

## Occasional Childcare Newsletter - June 2011

### Dear Parents

The Victorian Government has announced that effective 31st December 2011, it will not be renewing funding for the "Take A Break" Childcare program provided at Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres across Victoria.

A petition to ask the Federal government to reinstate the funding will be located at OCC Centre and is being circulated around Mallacoota. MDHSS encourages you to sign the petition.

If you would like more information about the issue you can contact or view the following websites:

Gippsland Federal MP  
Mr Darren Chester  
Phone: 1300131 785

[www.darrenchester.com.au](http://www.darrenchester.com.au)

The Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres.

[www.anhlc.asn.au](http://www.anhlc.asn.au)  
<http://www.facebook.com/ANHLCVic>

"Save the Take A Break Occasional Care Centres" facebook page.

<http://www.facebook.com/SaveTakeABreak>

### Winter illnesses

Now that winter is here coughs and colds are common, so please remember:

- If your child appears unwell, please keep them at home in consideration of staff and other children
- If your child is unwell at Childcare, staff will ring you or your nominated emergency contact to collect your child.

### No nuts please

*Childcare is a 'nut free' zone*

To protect the children in our care who may be allergic to peanuts and similar nut products, please do not send any nuts or nut products to childcare as part of your child's snack.

If you are unsure about a certain food, please discuss it with the staff.

### Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed a Client Satisfaction survey recently. The response was overwhelming.

A Survey will be mailed out to parents who did not receive one at the OCC centre.

Survey results will be reported in the next newsletter.

### Term Dates 2011

#### Term 2

29 April – 1 July

#### Term 3

18 July – 23 September

#### Term 4

10 Oct – 16 December

### Public Holidays 2011

Monday 13 June

### OCC Bookings

For all occasional childcare bookings contact MDHSS on **5158 0243**

**OCC Bookings during session times only 5158 0413**

### Queries

For all OCC queries contact OCC Coordinator, Susie Vatcher or MDHSS Manager, Celia Wallace **5158 0243**.

