23 December 2010

YMCA OSHC is coming to Werrington County Public School

Dear Parents and Carers of Werrington County Public School,

Firstly we wanted to say that the Staff and Management of the YMCA are grateful for the opportunity to provide Before, After School and Vacation Care to the families of the Werrington County Public School community. The YMCA has been providing community services for over 155 years but more locally, YMCA Penrith City has been providing high quality Outside School Hours Care in 5 locations for over 10 years.

The provision of high quality care is taken very seriously by the YMCA and its staff. We aim to provide a service that works in partnership with the School and its community. Our Before School Care will operate onsite from 6.30am to 8.30am and After School Care from 3pm to 6pm daily. Our service will be located in the former Library building and will be known as YMCA Werrington County OSHC Centre. Vacation Care will also operate from 7am to 6pm daily at the Werrington County Public School.

On a normal day in Before School Care the children will be involved in quiet activities that help prepare them for the school day ahead. Breakfast will be provided as part of the daily program at no extra cost and if permission is provided. Children are taken into the playground close to bell time, while allowing children enough time to go to the toilet, put their bags at their classrooms and line up.

In After School Care the children will meet staff at a designated area, have their names marked off a roll, walk to the OSHC and then sit down to a nutritious afternoon snack. Once they have finished eating the children will participate in a range of age appropriate activities until parents collect them. Staff work closely with children to develop a program that is based on their interests and skill level.

Vacation Care Programs, allow children to become involved in a variety of daily activities including craft, sport, dance, movement, cooking and drama. The day is structured to include free choice activities that allow children to develop independence and life skills. Children also have the opportunity to attend a large range of daily excursions to local places of interest.

Throughout all the components of care that the YMCA offers, the staff pride themselves on the high level of supervision that is provided. While there is a focus on fun and recreation, clear Centre boundaries will be set in conjunction with the school to ensure the safety of each and every child. The Centre staff are governed by a set of clear and concise Policies.
that are available to parents at anytime. These Policies are reviewed annually and include input from Management, Staff, Children, Families and School Representatives.

Currently the Management of YMCA Penrith City are completing the paperwork that is required by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), our funding body, to receive the necessary information to provide discounted fees to parents (CCB). This process can take up to 2 months. We request that parents continue to make regular payments for care at an amount slightly higher than currently. Any credits or debits will be applied directly to their account on receipt of CCB confirmation.

YMCA staff will be visiting the School on Monday 24th January 2011 to meet with parents and assist with any question that you may have in relation to the service that we will be providing. The staff will be in the OSHC room for a 6.00pm information session so please feel free to drop in and meet them. Alternatively, please feel free to contact our Children’s Services Coordinator, Maree Hayes, on 4733 7388 or 0417 212 553 after Monday 10th January 2011.

For your convenience our 2011 Enrolment Form has been placed on School Website or can be found on the YMCA website at www.sydney.ymca.org.au/penrith.

Childcare Benefit (CCB) will be available to all eligible families and greatly reduce the fees payable by families.

Fees for 2011 are:
Before School Care (Permanent): $13.50
Before School Care (Casual): $15.50
(50% Government Childcare Rebate applies and will greatly reduce this fee)
After School Care (Permanent): $19.50
After School Care (Casual): $21.50
(50% Government Childcare Rebate applies and will greatly reduce this fee)
Enrolment fee (1 Child): $40 per year
Enrolment fee (2+ Children): $60 per year
(Please note: if you have already paid an Annual Enrolment Fee at another service please let Maree know so we can review this charge with the YMCA in 2011).

We look forward to meeting you all over the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

Maree Hayes
Children’s Services Coordinator
YMCA Penrith City