

Brighton Recreational Centre

January 2010 SHP Newsletter

A Message from G

Firstly I would like to say a fond farewell to a few of the children who have been part of our program for a number of years. These children are now venturing off to High School:- Natasha Giusti, Courtney Stockdale, Pranav Kalra, Brian Podolsky, Stephen & Michael Grotter & Lee Novis, Joseph McDonald
Good luck everyone!

To all the families and children who attended the last School Holiday Program for the first time, I welcome you and hope you had a great time! We do our very best to bring the children a fun and exciting program every single day!

The March/April program will be available on our website on Wednesday, 3 March 2010 and the Enrolment Form will be available on Monday, 8 March 2010 from 5.00pm.

Important Information

Parents wanting to claim Childcare Benefit (CCB) in the form of reduced fees or lump sum claim, should contact Centrelink at least 3 weeks prior to enrolling.

Due to the high demand of the program, bookings cannot be guaranteed. Parents are advised not to consider their booking finalised just by returning their forms. Confirmations will be sent to confirm all bookings.

Please note that if you cancel a day of the program, you will not receive a credit or refund.

Refunds are only issued with a Doctors Certificate

I look forward to seeing you all back at the Centre in March and April.

Regards

Gail Smyth

Important Dates

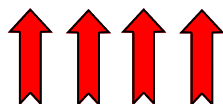
April 2010 Program

Enrolments Open

Tues 9 March 2010

8.30am

Don't forget to book early to avoid disappointment!!



June/July 2010 Program

Enrolments Open

Mon 7 June 2010

8.30am

Don't forget to book early to avoid disappointment

What to Bring

Checklist for parents:

- Lunch
- Morning & Afternoon tea
- Drink Bottle
- Hat

Please make sure the children have ample snacks each day as they tend to use up lots of energy during the program with all the running around and various activities they do.

January Program Highlights

We had lots of wonderful moments during the January program including the ever popular *Littlehoods Archery Clinic* where the children showed off their bow and arrow skills.

Another highlight was when *Funfit Junior Fitness Clinic* who came and taught the children some very cool "hip hop" moves and some very funny drama skills.

Werribee Zoo was very popular with the children, with the Safari Bus Ride giving the children the chance to get up close and personal to the animals.

We did have to change a couple of the excursions due to the weather conditions but I think it all turned out okay for the children.

Play it Sunsmart!

It is important that children bring their hats to the program. If a child does not have one, they may not be able to attend certain activities and children who do not bring their hats on Excursions will NOT be able to attend the Excursion and may not be able to stay at the Centre either.

We encourage parents to ensure that their child wear appropriate clothing and footwear for both the weather and the activities that their child will be doing at the Centre or on Excursions (ie no singlet tops or thongs).

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Excursions Scheduled for April Holidays

- * Melbourne Town Hall to see "Rodney Missing" which follows the story of a clown's search for his lost elephant. This show is interactive, funny and is also part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.
- * Footsteps Dance Company are coming to us where the children will have a blast "popping, and locking" to out of this world tunes and playing games from a galaxy far, far away.
- * Rollerblading - please make sure you bring along your socks and drink bottle.
- * Melbourne Zoo - hopefully the weather will permit us to go these holidays. Remember to dress appropriately, bring lunch, snacks and a drink bottle.
- * Movies - "How to Train a Dragon" 3D rated PG. A Disney Pixar film following a hapless young Viking who aspires to hunt dragons becomes the unlikely owner of a young dragon himself.

Choosing Excursions

Please choose Excursions carefully as children may not change their minds on the day and stay at the Centre as there are limited places at the Centre.

Please make sure you arrive at the Centre at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time, this helps the staff get the children into their groups

Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday to all the children who have celebrated birthdays in either January, February or March and April.

All the staff wish everyone a very Happy Birthday!!



Centre Activities

During the program, the children will be involved in many activities ranging from physical to passive i.e. table tennis, various gym games, squash, outside games, Lego, art and craft activities, quiet reading corner, colouring pages and more. Later in day, while children are preparing to leave for the day, we offer the children a chance to play on the PS2 and watch a DVD

Please note that the Centre reserves the right to alter or change the program due to unfortunate circumstances.

Illnesses/Medications

Children should not attend the program if they are sick or contagious in any way. This includes Head Lice, Flu and School sores.

Children must not attend the program until they are no longer contagious.

Any child requiring medications during the day, must have a signed Authorisation Form at Reception with the specific medications.

Children must not keep medications in their bags.

Children with Anaphylaxis Action Plans should present these with their Epi Pens at the front office on their child's first day at the program.

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Children should wear suitable clothing for sporting and recreational activities. No open back or open toe shoes and no singlet or strapless tops as clothing must cover shoulders.

Children should also bring a broad brimmed or bucket hat each day to the program.

Children are strongly advised against bringing any personal items to the program. These include mobile phones, iPods, DS Games etc. The Centre accepts no responsibility for any lost, broken or stolen personal items.