



# Newsletter Term 2, 2023

OSHC Friends,

Term 2 has been an extremely busy term, it's almost as if we blinked and missed it! Despite being so busy, we have had a great time exploring all the new and fun things happening and EHOSHC. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to one of our Educators, Jacquelynne Miller, who is moving on to a different career path. Jacquelynne started with us early last year and proved very quickly to be a wonderful asset to our team. A big highlight of her time with us was initiating our language group. A great success with a lot of valuable learning opportunities for the children involved. Thank you, Jacque for all you have done for EHOSHC, we will miss you!

Congratulations to all our OSHC educators who took part in their teaching practicums this term. Your absence left a hole, and we are pleased to have you all back. Special thanks must go to our relief staff: Daniel Obando, Ned Rallings and Lenore Pearson who were instrumental in keeping things ticking along.



**Emma Pearson, weeding away!**



**Neeti exploring French cuisine in Jacque's Language group**



**Fliptastic Fun!**



## PROGRAM

This term, the children have had some special visitors coming in to run a Gymnastics program and to also learn all about horticulture and gardening. It has been a great success with the children having the opportunity to learn new skills and participate in things they may not have the chance to do outside of OSHC. Thank you very much to our providers: "Hort4Kids" and "Fliptastic".

## PROGRAM

Through regular evaluation, our program continues to change and support the needs of our children. Our programmed activities for Term 2 were as follows:

### AM:

- Monday: Monday Moods
- Tuesday: Harry Potter
- Wednesday: Creative Creatures
- Thursday: Line your lunch-box
- Friday: Friday Foodies

### PM:

- Monday: Brain-Bombs
- Tuesday: Teamwork Tuesdays
- Wednesday: Sport & Gymnastics / Fliptastic
- Thursday: Gardening and "Hort4Kids"
- Friday: Little Chefs



**Thisath, Seb and Zach – the Garden Gurus!**

This term we welcomed our newest OSHC pets! Our two axolotls arrived early in the term due to popular demand and have proven to be a very interesting addition to our menagerie. The children suggested names and we finally settled on "Toothless" and "Beans". The children are involved in their care & maintenance, and they are growing fast!



**Toothless**



**Beans**

EHOSHC will be starting a new animal program next term with some very exciting new cuddly additions. We are keeping it a tight-lipped secret at this stage whilst we prepare for their arrival and enjoy all the guesses that the children are offering as to why we have a new animal enclosure in the room! (Watch this space!)

Next term, we are commencing the initiative to provide our children with a wider range of outside activities. This is starting with our computer coding and robotics program which will be held every Thursday morning for the duration of term 3. Should you wish your child to be involved, please get in contact with us.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Often, our team of educators check our rolls to ensure that people are correctly using their own logins. Please note that incorrect use of logins results in an additional fee. Reminders to only use codes that belong to you are sent out regularly, so please contact us if you are unsure.

Our team of Educators are regularly monitoring our cohort of children and sometimes need to speak to families on collection due to certain issues or accidents that may have occurred during the session. We also meet as a team at the end of each day to discuss how things went and any noteworthy occurrences. From these meetings we sometimes see patterns of children being discussed more regularly than others which also may prompt us to contact you. Our aim is not to target or vilify any child, we wish to simply work with families together to support children whilst in our care. We would like to offer a reminder that combative or unreasonable responses from families in instances when we must alert you to certain issues is not acceptable or tolerated. We would kindly remind families that our aim is to work through any issues that may arise together and that children oftentimes behave very differently outside of the home!

#### **TECHNOLOGY AT EHOSHC**

All EHOSHC families have signed our technology agreement on enrolment. This agreement outlines safe and ethical use of technology and that no devices with access to the internet or phone can be utilised at the service. This is a safe-guard for our Centre and does include things like smart-watches that can make/receive phone calls and take pictures. This is also applicable in vacation care. Should you wish to contact your child at any time during an OSHC session, you are welcome to call the Centre where educators can relay messages and in certain circumstances put your child on the phone to you. Devices brought to the centre with access to phone or internet need to be delivered to the OSHC front desk until the child is collected from the Centre.

#### **VACATION CARE**

The next vacation care will be during the July holiday period. Once again, we have had huge interest in this program, and we have booked out on most days. Special thanks to Zoe Hanna, our Assistant Coordinator for organising VCare, and to all our other wonderful educators and families who contributed to its creation.



#### **EHOSHC SURVEY**

This term we conducted our annual EHOSHC survey. The results will be shared with our families in the coming weeks. It is important to mention that along with this survey, the data collected from our 2023 Child Interest forms is also being collated. All this valuable information will assist in showing trends in what our families wish to see more of at the Centre and ways in which we can grow and improve. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our annual family survey.

#### **COMMITTEE**

Our 2023 Annual General Meeting was a great success. Some positions were shuffled around, and we also welcomed some new committee members onto the team. Thank you to everyone who attended and for everyone who has remained on the committee.

Welcome to Paul Croaker, our newest committee member.

**President:** Deanna Mangan [presidentehoshc@gmail.com](mailto:presidentehoshc@gmail.com)

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#### **General Committee:**

Kathleen Smith

Paul Croaker

Ruth Neal

Kate Hoffman



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#### **IMPORTANT VACATION CARE INFORMATION**

If you have enrolled in Vacation Care, please ensure you read all the information regarding the days you have booked. We also appreciate your patience and understanding when our program changes due to the weather and other unforeseen circumstances.