



ST RAPHAEL'S OSHC

Term 1 Newsletter

DOCUMENTING LEARNING

At OSHC, we document each children's experiences to showcase the learning that has occurred and to record children's views and interests. When we document a child's story, we give the child a voice and create opportunities for meaningful discussions with our families. It is also a way for our Educators to reflect upon our programming and practices.

Our OSHC team utilizes learning stories to document our learning. A Learning Story is "storytelling" narrative that identifies and describes the learning that is taking place through a child's play. We also add photos as a way for others to see the learning story in action! They also included outcomes from our OSHC curriculum, My Time, Our Place.

Learning stories can be found in your child's individual portfolio (located near the sign in desk). Feel free to have a look at these when you come to drop off or collect your child to see what they're doing at OSHC. You can also check our 'Sustainability in OSHC', 'OSHC News' and 'St Raphael's OSHC in the community' books to see more of what we're doing at OSHC!



IMPORTANT DATES

7TH APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY
10TH APRIL	EASTER MONDAY
14TH APRIL	LAST DAY OF TERM
1ST MAY	PUPIL FREE DAY

STAFFING UPDATES

At the end of last year, we farewelled a number of OSHC staff members. Abi has accepted a fulltime teaching contract. Jess Archer has returned to Uni to complete her studies fulltime. Corey has accepted a one day a week teaching position and will be relief teaching on other days. Gemma has moved on to another primary school to take up a fulltime ESO role.

We also had a number of new staff members start at the beginning of this year. Our new team all have experience working with children and bring a variety of skills that compliment our OSHC program.

We welcome Kayla who has previously worked in OSHC and is commencing the first year of her Primary School Teaching degree. Jessica has joined our team on Mondays and has worked in a number of OSHC services previously in leadership positions. Finally, we have Cameron who is in the third year of his high school teaching degree and is enjoying working with the younger children in our service.

OSHC Team

DIRECTOR

Anne O'Connell

EDUCATORS

Jeanette Jessica H
Kayla Cameron

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY CHANGES

From 10 July 2023, if your family earns under \$530,000, you'll get increased Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90% for families earning up to \$80,000. The income limit for CCS is increasing from \$350,000 to \$530,000. If you earn over \$80,000, your CCS percentage will go down by 1% for each \$5,000 of income your family earns.

FEE INCREASE

The school board has approved an increase to Before School Care, After School Care and Pupil Free Days fees as of the 20th of March. Our last increase was in April 2021 which means we have had no increase for almost two years. Please remember your Child Care Subsidy is applied to these fees to make it considerably cheaper.

New Fee Schedule

After School Care: \$25
Late Bookings: \$27

Before School Care: \$11.50
Late Bookings: \$13.50

Pupil Free Day: \$58
Late Bookings: \$63

MEXICAN POPCORN



INGREDIENTS

- 1 x packet of popping corn
- 1 x packet of taco seasoning
- 90g butter

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using a popcorn machine, cook packet of plain popcorn
2. In a bowl, place butter in the microwave until melted
3. Add taco seasoning to melted butter. Set aside to cool
4. Pour mixture over popcorn, mix and serve.

SLIME RECIPE

MATERIALS

- 1/2 cup white glue
- 1/2 teaspoon Baking soda
- 1/3 cup Water
- 10 drops liquid food colouring (optional)
- 2-3 Tablespoons Contact lens solution

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add the white glue to a bowl, then sprinkle the baking soda on top. Mix with a spoon to combine.
2. Add the water and food colouring (about 10 drops). Mix until it's completely combined and the colour is consistent.
3. Add 2 Tablespoons of contact lens solution to the glue mixture, and stir until you have a good slime consistency and it stops sticking to the sides of the bowl.
4. Keep adding small amounts of contact lens solution, kneading it into the slime, until it stops sticking to your hands.
5. Your slime is complete!



BEFORE SCHOOL CARE: 7.30-8.30AM

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 3.10-6PM

PUPIL FREE DAY: 8.00AM-5.30PM

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