

### **TERM 2 2021 NEWSLETTER**

# Our Pen Pal Program

Tanya and Danni are the driving force behind our beautiful Pen Pal Program. We have been working with Lucy from The Red Cross, connecting with elderly residents who are mostly still living in their own homes and are assisted by volunteers from the Red Cross for social visits. These residents have little or no family to rely on and are loving the interaction with our children.

In Term 1 we were able to experience the "Gift of Giving" to our in-home residents from The Red Cross. The children created beautiful Easter bags full of gifts and Easter cards made by our OOSH children at both centres.

During Term 2 we have started a program "Ask Gran not Google". This involved writing to and from our Red Cross pen pals. We received a package from Lucy with premade postcards, pamphlets and stickers, prompting the children to ask questions (ask Gran not Google). We have delivered our first package, including some self-portraits to introduce ourselves. The Heights sent down place mats made by the children with wonderful questions on the placemats - we are eagerly awaiting replies.

#### Message from the Bookkeeper

Accounts need to be paid in full by the end of Term 2 (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021) in order to avoid jeopardising your booking for Term 3.

### Please note:

**Invoice** – "Balance Due" is in large font on the first page – This is a request for payment and will be sent out Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 if you have monies owing.

**Statement** – is NOT a request for payment. This statement gives details of Child Care subsidy received for your child's attendances for the previous two weeks. It also gives details of absences. These will be sent out Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9 and first week of holidays.

Please do not hesitate to contact Hannah if you have any questions.



# **Trading Cards at OOSH**

Trading Cards have been very popular at school for a long time and have increasingly become popular at OOSH.

Previously we have had a No Trading at OOSH rule, however after consultation between educators and children at the centre we have decided to start a "Trading Circle".

The children and educators have developed some rules ... The children at OOSH said

- You need to be 100% sure that you want to trade
- Only trade what is fair
- An educator in a green shirt must be present
- There will be consequences for trading outside these rules
- The trading circle will be on the stage in the hall

This is a trial and if you do not wish your children to participate, please inform the centre.

If you have any further suggestions, please let us know.



# **Important Dates**

Last Day Term 2 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

First Day Term 3 – Educators Only Monday 12th July 2021

Students Return Tuesday 13th July 2021

Last Day Term 3 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021