

CHATting with OSHC

Term 4 2025

MESSAGE FROM OSHC COORDINATOR

Welcome to Term 4, 2025!

What a wonderful year it's been at OSHC; full of fun, learning, and friendships. As we enter our final term, we're looking forward to wrapping it up on a high note and celebrating all that we've achieved together.

As many families may have seen from our recent posts and foyer notices, the government has introduced important new child safety regulations that apply to *all* education and care services, including OSHC. These changes are designed to strengthen the protection, wellbeing, and privacy of all children in our care.

Below is a summary of what's new and how it affects families, please read this carefully. We thank all our families for their ongoing support and cooperation as we continue to align our practices with these new requirements.

If you have any questions about the updates or would like to view our revised policies, please don't hesitate to speak with our team or find the updated policies on OWNA.

Let's make Term 4 a fantastic finish to a great year!

Warm regards, *Rowena*

FROM THE WELCOME DESK

You may have noticed some new faces recently! We warmly welcome **Tawana** to our kitchen staff. Tawana is originally from Africa and is currently studying for her Nursing degree. You might also have met **Molly**, our new friendly face at the RP desk. Molly is from England and is studying for her master's in teaching. She will be there every day to greet and farewell you and your children.

If you see Tawana or Molly around, please don't hesitate to say hello.

IMPORTANT CHILD SAFETY UPDATES

- **Updated Policies and Procedures:** We have reviewed and updated several key policies, including Child Protection, Digital Technology Use, and Supervision of Children.
- **Increased Staff Training:** All educators are undertaking additional professional development to ensure we meet the new standards and maintain a safe, nurturing environment.
- **Safe Use of Digital Devices:** In line with new national guidelines, smartwatches and personal digital devices will no longer be permitted for children, parents, visitors, or staff during OSHC hours.
- **Enhanced Reporting Requirements:** There are now clearer processes for reporting and responding to child safety concerns, ensuring transparency and accountability at every step.

LOOKING BACK ON TERM 3 & VACATION CARE

Term 3 was full of meaningful celebrations and activities at OSHC. We began with OSHC Educators Day, where our dedicated team received new work shirts and collaborated with Mandy Draper from Deadly Dot Pots to create a story on them. This beautiful project expressed what it means to work at OSHC, and it was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible work our educators do every day.

With the children, we celebrated Book Week and commemorated important awareness days including Bullying No Way Day and R U OK Day.

Our vacation care program was busy and fun-filled! Children had the chance to try many new activities and revisit favourites. The hall was alive with energy and laughter, and the joy on the children's faces was truly heartwarming. Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your children during the recent vacation care it was an amazing experience for all involved.

WHAT'S AHEAD IN TERM 4...

As we look ahead to the next ten weeks and the close of the year, we're excited to continue offering a variety of clubs and activities. This term will see:

- The continuation of Cooking Club
- The return of Gardening Club and Sports Club
- The introduction of STEM Club and Wellness Club

We look forward to seeing all the creativity and experiences these clubs will bring!

Throughout this term, we will be celebrating Diwali in honour of our wonderful Ms. Tina, who is from India. To acknowledge her ancestors and her valuable contributions to OSHC, we embrace this special day to celebrate diversity and foster inclusion within our community. We will also be commemorating Day for Daniel and Remembrance Day, important occasions that help us reflect on safety, kindness, and respect.

OWNA TIP Please make sure your notification settings are up to date. This is our main way of communicating with families, so staying connected ensures you never miss important updates.

IMPORTANT DATES...

- 13th November: School Disco: we will be operating through the library on this day.
- 18th November: Vacation Care bookings open.
- 22nd December – 4th January: Center closed for the holidays (reopens on 5th January).



See more fun in our gallery below...!



TERM 3 & VACATION CARE FUN

