DIRECTOR’S NOTE

ELC
Welcome to all of our new families and those returning to the service after the Christmas break. We have an exciting year ahead and we are looking forward to being a part of your child’s journey.

Please remember that any changes to bookings should be done through the communication book or via email. As bookings for the year are quickly filling up, it is becoming harder to accommodate occasional bookings. Please book occasional days as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

For existing families, please remember to return your annual enrolment update as soon as possible. Also, if your child has recently had their four year old vaccinations, please ensure you supply the center with a copy of their updated vaccination record.

Amanda McCorkill

OSHC
We hope everyone had a good long break and look forward to a brand new year full of fun, learning & exploration.

We encourage all families to complete an enrolment form for OSHC so in the event something unexpected arises we are able to book your child in care.

Sheila Lawrence

Prayers to Begin a School Year
God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 21 February

Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 6 March
POLICY REVIEWS

Alcohol, Smoking and Illicit Substances
Anaphylaxis Management
Asthma Management
Children’s Comfort, Rest and Relaxation
Children who are unwell
Educator Immunisation

Policies will be available for family input in both services from 2 March 2017.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP

NEW MEMBERS WANTED

We are currently looking for new members for 2017. If you would like to be involved, please email Amanda at elc@shthorn.wa.edu.au to receive more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Upcoming events run by the City of Gosnells

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<td>Maddington Central Shopping Centre Livingston Marketplace, Canning Vale</td>
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<td>Safety Around the Home(Basic first aid and CPR workshop for parents/carers with children under 5 years)</td>
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<td>Park Play</td>
<td>Sutherlands Park Playground, Huntingdale Walter Padbury Playground, Thornlie Mills Park Nature Play Space, Beckenham</td>
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PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

To begin the term, we will be discussing and brainstorming the centre limits with the children. Part of this discussion will include respecting others boundaries and reinforcing our ‘red’ and ‘green’ actions/words strategy. We will have information available to families regarding this strategy and general information available about protective behaviours at the centre.

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Sheena Shroff who is taking on the role of Early Childhood Teacher in the Early Learning Centre this year. Sheena has many years experience in both the classroom and child care settings. Sheena will take over from Amee Coles who is stepping down from the position to concentrate on her final year of study. Amee will continue at the centre on a part time basis.

Mrs. Alaniz will be on long service leave during Term one and Amanda McCorkill will take on the role of Educational Leader during this time.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

A reminder to ensure your child brings their own bedding if they require a sleep at the service. We recommend a cot sheet set (the pillow case is used to store the fitted and flat sheet). We will send the bedding home each day for washing.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Did you know that Miss Megan is our centre Sustainability Officer? She will be working with the children, families and staff to ensure sustainable practices are embedded into our centre and program and offer tips and information on how families can be become more sustainable at home.

If you have any ideas for the program or tips to share, please let Miss Megan know.

Keep a look out in the monthly newsletter for updates on the initiatives happening in the centre and how you can participate.
CHILDREN learn as they PLAY. Most importantly in PLAY children LEARN how to LEARN.
-Fred Donaldson

The Happy Feet Fitness program is designed around interactive and exciting themes designed to deliver educational content, creative movement and social development skills.

Happy Feet Fitness is run at the centre every Friday morning from 9.50am to 10.20am. Your child’s first class is FREE.

If you would like more information or to enrol your child, please see one of the Educators. We currently have Friday bookings available at the service.

Exploring emotions through creative experiences

Exploring nature through sensory experiences

Alphabet Wack—Recognising letters and sounds
COMMUNITY NEWS

This Term OSHC will be supporting Kanyana Wildlife and will be raising funds to adopt an animal.

ADOPT AN ANIMAL

For as little as $20 you can make a real difference to the lives of Australian animals. When you adopt an animal through Kanyana, you receive a certificate of adoption, a fact sheet, a newsletter, and the knowledge that your contribution goes towards the care and rehabilitation of our unique Australian wildlife.

There will be a gold coin donation box next to our sign in/out log. Kanyana was one of our incursions in the school holiday and the children were very engaged and learnt quite a bit about our native wildlife and how we can learn to cohabitate respectfully with them.

OUR WORLD - OUR RESPONSIBILITY

This term we are exploring the Reggio Emilia Approach and encouraging children to create fun experiences by repurposing materials. If you have any house hold items that you are not using and are willing to part with please consider bringing it in to OSHC. As we are living in a world that is trying to be more sustainable, engaging children in the repurposing of waste opens up their minds on mindful practices in our daily routines.

Jacob S  Javier  Xavier C  Luka G  Alina K
“We all can dance when we find music we love.”
– Giles Andreae