



Newsletter October 2015

ORANA EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION PROJECT INC

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

OECI Expectations	1
New Staff	1
NDIS information	2

Expectations when attending sessions at OECI

When you are attending a session with your child (e.g. individual or group) we please ask you to **turn your phone on silent** and attend to the session with your child. Therapy is best practiced at home.

We understand at times you may be waiting on a call; if you could let staff know this it will be accommodated.

We hope that new and existing families are settling back in OECI for Term 4.

Please don't hesitate to talk to any of the staff if you have any concerns or hesitations .

Megan will be off on maternity leave from the middle of Term 4 as she welcomes her first baby into the world. Aly will be finishing towards the end of Term 4 to welcome baby number two into her family.

We'd like to welcome our two new team members here at OECI;



Hello parents and families, I am a new Educator Sarah Sanders. I completed my early childhood and primary degree in 2014. I have some experience in teaching in primary schools, long day care as well as preschool. During this time I was able to work with children, families and specialists to support children's learning. I am very excited to be at Early Intervention and I hope to learn many new skills. I look forward to getting to know the families and the children during my time.



My name is Denese Hofman and I am the new Occupational Therapist at Orana Early Intervention. I have previously taught in primary schools before going back to university to complete my degree in Occupational Therapy. Coming to work at Early Intervention will allow me to support children in these areas. I am looking forward to working with the Early Intervention team and meeting the families.



SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY 15th December 2015 5.30-7.30 pm at OECI

OECI Christmas get together

More details to come

Gross Motor Sessions

If you are attending a session which includes gross motor time with Chris (OECI Physio) or other staff members please bring your child in appropriate footwear, preferably joggers.

When your child attends with inappropriate footwear (e.g. thongs or crocs) it can lead to a Workplace Health and Safety Risk.



Complaints, Concerns & Compliments

If you have a compliment, concern or complaint – there are lots of ways of letting us know:

- Talk to a member of the team
- Email: info@oeci.org.au
- Letter: PO Box 6204, Dubbo, NSW, 2830
- Phone: 02. 6882 0599
- Other: request to speak to Doreen Peek, Team Leader, our Board of Management or Janelle Burke, Manager.
- Refer to our complaints and feedback brochure
- Add a comment on the feedback board which is located in the foyer as you sign in

We welcome all feedback as it assists us to further enhance our service delivery.

Changes in the disability sector

As many of you may be aware there are changes identified for the disability sector.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is currently rolling out across the state with our area due for implementation from July 2017.

Keeping up with the changes is proving difficult & it has been recommended that people wishing to find out the most accurate information link into the NDIS website:-

www.ndis.gov.au

It is important to note that not all families will be eligible for the NDIS

Due to the anticipated funding changes we are currently assessing and reviewing our service delivery.

As always you are most welcome to chat with a member of staff with regard to this. We always welcome parental comments & suggestions.