The O.S.H.C. Program has been in operation at this school for 17 years now. This service has grown significantly over the past few years with attendance numbers increasing from approximately 10 – 22 children in the morning session to 28 – 45 children in the afternoon. The Out Of School Hours Care Program provides children with many enjoyable activities as well as nutritional snacks. We aim to offer a safe and happy environment which provides alternative care for children whose parents and caregivers work or study.

The Australian Sporting Schools Program provided a government grant for an Active After School Sports Program for OSHC again in 2015. This Program provided the children with the opportunity to participate in a variety of different sports and activities twice a week in the second half of the year.

As part of the OSHC requirements, the Australian Government has implemented a New Quality Framework. This meant that a few changes were introduced to our policies and procedures which is part of ‘MY TIME, OUR PLACE’ framework which focuses on viewing children more fully as participants and decision makers. The Framework acknowledges time and place as children collaborate with educators to organize activities and experiences that are meaningful to them. This allows the children to share in the decision making, encourages respect and trust with each other, and supports each child’s needs and interests.

In November 2015 our OSHC Service was assessed by ACECQA and I am excited to announce that our overall rating in 6 out of 7 quality areas was MEETING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD, and one of the areas was EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD. These pleasing results were due to the hard work of all the OSHC Staff and the support provided by Dora Cavuoto and Ingrid Douventzidis who helped with the paperwork and policies.

The OSHC service has become self-sufficient due to the high attendance rate and the collection of fees as well as from the continuous support we receive from families.

I wish to thank all families who use OSHC for their support of the Program. We hope to continue to do our very best in order to ensure that we offer a quality service.

Thank you.

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OSHC Director
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