

OOSH ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006

Out of school hours throughout the year has been quite a success and the number of children attending has remained at a steady and reasonably high rate.

Throughout the year, vacation care, has increased in its numbers and all the staff have made a very recognizable contribution.

As food is prepared at OOSH, in January, we were asked by Vanessa Green of the council to register After School Care and Vacation Care with the council. The NSW food authority will then be determining if childcare centres can be classified as high-risk operations. If this is determined to be the case then all child care centres will be required to be licensed by NSW food authorities, this however is still pending as we are still currently waiting to hear a response.

March at After School Care was busy with the 10 new students and more on the waiting list. After School Care had been very successful this month. We had also in March, signed onto the "Service Partnership Agreement" Centrelink", this has meant that we were then able to electronically lodge childcare usage statements. This resulted in the centre being able to receive returns on money much quicker from Centrelink.

With the introduction of EFTPOS, parents are happy and making good use, this has resulted in a faster and less hassled way of fee collection.

We have had many deductions as well as introductions of staff in OOSH. These include our new members such as Tam, Lee and Fatima.

April was an important month for us as we finished the self-study and sent it successfully to N.C.A.C, and are now currently waiting for the visit of the validator. The fees of vacation care had also been raised in April and parents had no objections or complaints against these changes.

The validation visit was initially scheduled for The 2nd of November of this year, but it has been changed to be in the coming new year.

We already have enquiries for the coming years after school care and we also already have 5 families enrolled

Financial position

The centre generates funds from after school care and Vacation care fees. We also apply funding from DOCS and DFACS. The money from the above is able to cover the salaries, maintenance of the centre and also the overall cost of running the services, purchasing toys, materials, resources and the essential equipment.

Acknowledgement

I'd like express my gratitude to DOCS - our funding body. Also I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation towards my fellow co-workers - Joyenti Cowdhury, Spring Lai, Minh Tam, Ngnyen, Tong Hong (Lee) and also all the casual staff members Leonne, Fatima, Lyndsey, Rezvan and Sally - who have made a tremendous effort in aiding me with my work of OOSH. I would also like to express my thanks to all the families who have continuously showed us support and inspiration.

Due to co-operation and recognizable teamwork, we have managed to have a very successful and profitable year.

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