



GWC OSHC Newsletter

May 2016

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Children Services News

We have a very exciting program planned for this term at both of our centres. This term all children will receive an 'OSHC Passport' and we will be 'travelling' to a different country (of the children's choice) each week.

We will learn some basic words from the country of choice, play traditional games, craft activities and on one day in the week we will have a special afternoon tea with traditional food from that country.

In week one of the program Parramatta OSHC visited Greece in order to educate the children about where some of our staff are from and Kingsford OSHC visited Romania which is where one of our staff members is from. Each week thereafter will be decided by the children.

Once the child has participated in at least one activity during the week they will receive a stamp in their passports.

I hope you will all hear about the exciting program as it unfolds and perhaps your children will teach you something they learn at OSHC also.

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Kingsford OSHC

Colouring Competition

At the end of term 1 we invited Mrs Synesios (Principal) to join us for afternoon tea and asked her to be our guest judge for our first After School Care Colouring Competition.

All of our after school care children participated in 3 age categories and did a very impressive job.

Mrs Synesios awarded Katia Dounis-Smith, Lara Stathis and Ellie Liaskos **FIRST PLACE**. They were given their prize which was a Cadbury Easter Egg, Colouring book and colour pencils.

Eva Diamadis, Christos Paraschos and Nicolas Kalligiannis were awarded **SECOND PLACE** prizes which were Easter Eggs.

AMAZING AWARD ribbons were given to Evan Marinakis, Thalia Billiris, Christian Liaskos and Holly Durrant.

We were very proud of everyone's efforts and all participants received an Easter egg.

Well done to all!



Our gorgeous Easter bunnies Demitra, Constance and Stephanie



April Vacation Care

We had such a fun filled holiday period during April. We had an Easter egg hunt, Wheels day, saw 'Zootopia' at the IMAX Darling Harbour, participated in Zumba class, painted mugs, raced our way through the marathon obstacle course, we were joined by Aim 4 Fun laser tag, made Koulourakia (Easter biscuits), raced around the track with Kiddie Karts and finally enjoyed a pizza lunch and bounced on the jumping castle.

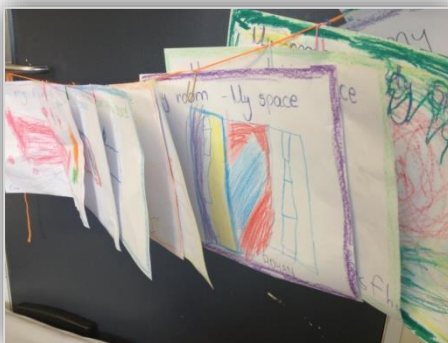
The June/July Vacation Care period will operate from 27th June to 18th July 2016. Programs will be available towards the middle of term and will be emailed to all families. If you are not on the email list, please contact me via childrenservices@gwccs.org.au



Parramatta OSHC

Term Two

Welcome to our new students joining us this term. We are happy to announce that we are very excited to start our educational journey around the world this term. We will visit and learn about many countries, their cultures and traditions. Following our journey we will invite the principal to join us for afternoon tea, where we will have a display of different crafts, pictures and activities we created through our journey. Parents are welcome to join us. Date and time will be sent out once we have confirmed with Ms Charliet (Principal).



April Vacation Care

Our April vacation care was filled with many fun and exciting activities. We had a treasure hunt, mug painting, and cooking day along with a lot more exciting activities. Our incursions included the Robot Riot, Laser Tag and a Bollywood Dancing experience which were all a fantastic hit with all the students. Our excursion to the Imax to watch Zootopia was also a very exciting experience young and old.

The July Vacation Care period will operate from 4th July to 18th July 2016. Programs will be available towards the middle of term and will be emailed to all families. If you are not on the email list, please contact me via

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Our program this Vacation care will differ slightly from the past. Due to increased attendance we will be dividing each excursion by age group. The program that we send out will specify what age group we feel is appropriate for each excursion, however it will be up to you, as parents, to decide whether you would like your child to attend or stay at the centre. Please return your booking forms as soon as possible to ensure your child does not miss out on a spot.

For any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact us.



Kingsford OSHC's Koulourakia Recipe

Ingredients:

- 250g butter
- ½ cup granulated white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbs juice from orange
- 3 cups sifted plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. In a mixer, cream together butter and sugar
3. Add eggs and orange juice and mix well
4. With mixer on low speed, add dry ingredients slowly
5. Mix until dough is smooth
6. Pinch off one to one and a half inch balls and roll into a rope and then twist the ends together.
7. Place cookies on an ungreased cookie sheet 3 cm apart
8. Beat together one egg yolk with some milk to brush over biscuits before baking
9. Bake for 15-18 minutes or until golden brown.



KOULOURAKIA

Koulourakia are a traditional Greek dessert, typically made at Easter time.

Jokes

Q: What has one head, one foot and four legs?

A: A Bed

Q: Did you hear the joke about the roof?

A: Never mind, it's over your head!

Q: How many letters are in The Alphabet?

A: There are 11 letters in The Alphabet

Q: How can you spell cold with two letters?

A: IC (icy)

Q: What is full of holes but can still hold water?

A: A sponge!

Q: What has two hands, a round face, always runs, but stays in place?

A: A clock!

