

BLAKEVIEW OSHC NEWSLETTER TERM 1, 2024



Dates to Remember

- 13/2 Pancake Day
- 11/3 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 21/3 Harmony Day
- 29/3 Good Friday Public Holiday
- 1/4 Easter Monday Public Holiday
- 12/4 Last Day of Term 2:10pm Finish



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WELCOME TO TERM 1 2024



BOOKINGS

To make bookings, please see us in person or use one of the following methods:

1. Text the OSHC mobile (0427 055 784)
2. Call the OSHC landline (8284 1190)
3. Email:
4. For permanent bookings, please fill out a permanent booking slip and return to OSHC or via email.

Rebecca.musico601@schools.sa.edu.au

or

Lauren.hazeal457@schools.sa.edu.au

TO-DO

- ⇒ Ensure enrolment and booking details are up to date
- ⇒ Remember to sign children in and out using the iPad at the sign in desk
- ⇒ Come and chat to us if you have any questions, queries or concerns

REMINDERS

- ⇒ Our closing time is 6pm so please remember to be prompt in collecting your child/ren before this time
- ⇒ Late collection is charged at \$1 per minute per child and this fee cannot be subsidised.
- ⇒ Please remember to let us know if your child/ren will not be attending a session. This enables a smooth sign in process during the term and ensures spaces can be given to those on waiting lists.

DATES TO CELEBRATE

- 13/2 Pancake Day
- 14/2 Valentine's Day
- 8/3 International Women's Day
- 15/3 Anti Bullying Day
- 21/3 Harmony Day
- 22/3 Ride to School Day
- 29/3 Good Friday
- 1/4 Easter Monday



LEADERSHIP REPORT



A message from Rebecca!

Hello all and a special welcome to all of the new families in 2024! We have thoroughly enjoyed being back at school and getting to know our new friends.

I'd like to just go through a few key points as a refresh for the beginning of the year:

Accounts - Invoices are emailed weekly and payment of these invoices are required regularly to ensure the continuation of care for your children. Should you experience financial hardship, please speak to leadership to organise payment plans.

School Holidays - Each vacation care block will have its own set of bookings forms to complete. To secure your days, a \$5 per day per child payment as well as completed forms are required to secure your dates.

Sign in - It is a legal requirement for families and caregivers to sign their children in and out of the service. Please make sure you do this upon arrival each time.

Grievances - Please make sure to speak to leadership regarding grievances. There are also grievance forms to complete. Under no circumstances it is acceptable to

address other peoples children regarding behavioural incidents.

Family Input - We would love to hear from you! If you have any feedback or ideas to share with us, please do so.

This year we are dedicated to strengthening and improving our relationships with families and our community. Lauren and I are always looking at improving our processes and ensuring we have effective communication with our families is one of them. We believe supporting our families goes hand in hand with providing quality care to children. We are committed to ensuring our practice and environment is supportive and inclusive.

We are looking forward to this year ahead of us. It's always a heart warming experience watching your children grow and develop over time!

Thank you,
Rebecca Musico
OSHC Director

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. I have enjoyed getting to know you and your children so far since beginning this new role and I am excited for many more years to come! 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. Thank you for welcoming me into this wonderful community!



REBECCA- DIRECTOR



LAUREN - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

My name is Lauren and I started working at Blakeview OSHC in 2016 as an educator. I have a Bachelor of Performing Arts and a Master of Teaching and have taught in schools for 4 years. I returned to OSHC in 2021 to take on the roll as Assistant Director. I am originally from England and I LOVE cows! I am looking forward to growing my family with my husband in the years to come. I am the Educational Leader at the service and have a passion for planning educational experiences and play that are engaging, fun, with a strong focus on children's wellbeing.

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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

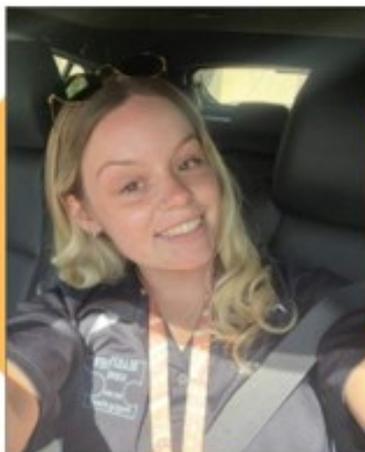
Hello families! My name is Lisa and I have been working at Blakeview OSHC for almost 3 years now! I absolutely love working here because I get to build positive relationships with children and families while providing a sense of safety, inclusion and care. This year, I will be completing my final year 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

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

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!

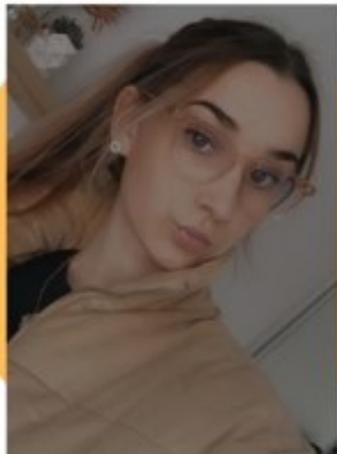


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IOANNA - EDUCATOR

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.



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!



TERM FOCUS

Our focus this term....

Educational Program & Practice

Greetings to our wonderful OSHC community!

As we dive into the new term, we're excited to share our renewed commitment to providing enriching educational experiences and fostering a supportive environment for all our children. At the heart of our mission lies a dedication to continually improving our programming and practices to ensure every child thrives in our care.

To kickstart this term, Lauren will be attending a programming expo, seeking fresh ideas, innovative approaches, and best practices to integrate into our curriculum. This expo serves as a valuable opportunity for professional development, empowering us to stay current with educational trends and refine our strategies to better meet the evolving needs of our children.

In our recent meetings, we've delved into critical reflection and the implementation of a robust cycle of planning. By critically evaluating our past practices, identifying areas for improvement, and setting clear goals, we aim to enhance the quality and effectiveness of our educational program. This reflective process ensures that we're continuously learning and adapting, fostering an environment of growth and excellence.

Additionally, we're focusing on updating our transitions and procedures to create a safer and more supportive atmosphere for all children at OSHC. Smooth transitions not only minimize disruptions but also promote a sense of security and belonging among our young people. By fine-tuning our procedures, we're streamlining our sessions and maximizing opportunities for engagement, exploration, and learning.

Our commitment to educational excellence extends beyond the confines of our service; it's a collaborative effort involving our dedicated staff, supportive families, and the broader community. Together, we're creating a nurturing environment where every child feels valued, empowered, and inspired to reach their full potential.

As we embark on this journey of continuous improvement, we invite you to join us in our mission to provide exceptional care and education for our children. Together, let's celebrate the joy of learning, exploration, and growth.

Warm regards,
OSHC Leadership

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

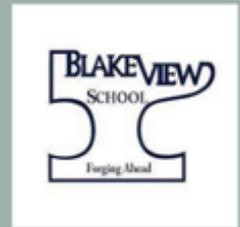
- 3.1 Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing.
- 3.2 Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing.

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.



We are using Seesaw!

We are thrilled to announce that we have implemented Seesaw as a fantastic addition to our Out of School Hours Care program. This innovative platform is helping us establish a stronger bond between the children we care for and their families. With Seesaw, we're able to create a more engaging and transparent way of sharing the enriching experiences your children have in our OSHC program.

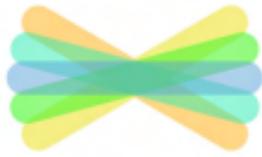
Each child enrolled in our OSHC program now enjoys their very own personalized learning journal within the Seesaw application. This journal serves as a dedicated space where we document and celebrate the unique learning experiences of every child under our supervision.

As our children actively participate in a wide range of activities and programs, such as arts and crafts, games, and interactive projects, we take great care in capturing these moments. The documentation includes vibrant photographs that encapsulate the excitement and creativity of these activities, along with reflective insights that provide a deeper understanding of their personal and educational growth.

The magic of Seesaw lies in its accessibility to families. Parents and guardians can easily access their child's learning journal with a few clicks, offering an up-to-date window into their OSHC experiences. You can view the photographs, read the reflections, and gain valuable insights into your child's development and interests. This open and collaborative approach establishes a seamless connection between the OSHC program and home, enabling families to be active participants in their child's growth and development.

With Seesaw, we not only bridge the gap between the OSHC program and home life but also foster a greater appreciation for the valuable learning journey your child is embarking upon. This digital platform has become an essential tool in ensuring that parents and guardians are active partners in their child's OSHC experience, celebrating and cherishing every moment of growth and fun.

Please get in contact with OSHC Leadership if you are experiences any difficulties accessing the Seesaw platform.



Welcome to Seesaw!

Connect Families on the Seesaw app

Seesaw is where your child's learning lives.
It's where home-school communication lives.
All in one place! Let's get you connected.



Steps to Connect

Look for a **printed, email, or text** invite and follow instructions!



- 1 Download the **Seesaw app** or go to **app.seesaw.me** on a computer
- 2 Click **'I'm a Family Member'**
- 3 **Printed Invites:** Scan the QR code
Text/Email Invites: Click the link
- 4 Follow the prompts to **create an account** or **sign in**

How to Use Seesaw



Mrs. Garcia
Family

Adjust **Account Settings** and connect to Seesaw Journals for additional children



View and engage with **all recent posts** from all of your children using Seesaw



View posts from **one child or class** (vs. all recent posts in the Home tab)



Use Messages to Communicate with teachers

Connected family members see only their own child's learning

[Learn more at web.seesaw.me/privacy](https://web.seesaw.me/privacy)

Watch the Get Families Started Video



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.



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Seniors Club

We are thrilled to continue an exciting addition to our OSHC program - Seniors Club! Specifically designed for children in years 5 and 6, this club offers a unique opportunity for our older students to engage in activities that promote growth, responsibility, and community involvement.

At Seniors Club, we aim to align our activities with the My Time Our Place outcomes, ensuring that every child has the chance to develop their skills and interests in a safe and supportive environment. Through a variety of engaging experiences, we foster a sense of belonging, well-being, and engagement among our participants.

One of the key aspects of Seniors Club is its focus on instilling responsibility and maturity in our students. By participating in activities such as team building exercises, baking sessions, STEM challenges, and community outreach initiatives, children have the chance to take on leadership roles, make decisions, and contribute positively to their community.

Team building activities encourage cooperation and communication, while baking sessions teach valuable life skills and promote creativity. Engaging in STEM challenges fosters critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, preparing children for future academic and professional endeavours.

Additionally, involvement in community outreach activities allows students to develop empathy and understanding for others, while making a meaningful impact on the world around them.

We believe that Seniors Club offers a holistic approach to after-school care, where children not only have fun but also grow personally and socially. We invite you to encourage your child to join us on this exciting journey of learning, growth, and friendship!



VAC CARE RECAP!

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had an amazing break over the holidays. Let's take a look at all the fun and exciting activities we got up to during the vacation care period. We kicked off our vacation care with a bang at Kidschella! It was a day filled with music, arts, and crafts where our kids got to showcase their talents and creativity. A splash-tastic day was had by all at the Aquatic Centre. Our kids enjoyed swimming and playing in the water, soaking up the summer sun through the glass roof. The older kids had a blast exploring the Adelaide Oval, while the younger ones bounced their way through an inflatable wonderland. We got into the festive spirit with Christmas crafts and our very first OSHC Cinema night. Families joined us for a special screening of a Christmas movie in the gym with popcorn and juice boxes.

Our Christmas Lunch Party was filled with joy, laughter, and delicious treats as we celebrated together before our holiday break. We had a beach-tastic time at the Beachouse, enjoying rides, games, and all the fun of the fair. From arcade games to energetic activities, our kids had a blast at Time Zone and a visit from Move it Body. We turned up the excitement with amusement games during the day and a groovy disco party at night. Thrills and spills were had at Rev It Up Racing, while the younger ones had a whale of a time at Sea Stars Play Cafe.

From magical Disney adventures to exciting Pokemon hunts, and from wheely good fun to delicious culinary creations, every day was an adventure! Our sports enthusiasts had a ball at AFL Max, and movie buffs enjoyed a trip to the Odeon Cinemas. Our little adventurers scaled new heights at Funtopia, while our older kids glided and twirled on roller skates. Creativity flowed on Art Attack Day, and we celebrated our unique selves on All About Us Day with a sausage sizzle and refreshing juice boxes.

It's been an incredible vacation care period filled with laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories. We can't wait to see what adventures await us next!

VACATION CARE PHOTO DUMP



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See you next time!

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





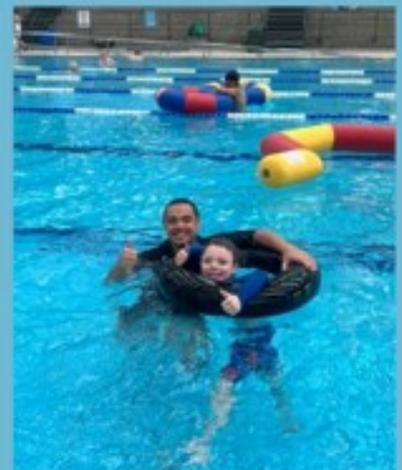
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