Welcome to 2016 in the OLR Canteen

Thank you to all parents, guardians, grandparents and loved ones who have volunteered to work in the canteen this year. We couldn’t do it without each and every one of you.... so a big hello to our newcomers and welcome back to our returning volunteers!!

My name is Amber, I have a son, Sam, in 4 Gold and two daughters in high school after completing their primary school years here at OLR. I have been working in canteens for 12 years here at OLR and more recently at Erina Heights Primary School. I am so pleased to be back within the OLR community, thanks to all those that have stopped by to welcome me back.

With the new school year we thought it was time to review current canteen practices in line with the NSW Food Authority (Food Standards Code, effective 1st March 2016) and WorkSafe NSW.

Our goal in 2016 is to be a canteen of best practice; to be a canteen that provides safe, healthy and wholesome food to our children and to take care of our volunteers by providing a safe environment for all.

To be a canteen of best practice will require us to make some changes, these changes I have outlined below:

- The canteen has been rearranged into zones food preparation, service and cash handling.
- Volunteers will be required to wear appropriate clothing which includes closed in shoes, minimal jewellery and have long hair tied back.
- Volunteers should not to come in if they are feeling unwell, regardless of how much notice is provided.
- Children are not allowed in the canteen, this includes under school age siblings.

I appreciate that some of these changes may impact on your ability to commit to the days you have been rostered this term. Should that be the case for you, please ensure you contact me ASAP so that alternate arrangements can be made for you.

In past years at OLR we have received support from some Year 6 students who wish to help out in the canteen, this is something I don’t want to change. It’s a good opportunity for the students to learn correct food handling skills and to develop their cash handling skills. Year 6 children who wish to volunteer will require parental permission to do so, permission slips will be available in the canteen.

I look forward to caring and nurturing your children through healthy food options.

Regards,

Amber Trench
Canteen Co-Ordinator