

St Patrick's OSHC Newsletter



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Happy New Year hope you are having a great 2017 so far, we are very excited to see what this year has in store for OSHC and all the adventures we will have. In this newsletter we will be talking about our Assessment & Rating result and what this means for the service, the new Qik Kids Kiosk, recycling and our vacation care recap.

Assessment & Rating Results

Last year as many of you know we went through our assessment and rating process with a visit on the 16th November 2016 from our local 'Early Childhood Education & Care' officer in regards to the NQF. Below is further information on what this process is and what the NQS.

The National Quality Standard (NQS) sets a national benchmark for the quality of children's education and care services across Australia. Services are assessed against the NQS by the state or territory regulatory authority and receive a rating for each of the seven quality areas of the NQS, as well as an overall rating.

An overall rating of Meeting NQS is given to services that provide quality education and care in all seven quality areas. The National Quality Framework (NQF) for early childhood education and care was agreed by all Australian governments to get better educational and development outcomes for children using education and care services. Implementation of the NQF is guided by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). To find out more information about the NQF and service ratings, visit the [ACECQA website](#) or ACECQA's family focused website, [Starting Blocks](#).

We were assessed over the seven quality areas of the NQF and given a rating based on the results. There are four ratings that can be given which are (lowest to highest) Significant Improvement, Working Towards, Meeting and Exceeding. To get a rating of meeting in a quality area a service must meet every aspect of that area. These area ratings are then compiled and an overall service rating is given, again for a rating of meeting a service must be rated meeting or above in all seven quality areas. Below are the results of St Patrick's OSHC – Gympie's Assessment and Rating.

Quality Area 1	Educational Program and Practice	Meeting
Quality Area 2	Children's Health and Safety	Meeting
Quality Area 3	Physical Environment	Meeting
Quality Area 4	Staffing Arrangements	Meeting
Quality Area 5	Relationships With Children	Exceeding
Quality Area 6	Collaborative Partnerships With Families and Communities	Meeting
Quality Area 7	Leadership and Service Management	Exceeding

This service is rated overall at MEETING National Quality Standards

In the coming week the assessment report will be available to parents for their viewing if you would like to read through the document.



New sign in/out system

As most of you already know we have done away with paper rolls and have adopted the digital sign in/out system called Qik Kids Kiosk. Some of you may have already had the chance to use the system to sign out your children from after school care. We hope that as we familiarise ourselves more with the system we can expand into using the kiosk for more than just signing in and signing out.

If you have not used this system before please allow 15minutes extra for set up when collecting in the afternoon.

OSHC is 1 Year Old!!!

Wow a whole year has passed since you all first welcomed us into your community. We are so grateful to be part of such a great school and to have gotten to know you and your children over this past year. Without you; the parents and staff of St Patrick's School, we wouldn't be where we are today: it's through your help that we have grown and have been able to have Vacation Care and After School Care in our own room. We hope to nurture and develop this service with you all for many years to come and to share in the memories that we make together.

Out of Mouths of Babes

A few of you already know that we keep a happy book of those once in a lifetime funny things children have said. Here are just a few of our favourites...

- ❖ T.K was patting a cat and then sneezed. Miss Jo asked if she was ok and T.K said *"Sometimes the cuteness gets stuck in my sneezes"*
- ❖ (Talking about Lego) *"It's not the safest sport, I cut myself on the instruction book"* – F.D
- ❖ After a conversation about zucchini slice we found "Bikini Slice" written in the food section of the suggestion sheet

Recycling at OSHC

We at OSHC are very passionate about recycling and thought we would take this opportunity to let you know of two of the recycling programs we will be having this year.

- Food scraps – Each day we collect the fruit and vegetables scraps from afternoon tea and they are available to be taken home by OSHC families for use as compost/chook feed/pig feed or anything else you would like them for.
- Shredded paper – As a way to cut down on the amount of rubbish we are disposing of each week, we are now shredding our excess paper, which we are bagging up and will be available to take home in the coming weeks to use in the bottom of pet cages or any other use you may have for them.

If you would like to get involved in our recycling or have an idea you think we could do please let us know.

Birthdays

OSHC would like to wish the following children a happy birthday for term 1

Brydon (7), Tayla (6), Mattise (8), Reid (7), Oliver (11), Layla (6), Evan (10), Anneke (7), Lachlan. L (8), Fynn (7), Jaylen (9), Gwendolen (8), Lachlan. S (8), Jordan (6), Clancy (6), Darcy (10)

Zucchini Slice Zucchini slice is a real favourite at OSHC it is great for any occasion and can be enjoyed either hot or cold.

Ingredients: 5 eggs, 150g (1 cup) self-raising flour sifted, 375g zucchini grated, 1 large onion, finely chopped, 2 cup grated cheese, 200g rind less bacon chopped (Optional), 60ml (1/4 cup) vegetable oil

Method

Step 1 Preheat oven to 170C. Grease and line a 30x20cm lamington pan.

Step 2 Beat the eggs in a large bowl until combined. Add the flour and beat until smooth, then add zucchini, onion, bacon, cheese and oil and stir to combine.

Step 3 Pour into pan and bake in oven for 30 minutes or until cooked through.





Vacation Care Recap

We had so much fun on our December/January vacation care, here is just a little bit about what we did...

On 6/12 we went on our first ever excursion to see 'Trolls' the movie, we walked there and even played in the park on the way back. Ever since the movie the children have been singing 'Can't stop the feeling' and the whole room lights up and joins in when they do.

This meant the on the 9th 'Disco day' that song was the most requested, children also learnt how to 'Cha Cha Slide', 'Macarena' and came up with some dance moves of their own.



On the 13th we had our teddy bear picnic where children made their own plush teddy which prompted a lot of repeat furry visitors to the service over the holidays.

For book club day the children went on another excursion to the local library where Rochelle showed everyone about robotics through 'Little bits' kits, making music with fruit and their favourite 'Ozobots' that the children could control by drawing lines on a piece of paper.

We ended the excursion by each borrowing a book on our new service library card.

Christmas week brought many joys with our excursion to 'The Reject Shop'. Children put a lot of thought into what they were going to buy and why the person would like it. We returned to the service to create wrapping paper and cards to go with the gifts.

We ended the year with our Aussie Christmas party where we had Christmas lunch and even opened some presents for the service from Santa including a doll house which the children have been given the task of 'renovating'.



The new year brought new fun and new people. In our first week we went ten pin bowling and some children played bowling bingo.

On Thursday we had an incursion with Neil from 'Typhoon Cues' who brought in a pool table, air hockey and put put golf and taught the children how to play pool which a lot of the children got very into.

Since then children have been creating their own bowling alleys and 'air' hockey using the wooden blocks.

The last week of vacation care had a back to school day where some children made covers for their books and bag tags so they know which bag is theirs. Children were very excited to share whose class they were in and start making plans for this school year. We also had our sand and sea day where the highlight of the day had to be the water play in the early morning and afternoon, as always children had a great time playing 'toilet, toilet, flush'.

We ended our vacation care with the first birthday of our OSHC where children made party hats and indulged in cake at 3pm. Some of the children also made posters saying happy birthday and what they like about OSHC.

