

The Junction Works

Holsworthy OOSH News

For parents and carers

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Kerry Coggin and I was recently appointed to the newly created role of Director Holsworthy OOSH.

Prior to taking on this role with The Junction Works I worked for a government funded

childcare centre within the health sector for almost 14 years. During that time I progressed from a Room Leader to Assistant Director, and I also ran our vacation care program. I hold a Diploma in Community Services (Children Services).

I particularly enjoyed running our vacation care program, because it required so much creativity, and I would count down the weeks till school holidays started.

Unfortunately our service was closed as our space was required for renovations. I found myself looking for a new job and the opportunity arose to apply for the Director's position with the Holsworthy OOSH and Vacation Care.

I'm always looking for a new challenge and ways to expand my skills and share my knowledge to ensure that children have a safe, secure and nurturing environment to grow, develop and of course have fun.

I am looking forward to meeting you and sharing your child's journey at Holsworthy OOSH and Vacation Care. I am looking forward to watching the children grow and develop their life skills. Whilst also supporting the staff to also grow and develop.

Family Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to the 34 families who participated in our Family Satisfaction Survey conducted independently by Kindy Surveys.

We are pleased with the overall results, and are in a good position to address any gaps in our service.

As a result of the feedback some of the changes we have

DATES & REMINDERS

September / October Vacation Care

Monday 26 September
to
Monday 10 October 2016



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Labour Day
Monday 3 October 2016



Crocodile Encounters Incursion July Vacation Care

During July Vacation Care a jacket went missing. It is dark blue in colour and has fluff around the hood. If you have the item in your possession could you please leave it on the sign-in counter.

started to implement at the service are:

- Revising our current menu and providing Halal options as well as vegetarian options. We would appreciate any suggestions from families on purchasing Halal Certified products to assist with our menu planning.
- We are looking at a different styled hat for the children to use whilst at the service
- Setting aside an alternate, quieter space within the centre for homework
- We have updated some of our resources and have purchased new board games
- Issuing the Vacation Care schedule out to parents at an earlier date.

Kerry Coggin

Director Holsworthy OOSH and Vacation Care

Parents' Survey Comments

"The service meets the needs and the staff are always approachable and are always engaging positively with the children. I really believe that things are running very smoothly in the past year or so, definite improvements."

"Need to have holiday programs out earlier."

"When I get there in the morning the staff are friendly and open and my son is happy to go inside - he knows there is a routine and that is a great way to start the day especially when it starts so early."

"Better communication about what the kids do."



Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser which raised a cool \$2,600 for The Junction Works' Living Skills and Respite House for young adults with a disability.

Now that's a lot of cookie dough tubs! Apart from some delicious cookies, Holsworthy OOSH benefited from the fundraiser by receiving a great bunch of new toys and sports equipment.



Construction Play: building strategy, fine motor skills, assembly and teamwork,



Board Games: building strategy, confidence, cooperation and teamwork,

September 2016 Vacation Care

26 September to 10 October 2016

Where has the year gone? It's hard to believe that Term 3 is nearly over.

At Holsworthy OOSH we are putting the final touches to our September School Holiday program.

We've got some great activities lined up including **Slinky Business Physical Theatre** (where we get to climb inside giant slinkys and make them dance), **Erth's Dinosaur Zoo** (where we get to meet, and maybe even feed some prehistoric creatures in this intimate, interactive hands-on theatre experience), as well as trips to parks and an Obstacle Course Challenge Day.



Slinky Business



Erth's Dinosaur Zoo

The full Vacation Schedule will be out soon!

We are always interested in hearing what our families have to say about our program, so if you have any ideas, suggestions or feedback please talk to staff or Kerry Coggin on 9825 3080.

National Quality Framework



Australian Children's
Education & Care
Quality Authority™

The National Quality Framework (NQF) establishes higher standards for all education and care services in Australia.

The program sets levels of safety and quality to benefit all children and their families who use approved education and care services.

Each Newsletter we highlight one of seven Quality Areas.

Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety

Standard 2.1 - Each child's health is promoted

Standard 2.2 - Healthy eating and physical activity are embedded in the program for children.

Standard 2.3 - Each child is protected.

What does this mean for the service?

The Quality Area Educational program and practice requires education and care services to have an educational program that meets children's individual learning and development needs.

The knowledge, ideas, culture, abilities and interests of your child should be incorporated into the program, with continuous assessment of your child's learning and development.

Further information about the can be found at National Quality Framework <http://www.acecqa.gov.au/>

The Safety of your child is our number 1 priority

It is important for you to notify Holsworthy OOSH of any changes to your child's booked days, such as being absent from school or being collected from school rather than OOSH. Some afternoons we have up to six children who are absent from OOSH without prior notice. This means that for the period in which we ring parents to seek clarification, we do not know where your child is. **Families are required to notify the Centre by 2:30pm if their child will be absent from the Centre that afternoon.**

Please assist us to ensure **your child's safety** by notifying the centre of any absences. The Centre charges a \$5.15 Search Fee as a way of encouraging parents to notify the centre of intended absences. We do this because the safety of your child is our number 1 priority.

WHAT OUR OOSH KID'S THINK

As part of our on-going improvement plan we seek the opinion of the children who attend The Junction Works Holsworthy OOSH and consider their answers as an important aspect of maintaining a High Quality Service. This issue's question...

What new resources would you like?

Tejas - I don't know

Lucian - I don't know

Mithilesh - Credit card Monopoly

Brendon - I'm happy with the stuff we have

Dara - Simon swipe game

Dhanga- Make your own picture frame

Rachel- Some more movies and Wii games

Vish- I'm happy with everything

Nirvana- New Skip Bo game

Feedback, feedback, feedback!!! We love it and we want it!

We believe that your input helps us to improve our services. If there is something about our centre, or if you have a great idea, great afternoon tea idea or would like to see something changed or added to the program...don't hesitate to tell us or write it down and pop it in the parents suggestion box on the sign in counter.

"Tell us what you think!"



All suggestions are welcome and appreciated. You can also provide feedback through our dedicated email address at feedback@thejunctionworks.org.