

Leonay OOSH News

Before & After School Care

Leonay Public School Grounds

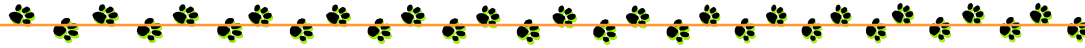
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Hi everyone.

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2007.

Active After School Program:



For the first two terms of the year we are going to run the Active After School Communities program under the guidance of the Australian Sports Commission. These sessions will be run on Wednesday and Friday afternoons between 3.15 and 4.15pm. These sessions are free for all children booked into after school care. The person who will be delivering the Wednesday session is Michael Hooke. He is a sports coach for Multi-skills, rugby, touch football, soccer, cricket, hockey and other sports. Other credentials include:

- ☺ Former Nth Qld Cowboys Rugby League player.
- ☺ Penrith Emu First Grade Captain (Rugby Union)
- ☺ Former director of Rugby at St. Paul's Grammar.
- ☺ Outdoor Recreational Officer
- ☺ P.E. Teacher in the U.K. where he played rugby for 3 seasons.

Our Friday session will follow on from the Wednesday framework and will be delivered by one of our staff members specially trained by the Australian Sports Commission.

These sessions are sponsored by the Australian Sports Commission and there is no additional cost for parents.



The children are all excited about the programme and also the fact that we will be getting some new outdoor equipment. Please feel free to come along and watch.

Pick up Times

When collecting your children from our After School Care service in the Leonay Public School grounds, please make sure that you have them signed out by 4.20pm so that we can then walk them down to A Country Cottage Pre School rooms for the later pick ups. We aim to leave the school at 4.30 so please do not arrive at 4.30pm as we will not sign them out then until we arrive at A Country Cottage Pre School.

If collecting them later from A Country Cottage Pre School then please ensure that they have been signed out before 6.00 pm as that is when our hard working staff members finish for the day.

Numbers:

We have had a fantastic response to our service again this year and we have very few numbers available at either Before or After School Care. Some days are already fully booked, so please bear with us if we cannot offer the day you prefer. We will keep a waiting list if needed for a particular day.

New Staff Member: Elaina:

We will be introducing a new staff member. Elaina, to our service for Before & After School care starting on Monday 5th March. She will be working 5 days a week to return some consistency of contact for our families. Please make her feel welcome to our great team.

Our part time staff have been fantastic to work with, but their Uni lecture commitments have made it extremely difficult to maintain a consistent staff contact member each day.

New Fees Payment System:

We have been researching fees payment systems used by various services in our area and in other places for Before & After School Care, Vacation Care and Pre Schools. One system that is easier for parents and staff and takes away the necessity to carry or handle cash is the Direct Debit system. This has now been introduced by a few services in our area and appears to be helpful to both parents and services alike.



Therefore we will be introducing the Direct Debit fee system from the start of the second term this year for all parents at our Before and After School Care services in Leonay and Emu Plains. The way it works is as follows:

Our provider will directly charge your nominated bank account on the first Monday of each month for that month's fees. When we receive their confirmation report we will issue a receipt to each parent for that month's fees. Any variances to attendance, for example extra days, will be added to the next month's fees.

There is no cost to the parents for this part of the system. If a parent prefers to be debited on a fortnightly basis instead of a monthly basis, then our provider can arrange for this at an additional cost of \$0.99cents for each second debit. That is, we will pay for the first debit each month and the parent pays for the others. The debit will be made on the first day of each fortnight.



We believe that this will be simpler for everyone and reduce the necessity for our staff to handle cash and for parents to have to worry about carrying enough cash on the correct days.

Lastly How are we doing?

We hope that we are able to provide a service that is both helpful to the parents by providing a safe place for the children after school and an enjoyable experience for the children who are attending our service. We do this by ensuring our staff have the correct attitude and can attend suitable training as they want it. Also by maintaining good communications with families and providing suitable activities for the children.

We welcome all responses from parents and also any helpful suggestions on equipment or activities that would prove suitable for Before or After School Care. We hope that you also receive good feedback from our staff on all aspects of our service.

If we can do better please let us know, If you think the staff are great let me know. I think they do a great job, but it is also very important to get the impressions of parents.

Chris (0418 600 003)
Director

Thank you for choosing us to care for your children:

Annette, Alicia

with help from Melissa, Alyson and Corinne

Congratulations to Leonay Public School for their high level of enrolments for this year I am sure Principal Ross must be pleased with the response. Thanks also for their support for our service to the families at the school.

