



# ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

16 December 2016

Dear Parents / Guardians

We are very fortunate at Armadale Primary School to have an Outside of School Hours Care (OOSHC) program including holiday program that is so closely integrated into our school and community. Over the last year we have implemented a range of popular new activities including cooking club, drama club and science club. Ben and Trevor are busily working on new ideas for 2017 so if you have any requests, please let them know.

A program like OOSHC requires continued investment to ensure that our children are stimulated and enjoy coming to “befores” or “afters”. I am pleased to announce that we will be installing air conditioning in the Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) over the coming Christmas holidays and our hope is that this will be completed before the January holiday program kicks off! We will also be purchasing new sporting equipment for use at the OOSHC programs.

The OOSHC Committee (a sub-committee of School Council) has worked very closely with Ben and Trevor over the past 12 months to ensure that the program is financially viable and continues to meet the needs of the families at the school. A review of fees was undertaken and it was decided that the cost of before care and after school care will increase by \$3 per session from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

- Before Care: \$15 per session
- After Care: \$20 per session

This increase in pricing is equal to \$1.50 (after rebate) per session.

The decision to increase the fees was not taken lightly but is necessary to meet the increased costs of running the OOSHC program. Keeping the fees unchanged would have resulted in a financial loss for the school. We benchmarked the new fees against comparable before/after school care in the area, and the APS OOSHC program remains one of the lowest cost programs and is still between \$3-10 cheaper per session than other local schools.

The Holiday Program pricing will remain unchanged for 2017.

If you would like to discuss any of the above please do not hesitate to contact Rochelle or myself at any time.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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