



WILLIAM RUTHVEN

Welcome back for 2019 and a big welcome to our new families.

We hope you all had a lovely break and are feeling fresh for the new year. Please check our newsletter fortnightly for our up and coming activities and any special notices.

Please ensure all children needing to use the service this year are enrolled and booked in using the online booking system. For any children with medical conditions, please come and see us before your first visit to ensure all necessary documents are completed and medication is dropped off before your child's first session.

As we are in term 1, we have entered the first Sun Smart term of the year. As per Sun Smart guidelines and OSHClub's Sun Smart Policy, all children wishing to participate in outside play will need to apply sunscreen and wear a wide brimmed hat.

We do supply sunscreen (Coles brand 50+), however if your child had a sensitivity to sunscreens and needs a specific brand, please ensure they have a tube packed in their bag for use at after care.

Supports the Troops Project, 2018- Recipient Response

We are very happy to share that over the Christmas break, we received our very first thank you letter from a very deserving recipient of the Christmas Care Packages we made up and sent overseas in December last year.

We have been granted permission to share this response with you all. The following thank you letter is from Don, a Major in the Australian Army:

Good Evening Rowan, Sienna, Natalia, Jake, Olivia, Henry Lin, Vicky, Katia, Isaac, Angus, Stephanie, Izzy, Kirrawai, Clancy, Gilda, Eshaal, Evleen, Nathalia, Aiden, Jessique, Max and Emily.

I just opened your amazing Christmas Care Pack. Thank you so much. It means a great deal to receive mail from home (especially such yummy mail!) at this time of year. Thank you also for your super interesting questions. I will answer them all below. But first, let me tell you a little about myself.

My name is Don and I am a Major in the Australian Army. I have been in uniform for just over 20 years now and I love my job. I am married to a lovely lady called Hannah and we have two little girls who might be about your age. They miss me a lot but I do get to video call with them at least every few days. Ok let's just to your questions:

- *Angus - I certainly do have a Christmas tree. We have a small tree in our office under which we placed a present each for Christmas Day. I also have a tiny one in my room that my girls gave me before I left.*
- *Kirrawai - yes we certainly did enjoy Christmas as a team. We had a huge Christmas lunch in our dining facility and shared our presents in the office afterwards. It was not like being at home but it was still lots of fun.*
- *Isaac - I am deployed to Iraq. I am stationed here in Baghdad. Right now it is quite cold but it will soon heat up. During the middle of summer it will get as hot as 48 degrees which will be quite uncomfortable.*
- *Stephanie - I have not been here all that long. Only a month or so. I'll be here for around about half a year.*
- *Emily - we do get a chance for a bit of fun and we have a half day off on Fridays. But I actually really enjoy the job I do out here so even my work is fun. In my spare time I run around the base here. Sometimes we run up the stairs of a huge building on the camp. Years ago it was an actual palace but it is a bit run down now. I also like watching movies at night. (I'm watching the XMen DVD you sent right now :)*
- *Clancy - I'll be home by July. Just in time for my birthday!!*
- *Isabel - When I am at home I work at Army Headquarters building laboratories, which is really cool. However over here I work in a team advising Iraqi military officers so that they can improve their own abilities and defend their country. It is a very rewarding role and a most enjoyable one.*

Again, thank you so much for your lovely care pack and letter. I wish all of you the very best for the coming year. I have attached a slideshow with a few pictures that I have taken over the past few weeks. I hope you like them.

Stay safe and be good. ;)

Kind Regards,

Don

Don has also been kind enough to share the following pictures with us from his time over in Iraq so far:

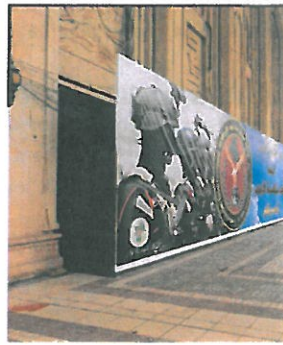
**Major Don's yummy Christmas Dinner-
Iraqi Style!**



**Major Don's home away from home -
His room while on deployment**



This is the building that Major Don spends much of his time and which is undergoing some refurbishments



William Ruthven OSHClub Team

Week of 25 February, 2019			Week of 4 March , 2019			Week of 11 March , 2019		
DAY	ACTIVITIES		DAY	ACTIVITIES		DAY	ACTIVITIES	
MONDAY	123 Basketball	Coke & Milk Experiment	MONDAY	Crab Soccer	Hot Pancakes Game	MONDAY	3D Rainbows	Fruit Salad
TUESDAY	Bean Bag Toss	Coke & Mentos Experiment	TUESDAY	Piggy in the Middle	Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday	TUESDAY	Leprechaun Hats	Tiggy
WEDNESDAY	Change Places if...	Coke & Egg Experiment	WEDNESDAY	Silent Ball	What's your favorite pancake topping?	WEDNESDAY	Heart Shamrocks	Shary Tiggy
THURSDAY	War Ball	Coke Slime	THURSDAY	Skipping Games	Pancake Flip Memory Game	THURSDAY	Jumping Leprechauns	Downball
FRIDAY	Marker's Up	Coke Balloon Inflator	FRIDAY	Giant's Treasure	Picklets	FRIDAY	Zucchini Fritters	Octopus Tag

Menu:

A fresh fruit and vegetables platter with a selection of seasonal items, a cheese (either tasty or fetta) accompanied by either pita bread and dips, rice crackers, corn thins

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