

The Junction Works

Holsworthy OOSH News

For parents and carers

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Dear Parents,

The Junction Works has been advised that the NSW Department of Education will be conducting an assessment and rating visit of Holsworthy OOSH sometime in September. We will be advised of the actual date a week in advance.

The assessment and rating visit provides The Junction Works with an opportunity to demonstrate how we are meeting the National Quality Standard (NQS) and improving outcomes for the children in our care.

The visit involves an authorised officer observing the operations of the service, discussing our practices with staff and educators, and sighting relevant documentation.

We will advise parents of the outcome of the visit after we receive the draft assessment and rating report from the Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate.

Parent Survey

Attached to this newsletter you will find a copy of our annual Parent Survey. The purpose of the survey is to encourage parents and carers to provide feedback on their experience of using the Holsworthy OOSH service.

Completed surveys can be lodged at the centre through the [Survey Box](#) at OOSH reception, or posted to [The Junction Works, PO Box 15, Austral, NSW, 2179](#).

It would be appreciated if surveys could be returned no later than **Friday 21 August** to enable collation prior to the assessment and rating visit.

The survey data is used to evaluate and improve our procedures, programs and communication with families. Results of this survey will be provided in the next issue of *Holsworthy OOSH News*.

The annual survey is just one of the ways we receive feedback from families. Apart from our day-to-day

DATES & REMINDERS

Don't forget to return your Parent Survey by Friday 21 August



Spring Vacation Care

21 September
to
6 October 2015



Labour Day Public Holiday 5 October.



PLEASE CHECK OUR LOST PROPERTY BASKET FOR MISSING ITEMS.

The lost property basket is emptied at the end of each month and unclaimed items are disposed of.



Dhanya and Kanasu

conversations with parents other feedback methods include:

Parents' Suggestion Box which is intended to encourage parents to have greater input into the type of projects and activities you would like to see at the centre, menu options and other ideas about our service.

Children's Suggestion Box to enable the children in our care to have input into the activities and equipment they would like to introduce, the menu and Vacation Care Program Planning.

Children's Communication Meetings: Held monthly these meetings enable children to discuss aspects of the service, issues arising and new activities or equipment they would like to see.

Spring Vacation Care

Finally, OOSH staff are busy putting together a dynamic Vacation Care program. If you (or your children) have any suggestions for centre-based activities or excursions, please let Amanda know.

Chris Campbell
Chief Executive Officer



Did you know that our weekly programs are displayed on the notice board for families to have a look at?

We also display a daily activity book in the foyer. The children select

photos which staff have taken and create a display page of activities which have taken place during that day.



Brianna decorating her egg carton spider



Joshua playing Kerplunk

Thinking about the Spring School Holidays?

Holsworthy OOSH provides a cost effective, stimulating vacation care program for primary school children on either a daily or weekly basis.

With a great range of indoor and outdoor activities, incursions and excursions, Holsworthy Vacation Care will ensure your children enjoy the holidays.

Spring Vacation Care
21 September to 6 October 2015

Vacation Care Fees are required to be paid in full by
16 September 2015.

Call Amanda Scerri on 9825 3080 for further details.

Crystal Morton is leaving Holsworthy OOSH

It is with great sadness that after 8 years of service, we are saying goodbye to Crystal Morton.

Crystal's last day at OOSH is **Thursday 27 August 2015**.

Staff and Children will be holding an afternoon tea on this day to say farewell. Parents are most welcome to join us.