

Program Update

What we have been up to

We used our first lockdown to rearrange the room and give it a more spacious feel. We have a permanent craft table, new toys and have introduced the Mediterranean diet. Perhaps the pièce de résistance is our homemade bread - artisan style with only four ingredients; flour, water, yeast and salt.

We have also introduced classical music. The children tidy the room to the William Tell Overture (they know it as the “Longer Ranger” music), play musical statues to Mozart, dance to Tchaikovsky (the Nutcracker Suite has been particularly popular) and relax to Chopin’s Nocturnes. We even added opera! We have so much fun trying to hit the high notes!

Our Menu

Fresh fruit and vegetables are always available. For ASC we serve this on a platter. We also offer cereals and toast every day for breakfast. Children plan the menu at the beginning of the week. Pancakes are a popular choice for breakfast. ASC choices include nut-free homemade pesto, pasta bake, roasted vegetables, pasta with homemade Napoli sauce and our homemade bread of course.

What’s next

Next in the pipeline is to firmly embed literacy, numeracy and science into our play-based program. In addition to providing educational support to parents for their children at this time, we hope to use our collective skills as teachers to create a program that supports multidimensional student engagement.

Activities for next week

The program is almost entirely child driven; they choose the activities and we look for opportunities to expand them. The strategies are often quite simple. For example, some children were writing a story, we suggest illustrating it. As the story developed, we suggest writing a book for the Pyjama Foundation. Children ask us how to spell words - we teach them how to use a dictionary.

Enrolment information

All children must have an “active” enrolment to attend the program. That is, where required, all medical/additional needs documentation must be up-to-date, and medication (if required) must be present at the service and within expiry dates. Enrolment is free. Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au All bookings, cancellations and children absences are managed via the online account. For on-the- day bookings, please contact the coordinator directly at the program.

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