

# BLAKEVIEW OSHC NEWSLETTER TERM 2, 2024



## Dates to Remember

27/5 Reconciliation Day

7/6 Sports Day

10/6 Public Holiday (closed)

5/7 Last Day of Term 2:10pm Finish



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## Term 2

### Communication

To make a booking or an enquiry, please use one of the following communication methods:

Text the OSHC mobile (0427 055 784)

Call the OSHC landline (8284 1190)

Email OSHC Leadership

For permanent bookings, please fill out a permanent booking slip and return to OSHC or via email

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### Upcoming events

10/5 National Walk to School Day  
12/5 Mother's Day  
27/5 Reconciliation Day  
3/6 Mabo Day  
5/6 World Environment  
7/6 Sports Day  
10/6 King's (and Lauren's) Birthday  
Public Holiday

### To Do

#### Enrolment

Ensure all enrolment details, and current medical information, are up to date.

#### Sign In/Out

A parent/guardian is legally required to sign children in and out of the service, and walked to and from OSHC.

#### Communication

The best way to communicate with us is via text message or through email to avoid any mistakes.

### Reminders

Our service opens at 6:30am and closes at 6pm. Please remember to be prompt in collecting your child/ren as you may incur a late fee. Late collection is charged at \$1 per minute, per child, and this fee cannot be subsidised.

Please communicate any absences to the OSHC mobile via text. Unexplained absences will be charged the full session price. We require 24 hours for any cancellations during the term. Any cancellations not within 24 hours will still be charged for the session, unless a doctors certificate can be provided.

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## LEADERSHIP REPORT

### A message from Rebecca!

Dear OSHC Families,

As we welcome the beginning of a new term, it brings me great pleasure to extend warm greetings to each and every one of you.

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and trust in our service. It is your commitment that truly fosters the vibrant community we cherish here at Blakeview OSHC. With your collaboration, we continuously strive to provide an enriching environment where every child can flourish and thrive.

As part of our dedication to ensuring the highest standards of care, we are initiating an update of enrolment information for all our families who wish to update any relevant information. We understand the importance of keeping records accurate and up-to-date, not only for administrative purposes but also to guarantee the safety and well-being of your children. Therefore, we have prepared an updated enrolment pack for your convenience, located in the OSHC Office.

This new enrolment pack contains all the necessary forms and information required for updating any relevant details regarding your child/ren. We kindly request that you take the time to review and complete these forms accurately. Once done, please return the updated enrolment pack to the OSHC office at your earliest convenience.

Your cooperation in this matter is invaluable, as it enables our leadership team to maintain accurate records and provide the best possible care for your child. Should you have any questions or require assistance with the enrolment process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the leadership team who will be more than happy to assist you.

In closing, let us embrace the spirit of renewal that comes with the start of a new term. Together, let us continue to nurture an environment where every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care of your children. We look forward to another term filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

Warm regards  
Rebecca Musico





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## MEET OUR STAFF

We are so lucky to have an ever evolving OSHC Team of Educators. As some Educators leave, we always endeavour to employ new staff with skills, qualities and qualifications that will help our service grow and thrive. Please meet our current team of Educators, and don't be afraid to say 'Hi' when you see them on the floor!





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Hi everyone! My name is Rebecca and I am the Director at Blakeview Primary School OSHC. I am also a wife and Mum to 3 beautiful girls. For the past 9 years, I have had the privilege of working in the Education and OSHC industry and during this time, I have developed a strong passion for working with children, sharing their voices and advocating for them. I especially enjoy working in collaboration with other educators and families to create an engaging and inclusive program and environment. I look forward to making many more memories with our little friends!



**REBECCA- DIRECTOR**

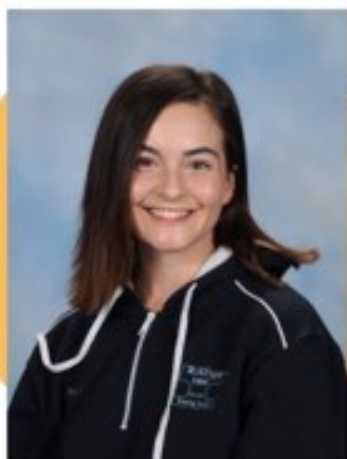


**LAUREN - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

Hello! My name is Lauren and I am the Assistant Director and Educational Leader at Blakeview Primary School OSHC. I have over 8 years experience working with children in school age education and care. I have a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters of Education: Primary. I love planning fun and engaging activities and creating many different spaces and opportunities for play, helping children build skills to grow their social and emotional wellbeing. I have a passion for bringing meaningful change to the way in which OSHC is organised and run.

I am originally from Essex, England, and moved to Adelaide when I was 10. I am married to my High School sweetheart, and we have a beautiful fur baby called Shadow.

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### **TAYLA - QUALIFIED EDUCATOR**

My name is Tayla and I have been working at OSHC for two years! When I am not at OSHC (which is not a lot) I am also an SSO at another site, play netball for Two Wells and also studying my Bachelor of Teaching! My favourite thing about OSHC is getting to build such amazing relationships with the children, their families, and my co-workers.



### **LISA- QUALIFIED EDUCATOR**

Hello families! My name is Lisa and I have been working at Blakeview OSHC for almost 3 years now! I absolutely love working here because I get to build positive relationships with children and families while providing a sense of safety, inclusion and care. This year, I will be completing my final year of university studying a Bachelor of Secondary Education. A fun fact about me is that I have been riding horses for 11 years. I own two horses named Rocky and Ace and I compete in show jumping. I love spending quality time with my partner, friends and family. I look forward to making wonderful memories with your children this year.



### **DIING - QUALIFIED EDUCATOR**

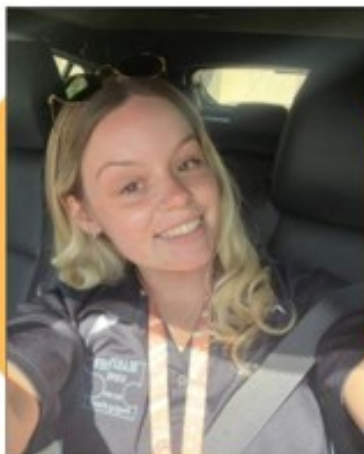
Hi, I'm Diing! I'm a pretty chill guy and I love to mentor students in all different situations. I love advocating for cultural inclusivity and have worked with the Adelaide Crows in the past. I love hanging out with friends and loved ones, I am enrolled in an acting school and also par-take in some modelling on the side.



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### **ALICIA - QUALIFIED EDUCATOR**

Hi my name is Alicia and I have been working at Blakeview OSHC since term 3 last year. I'm currently finishing my last year of studying Primary Education at UniSA and I'm very excited to become a teacher! In my spare time I love going to the beach with my dogs and keeping busy in the sun. I have loved my time so far at Blakeview, and look forward to growing and learning even more!



### **TOBONGE - QUALIFIED EDUCATOR**

Hi! My name is Tobonge or T is fine as well. I have been working at Blakeview OHSC for almost 6 months now. I really enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading a good book, and going for a nice long walk on the beach. I really enjoy working at Blakeview OSHC because of all the fun adventures and the wonderful people I get to meet as well!



### **JEMMA - QUALIFIED EDUCATOR**

I've been working at Blakeview OSHC since the beginning of 2022 and have enjoyed every moment. I love seeing new faces. I'm in my third year of Uni studying a Bachelor of Primary Education. When I'm not at OSHC or at Uni I'd definitely be at the netball courts playing/training for my club Angle Vale Football & Netball club.

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### **BLAKE - EDUCATOR**

Hello! My name is Blake. I have been working at OSHC for about 3 years now! (I think). I love working here and getting to know all the families that come to our amazing community. I love to play soccer, it is great being able to pass on my knowledge to the students that want to learn about this sport!!



### **SAM - EDUCATOR**

Hi all Sam here! I've been at Blakeview OSHC now for 1 year and have enjoyed getting to know all the kids and building great relationships! It's been great helping run activities and even learning a skill or two from the kids as well. It's been awesome to provide fun, and laughs and look forward to continuing to do so.



### **INDIGO - EDUCATOR**

Hi everyone, I'm Indigo and I've been working at Blakeview OSHC for almost a year, with a two month break in the middle where I went to England for some study and travel. I have one semester left of my Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in English and Psychology, before I begin a Masters in Teaching (Secondary School). I love the variety of experiences that OSHC offers, from sport and imaginative play to craft and relaxation, and the capacity this provides to be involved with the children in many different ways, building relationships with children of all ages and interests! In my spare time I love making coffees at my church's coffee shop, going on walks and listening to music.





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### EMMA - EDUCATOR

Hi my name is Emma! I am 19 years old and have been working at Blakeview Primary School OSHC for 6 months now. My favourite colour is purple, my favourite animal is an otter and my favourite hobby is competitive dance. I have been dancing since the age of two and now have the joy of competing in dance competitions. I also teach dance at my studio from ages between 2-16. I have a Certificate III in animal studies and have completed my certificate qualifications in ACRO in which I run at my dance studio. I enjoy coming along to vacation care and find the excursions super fun. I enjoy creating special bonds and relationships with the children and being a part of their primary school years during their time at OSHC.



### TIAHNA - EDUCATOR (VAC CARE)

Hi, my name is Tiahna and I am 18 years old! I started working at Blakeview Primary School OSHC over a year ago when I did my placement and was lucky enough to start officially working here after that. I love spending time with my loved ones, hanging out at the beach, and heading to the latest musical festivals! I am super creative and love running the afternoon craft activity.



### ZALI - EDUCATOR

Hi! I'm Zali Kilcullen, I'm 20 years old. I have worked at Blakeview OSHC for nearly two years now and I SSO at another school too! My favourite part about OSHC is building relationships with children and families! In my free time, I enjoy going shopping or hanging with my friends.



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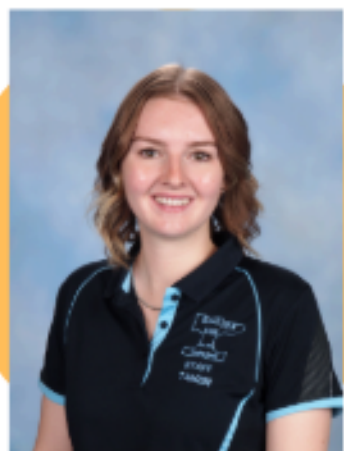
### **JONATHAN - EDUCATOR**

My name is Jonathan, I am currently studying a Bachelor of Primary Education at Uni SA Mawson Lakes. I love being an OSHC educator as I have the opportunity to make a positive impact on students lives, while also witnessing their achievements. I am approaching my 2nd year of working at the service and plan to apply for an SSO or disability support role soon.



### **BETH - EDUCATOR (VAC CARE)**

Hi! My name is Beth, I am a new educator to Blakeview OHSC. You may have seen me around the school as I work as a SSO in Torrens Block. I enjoy playing netball two nights a week and my favourite colour is bright orange. What I enjoy most about OHSC is the staff and being hands on with the main session activities with the children.



### **TAMZIN - EDUCATOR**

Hello! My name is Tamzin and I have been working at Blakeview OSHC since the end of the 2023 school year. I also currently work in the Murray Unit here at Blakeview as an SSO, and have since term 3, 2021. I have really enjoyed creating new friendships with students and staff from outside of my unit since working at OSHC. Outside of work, I spend most of my time training, teaching and playing Roller Derby which I am very passionate about!



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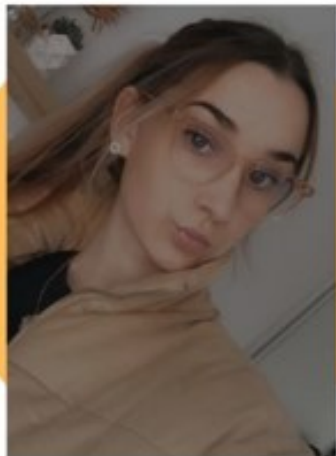


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### **IOANNA - EDUCATOR**

I have been working at Blakeview primary school for 3 years. I am currently studying a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care. I love being an Educator because it allows me to create positive opportunities for children and witness them grow and develop everyday.



### **MARLEY - EDUCATOR**

Hi, I'm Marley, I am 18 years old and I have completed my schooling and certificate 3 (individual support-disability). I am a new young mother to my baby girl Oaklynn. I enjoy working in OSHC and being able to see all students be the best version of themselves they can be. In my spare time I also enjoy family time and outings.



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## NEW STAFF ALERT



### **RAECHEL - QUALIFIED EDUCATOR**

Hello my name is Raechel, I have a Diploma of Children's Services and have worked as a qualified educator for 23 years. I currently coordinate an Occasional Care Service and work as an SSO at another school. I have been employed at Blakeview OSHC for only a month and have already made many new little friends and joined a great team. I have 2 children, Ben who is 18 and my daughter, many of you would know, Emma who also works here at Blakeview OSHC. I love to travel and go on cruises. I love shopping, chocolate and pizza. I really look forward to getting to know all the wonderful children here and if you see me around don't be shy to say Hi!



### **BRETT - EDUCATOR**

Hi, I'm Brett. I started at Blakeview OSHC these past holidays, and everyone has been really friendly and made me feel super welcome. I have worked as an SSO for the past 6 years, however I have worked with children in some facet for the past 20 years. This included summer camps, rock climbing youth squads and mentoring. I have 2 young children of my own who are 8 and 6 years old. We really enjoy camping and rock climbing, bike riding and enjoy watching cricket and football, and spending time with close friends and family. I look forward to being part of the team here at Blakeview and bringing my style and fun into OSHC.



### **RAQUELLE - EDUCATOR**

Hi! My name is Raquelle, or Kel is fine too. I am a new educator at Blakeview OSHC and am excited to continue to build relationships with the children and staff. I am currently in my third year of Uni studying a Bachelor of Primary Education and also work as an SSO at a high school. Outside of work, I love to play netball, spend time with my friends and family, and go to the beach. I am looking forward to all the good times, laughs, and learning that is to come!





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### **JARRAD - EDUCATOR**

Hi everyone I'm Jarrad, I am 20 years old and have been working at Blakeview OSHC for 1 month. I have really enjoyed getting to know all the kids and finding out all there hobbies. Some of my hobbies are playing video games with friends and playing soccer, I have also done some trainee work in occupational therapy, which I am looking at studying in the future.



# OSHC OFFICE HOURS

A friendly reminder to families to please have a look at our OSHC Office Hours.

As we are such a large service, sometimes it can be a bit tricky providing quality care to children whilst trying to help you with things such as accounts, payments or bookings.

We will be opening our office to help you with such things after 8.45 AM after we have done the morning drop offs, and after 3.45 PM once we have settled our little friends in to the afternoon session.

We are also in the office during the day to help you with any questions, however we do ask that between 3.00 PM and 3.45 PM you hold off on seeking assistance with things such as payments and checking account details as this can be a bit of a wild time getting our kiddies in and fed.

This also ensures that we are giving our full attention and efforts to those who really need it at the time.

If you can't wait and need to shoot off, that's okay! Send us a message or an email and we can help you with whatever you need when we are done!

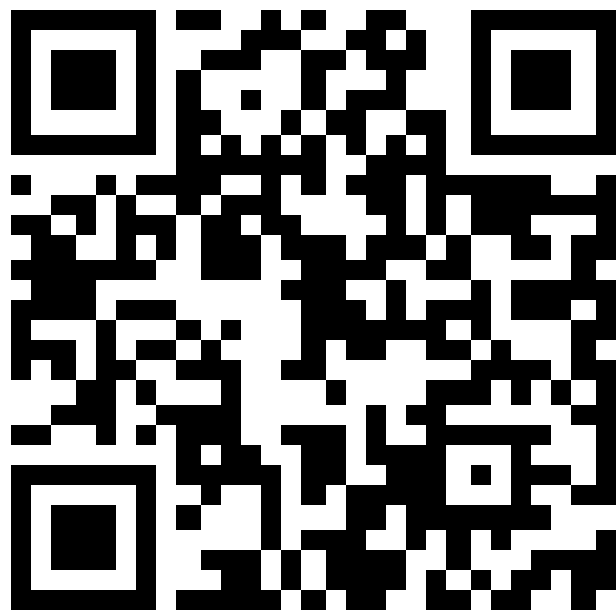
Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

**BSC** after 8:45am

**ASC** after 3:45pm



# Join Our Closed Facebook Group



Answer the member question and join the group  
to keep up to date with important information,  
dates and FUN!

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## TERM FOCUS

### Our focus this term....

#### Enhancing our Physical Space for Enriching Experiences

Greetings, OSHC Families!

As we dive into this exciting new term, I wanted to take a moment to share with you our focus for the coming weeks: updating and enhancing our physical space to create even more enriching experiences for your children.

At Blakeview OSHC, we believe that the environment plays a crucial role in shaping your child's learning journey. That's why we've been hard at work making adjustments to all areas within our service to ensure they're not just comfortable, but also engaging and inspiring.

One of the first changes you may have noticed is our revamped sign-in area. We wanted to create a welcoming space where families feel right at home as soon as they walk through our doors. But we didn't stop there. We've also introduced a learning outcome evidence wall, where you can enjoy snapshots of your child's adventures and see firsthand how our programs align with important learning outcomes.

In our quest to foster interactive learning experiences, we've installed an interactive whiteboard in the gym's large cupboard. This nifty addition not only aids us during floor time

activities but also serves as a hub for afternoon plans. Children can visually see what's on the agenda for the day, from afternoon tea choices to programmed activities and designated play areas. Plus, it's a blast for group games and brain breaks!

And speaking of creating cosy retreats, we've transformed our TV room into a haven for relaxation and quiet reflection. By moving movie time to a more spacious area, we've freed up the TV room to serve as a peaceful sanctuary for children needing a calm moment away from the hustle and bustle.

But our journey doesn't end here. Our focus this term is to continue updating and refining our physical space, all while deepening our understanding of how to craft engaging and enriching play areas for your children to learn and grow.

As always, your feedback and involvement are invaluable to us. If you have any thoughts, ideas, or suggestions on how we can further improve our environment, please don't hesitate to share them with us. Together, we can create a space where every child feels empowered, inspired, and ready to explore the world around them.

Here's to a term filled with boundless curiosity, joyful discoveries, and endless possibilities!

Warm regards,  
Lauren Hazeal



# MY TIME, OUR PLACE OUTCOMES

## OUTCOME 1: CHILDREN HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY

- 1.1 Children feel safe, secure and supported.
- 1.2 Children develop their autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency.
- 1.3 Children develop knowledgeable and confident self-identities.
- 1.4 Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect.

## OUTCOME 2: CHILDREN ARE CONNECTED WITH AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR WORLD

- 2.1 Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation.
- 2.2 Children respond to diversity with respect.
- 2.3 Children become aware of fairness.
- 2.4 Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment.

## OUTCOME 3: CHILDREN HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF WELLBEING

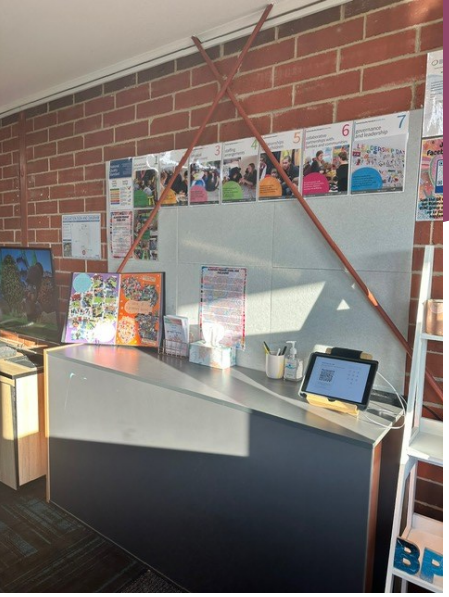
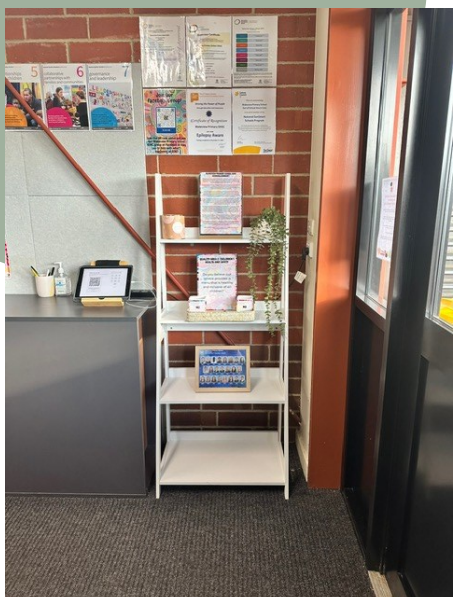
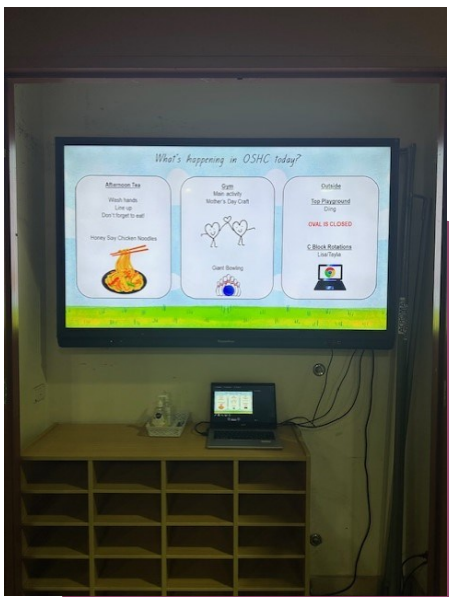
- 3.1 Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing.
- 3.2 Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing.

## OUTCOME 4: CHILDREN ARE CONFIDENT AND INVOLVED LEARNERS

- 4.1 Children develop dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.
- 4.2 Children use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.
- 4.3 Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.
- 4.4 Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials.

## OUTCOME 5: CHILDREN ARE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS

- 5.1 Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes.
- 5.2 Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts.
- 5.3 Children collaborate with others, express ideas and make meaning using a range of media and communication technologies.



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## SPORTS DAY FUNDRAISER

Get ready to mark your calendars because something deliciously fun is coming your way! We're thrilled to announce that this year, OSHC will be taking charge of the sausage sizzle at our upcoming Sports Day extravaganza.

Picture this: the sun is shining, the air is filled with laughter and cheers, and the tantalizing aroma of sizzling sausages fills the air. That's right, we're firing up the barbie and serving up some scrumptious sausage sizzles hot off the grill! But that's not all – we'll also have a mouth-watering array of snacks like chips and lollies, refreshing soft drinks, juice boxes, and water to keep everyone fuelled and hydrated throughout the day.

Now, here's the best part: all proceeds from our sausage sizzle will go straight back into our OSHC program to update equipment and toys throughout the service. That means every bite you take and every sip you enjoy will directly contribute to making our OSHC experience even more enriching and exciting for your children.

So, whether you're a seasoned sports enthusiast or just looking for a tasty treat, be sure to swing by our sausage sizzle station and show your support for OSHC. Together, we can make a difference and create even more wonderful memories for our kids.

We can't wait to see you all at Sports Day for a day of fun, food, and fantastic company!



## Hats @ OSHC

All children attending OSHC are required to keep a hat in their bag at all times. Whether it's an OSHC hat, a school hat, or a sun smart hat, having a hat readily available is essential for protecting our children from the sun's harmful rays.

In the event that a child arrives without a hat or has misplaced theirs, we will provide them with a freshly washed spare hat that they can keep. These hats have been generously donated by students who no longer attend the service. Rest assured, each spare hat has been thoroughly washed and tumble dried for hygiene purposes.

For new enrolments, we have a limited supply of brand new hats available. These hats will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to ensure that every child has adequate sun protection while at OSHC.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and guardians of our "no hat, play in the shade" policy. This means that children without hats will be encouraged to engage in activities under shaded areas to minimise their exposure to direct sunlight.

It is imperative that children keep their hats in their bags when not in use. This ensures that their hats are easily accessible whenever they are outdoors, helping to reinforce sun safety practices.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in implementing these measures. The safety and well-being of our children are of utmost importance, and we believe that these changes will contribute to a safer and more enjoyable environment for all. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new hat process, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support.





# Our Philosophy

## Nurturing Hearts and Minds

At our OSHC service, we believe in creating a nurturing and enriching environment where each child can grow, learn, and flourish. We are committed to providing a holistic approach to early childhood education, focusing on the development of the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. Our philosophy is based on the following core principles:

**Child-Centric Approach:** We recognise that every child is unique, with their own interests, abilities, and learning styles. We strive to create an inclusive and supportive environment that celebrates and respects each child's individuality. Our programming and activities are designed to cater to their diverse needs and interests, promoting their overall development.

**Play-Based Learning:** We understand the importance of play in a child's development. Play is a natural and essential way for children to explore, learn, and make sense of the world around them. Our program integrates purposeful play into daily activities, allowing children to engage in hands-on experiences that promote creativity, problem-solving, social skills, and cognitive development.

**Emphasis on Social-Emotional Development:** We believe that fostering healthy social-emotional development is crucial for a child's overall well-being. We provide a caring and nurturing environment where children can build positive relationships, develop empathy, and learn effective communication and conflict resolution skills. We prioritise emotional intelligence, helping children develop self-awareness, self-regulation, and resilience.

**Partnership with Families:** We recognise that families play an integral role in a child's growth and development. We strive to establish strong partnerships with families, promoting open communication, collaboration, and shared decision-making. We value and respect the cultural, linguistic, and familial diversity of our community, incorporating it into our practices to create a sense of belonging for all.

**Lifelong Love for Learning:** Our aim is to cultivate a lifelong love for learning in each child. We provide a stimulating environment that encourages curiosity, critical thinking, and a sense of wonder. Our qualified educators act as facilitators, guiding children in their exploration, encouraging their questions, and nurturing their innate desire to learn and discover.

**Continuous Professional Development:** We believe in the importance of ongoing professional development for our educators. We strive to provide them with opportunities to enhance their knowledge, skills, and pedagogical approaches. This commitment ensures that our educators stay informed about the latest research, best practices, and emerging trends in early childhood education.

Our philosophy is centred on creating a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment where children are encouraged to explore, learn, and grow. We are dedicated to supporting their overall development, fostering their love for learning, and preparing them for a successful transition from school to OSHC.

Have your say!  
How do you feel  
about our service  
philosophy? Send  
your feedback to  
OSHC Leadership.  
We're eager to  
hear from you!

## VAC CARE RECAP!

We've had so much fun these holidays!

The places we visited are:

SA Base Camp

Morialta

Inflatable  
World

Carisbrooke

St Kilda

Thorndon Park  
Playground

Odeon Cinemas  
Semaphore

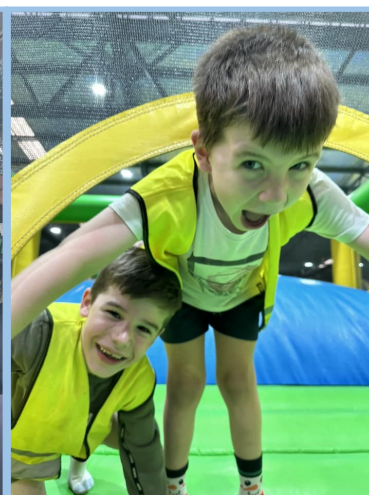


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## See you next time!

Keep an eye out on our closed Facebook group for the July Vacation Care program!



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