



# Mawson Lakes OSHC NEWSLETTER



**Before School Care**  
0421 612 718

**Term 2, 2022**

**After School Care**  
0401 121 318



*Anna's Art*

\*REMINDER THAT PARENTS MUST SIGN CHILDREN IN AND OUT OF OSHC We are having many children being dropped off outside of OSHC in the mornings without parents signing their children in. This also goes in the afternoon when many parents just pick up their children without properly signing their children out. You **MUST** physically sign your child in and out. Please do not let the children do it themselves.



*Check out our displays*

\*VACCARE FORMS – Please be sure to get your Vacation Care forms in ASAP as spots are filling up quickly, especially on excursion days. The last day to get your form in is Friday June 24, but some days are already filling up so don't wait too long!

\*OSHC PHILOSOPHY- We have been working as a staff and with the children to re-vamp our current OSHC Philosophy. We have given it a thorough overhaul and are happy with the changes that we have made. We feel that this updated philosophy is more reflective of who we are and the values that we feel are embedded in our program. Because this philosophy is the 'heartbeat' of our service, we would love your feedback as well. Please see the other side of this newsletter for a copy of it, and please let us know if you have any other input that you think would enhance our philosophy.



*Playing in the Autumn Leaves*

\*CHILDREN'S PHILOSOPHY -The OSHC children have also made their own OSHC Philosophy as we felt it was important for them to have their own voice in what OSHC means to them. They worked for over a week to write this document. Both philosophies are proudly displayed on our walls under the sign "Our Voices".



*Harmony Day!*

\*ALOHA – After 17 years of working here at Mawson Lakes School, I have decided the time has come to leave OSHC as your Director. It was a hard decision to make because I have truly loved my time here working with some AMAZING children and beautiful families, but I think the time is right. I will finish at the end of this term but will still be around as I will continue to work at school as a Relief Teacher. I will still get to see the children in the classroom, but I will be able to go home at 3pm 😊! Thank you, families, for enabling me to love my job for all these years, as well as to my wonderful staff who make my job easy and fun. What a gift to be able to say this! xxMuch love and aloha, Cyndi

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## CHILDREN'S PHILOSOPHY

We acknowledge the Kaurua people as the traditional owners of this land and strive to support them, their culture and unique role in the life of this region. We want to embrace the diversity of our families and do all that we can to help them feel welcomed in our OSHC community.

To continue children's thoughts and feelings being heard, we felt that as a service it would be beneficial to have a philosophy which represented their voice.

Over a week period, we sat down with the children during announcements to give each child the opportunity to voice their meaning of what OSHC is to them.

We completed this over a week period to ensure all children, no matter what day they attended were heard.

OUR VOICES ARE HEARD · MAKING FRIENDSHIPS

WORKING TOGETHER · MEETING PEOPLE · OUR HAPPY PLACE

·COMFORTING & SAFE · SHARING · PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT

HELPING · POSITIVE & HAPPY · FUN ENVIRONMENT · ENTHUSIASTIC · CURIOUS

RESPECT FOR EDUCATORS & PEERS · ENCOURAGING EDUCATORS · EXCITING

RESPECT OSHC TEACHERS · NICE & CALM · REALLY COOL · PERFECT · FOOD

OUTSIDE PLAY · FUN PLACE · NEW ACTIVITIES · SPONTANEOUS

PLAYGROUND PLAY · GOOD PLACE TO COME IN VACATION CARE

Philosophy reviewed in April of 2022 by educators, families, children and our Governing Council

## CENTRE PHILOSOPHY

We acknowledge that this Country always has and always will be the Kaurua People's home. We thank and show respect to the Aboriginal People, as we now live and learn on this beautiful land. We acknowledge that we must learn from the past and look to the future, walking together on this country

Mawson Lakes OSHC aims to provide a high-quality recreational care for primary school age children, in a welcoming environment. We believe that children are free thinkers, with an inquisitive nature and a confidence in their own abilities. Through thoughtful planning, programming, spontaneous activities and daily reflections, the children are given the independence to explore and investigate to develop life-long skills. Out of School Hours Care has formed a valuable and integral partnership with Mawson Lakes School and the local community to establish a diverse and well-supported centre, providing Before School Care, After School Care, Pupil Free Days, and Vacation Care.

The children we care for are diverse in culture and family, this allows for a reciprocal learning experience between our children and our educators. Our partnership with families allows for parents to share their cultural experiences with us, this bond encourages continuous growth and connections within our service. We gather feedback from community resources to facilitate reflection on our practice and continue to grow together as a service. We are fortunate to have a natural environment that places us in the middle of Dry Creek Linear Park; this creates an environment to broaden children's understanding for sustainability and build their respect for nature, land and country. We are appreciative of the resources our school and community offer us with access to STEM facilities, as well as indoor and outdoor shared spaces to investigate and play.

We take pride in employing educators with a wide range of skills and professional ideals who provide both challenging and rewarding activities in a safe and secure environment. Children are encouraged to have a strong voice and contribute to our programmed activities and philosophy, which grows and changes as our center's needs change. We strive to encourage good health and hygiene practices through our curriculum and daily routines. Our team believes in growing together, which means we are committed to continuing professional development and critical reflection on our practice.

We harbor a strong relationship with our families to ensure that the needs of each child are being addressed. The line of communication between families, educators and teaching staff is paramount to us, ensuring that all children are listened to and respected. Our staff encourage communication and social interaction by promoting group activities while recognising individual needs and wants. Educators encourage children to respect the feelings of others, while we grow together in embracing leadership, responsibility and self-regulation. We hope to instill compassion while problem solving which leads to lasting behaviours and thoughtful habits from the children.

Mawson Lakes OSHC has an OSHC Sub-Committee which represents us to our Governing Council, our families are welcome to participate in the OSHC Sub-Committee and are encouraged to give input on all aspects of OSHC matters.

Our implementation of our philosophy in our practice allows us to make a positive difference in a child's life both here and now, and in the future.

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