm, and the penalty for collecting a child after this time has been set at $15 per 15 minute increments, per child.

Reminder to all families to monitor and track your YTD absences as you only get 42 absences each financial year. This information can be found on your statement. You are able to accumulate additional absence only upon supplying a doctors certificate.

Active Kids

This term join us as we try the following:

Tuesdays: Little Athletics

Thursdays: Touch Football

We are trying to encourage every child to participate in Active Kids and so far Children have expressed their interest in both these sports and are currently playing and representing their YMCA community well.

Feedback for Term 4 shows an interest in the following sports; Martial Arts, Soccer, Basketball, Dance and Gymnastics.

From the Kitchen

Raspberry Coconut Cream Muffins

Ingredients

2 cups plain flour
1 cups caster sugar
1 1/4 cups canola oil
2 eggs
1 1/4 cups coconut cream
3/4 cup shredded coconut
2 cups frozen raspberries

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees Celsius.
2. In a mixing bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder, oil, eggs and coconut cream. Mix well. I mixed mine in the Kitchen aid for about a minute on speed 2.
3. Add the coconut and the raspberries, stir through gently but thoroughly.
4. The mix will smell so divine right now. Go on, taste it.
5. Spoon into your cupcake or muffin cases. Fill about 2/3 of the way up. (If you don’t have a Tupperware mini-ladle, I recommend, I’ve had these for over a decade - love!)
6. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from over and allow to cool completely. Store in airtight container for a few days or in ziplock bags in the freezer for up to two months.

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Children Services Western Regional Information
&
words from Maree Hayes, Children Services Manager

Term 3 2014

YMCA to cease Vacation Care at YMCA Penrith
I regret to inform you that YMCA Penrith Vacation Care will no longer provide Vacation Care services as of 18th August 2014. The decision was made following an annual operational review and relocation. Despite the best efforts of the YMCA due to operational restraints, YMCA Penrith Vacation Care unfortunately could not continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities it caters to. As a result of this we have made the decision to open a Vacation care program for the Surveyors and Werrington centres.

Opening of 2 new Vacation Care programs
The YMCA Werrington County OSHC and the YMCA Surveyors Creek OSHC will now be opening Vacation care. We are foreseeing to open for the upcoming Spring Holidays, however we are now just awaiting for all agreements to be signed with all relevant stakeholders. At this point in time we are still unsure as to the starting date but very hopeful for this Spring Holidays. Updates will go out via email to Penrith, Werrington and Surveyors family's.

Western Region Centers
- St Marys - Blaxland - Springwood - Surveyors Creek - Claremont Meadows - Werrington County
- Rooty Hill - Blacktown - Blackett - Hawkesbury

AASC Update
It is with great regret to inform families that the Government has chosen to cancel funding in 2015 for the AASC programs currently being run at our sites. This was a brilliant program which allowed services to employ professional coaches 1-2 days a week and engage children in fun physical activities. We will however to ensure that similar programs continue to exist in our centers for 2015.

There will be some planning for 2015 with Coordinators to discuss how we can fill the void of the AASC program. If any families have talents or experience that they could share in your child’s service or have any ideas for 2015 on ensuring children are engaged in fun physical activity please feel free to give me a call or talk to your centre Coordinator. We will keep families updated.

Staff Training
- Use hygienic practices for food handling 29.07.14

Policy Assessment
From now until the end of the year staff will be engaging every week in Policy Assessment Training. Staff will be provided training for each policy and then be required to complete an Assessment of their knowledge and understanding. The current Policies that have been done are:
- Interactions with Children
- Sun Protection
- Incident Injury, Trauma and Illness
- Critical Incidents
- Administration of First Aid

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