

Play gives children a chance to practice
what they are learning – Fred Rogers

GRANGE PRIMARY
SCHOOL OSHC

AFTER THE BELL



Read all about what is happening at Grange
OSHC, with a special insight into our educational
program.

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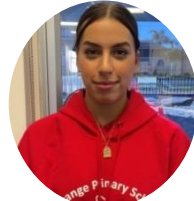
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A few words...

IMPORTANT DATES

November 13th – 19th – *Recycling Week/Physical Education Week*

November 20th – *Universal Children's Day*

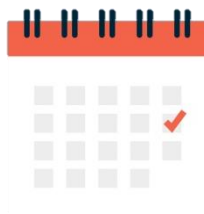
December 5th – *Volunteer Day*

December 8th – *Vac Care bookings close. Get in quick!*

December 10th – *Human Rights Day*

December 15th – *Last Day of School. Hurray!*

*The program for Dec/Jan Vacation Care is out now.
Bookings close on the 8th of December.*



It's been a while since our last newsletter. For most of Term 3, I was away on my final placement but I'm not firmly back in the thick of things. Sometimes Term 4 can be a little challenging in that it's the end of the year, everyone is exhausted, and very much looking forward to deserved break. But Term 4 is usually my favourite, not just because it means the longest break of the year is approaching, but because I like to use this time to trial different things in the program for the next year. You can read more about what we're doing in the newsletter.

It can be pretty easy to settle into a routine here at OSHC. But there are always some moments that break up the monotony and remind me why I love planning and implementing new activities and experiences. Just recently I sat down with two Year 4 boys after trialling a revamped Front game, and we ended up having a twenty-minute conversation about how we could incorporate elements of the zombie genre into an active game. It might seem small and inconsequential but those genuine moments of connection and engagement are why we do what we do.

Rayne's creative statue won tallest Jenga tower during Challenges Week!



- Julia Festa

Educational Leader

Updates in OSHC

OSHC SA Mystery Bus Tour

On Friday 10th November, we had around 60 members of other OSHCs in SA visit us as a part of a Mystery OSHC bus tour. The tour involved participants visiting 3 OSHC's around SA to gain perspectives and insights into other services, with the opportunity to ask questions. OSHC members asked us about our program, routines, and medication process.



New Furniture!

After a long wait, we have finally had new furniture arrive for our Art Space. We love the way it's turned out but the process has had even further benefits as it has allowed us to move the old furniture (that is still in good condition) into Lawson and revamp that space as well. We have more pieces arriving on the horizon, including a couch for Lawson. The next step is to tackle the outdoor eating area tables and chairs in early 2024.



Programming and Displays Update

Events in OSHC this Term so far...

- Spooky SZN (Week 3)
- Challenges (Week 4)
- Recycling Week/P.E Week (Week 5)
- Planes, Boats, and Rockets (STEM theme - Week 6)

This term we are trialing the use of weekly themes, basing a majority of our planned activities around this. So far, we have used Halloween as a starting point, had a week of challenges (based off of a child's request), and incorporated Recycling Week and P.E week into our planning. While we have had 'term plans' before (where there was a specific goal or subject we worked towards), we haven't incorporated themes in this way before. While a theme is nice in how it ties activities together and encourages interest in the subject matter, it's important to use that we still allow space and time for spontaneous activities and follow up on kids' interests.



With the OSHC SA Mystery Bus Tour visiting us last week, it seemed as good a time as any to refresh and update some of our displays to show some of the amazing things we've created and learnt about here at OSHC in the last couple of years, including memories of the term we visited the world.



Spotlight: Week 5



In the Art Space, we made **Recycling Mosaics**, using cutouts from boxes, newspapers, and catalogues.

P.E week focuses on celebrating physical activity and highlighting the importance of quality physical education. Each day is associated with a theme.

Here's what we did with these themes:

MOVEMENT MONDAY: Paper Wars and Ninja Warrior Course

TARGET TUESDAY: Target Practice game and Soccer

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY: Yoga and Aerobics

TEAM THURSDAY: Defend the Castle and Multi-Ball

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY: Fitness Challenge and Musical Statues



Paper Wars combined several attributes such as agility, strategy, and quick reflexes, while working together as a team. Using crumpled up scrap paper, players worked together in teams of 2, attempting to throw the balls at their opponent to eliminate them.

Week 5 was a busy one here at OSHC, with 2 major themes taking over our program. With Recycling Week and National P.E week on the agenda, we looked for ways we could not only incorporate these into our program but how we could intertwine the two together.

Links to My Time Our Place Framework

Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

- Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment

Learning Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

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

Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

- Children develop dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity
- Children use a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, enquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating

This year, Recycling Week explores the theme that 'what goes around comes around.' It's not about recycling more, it's about recycling better and understanding what we can do to help our planet.

In the Art Space, we aimed to use reuse products that had previous uses for art as well as use recyclable materials. In our effort to combine them with P.E week, we made recycle sports games (basketball and golf), as well as setting up activities such as recycle frisbee, recyclable raft, and an obstacle course made with recyclable materials. Check out our happy snaps to see the results.

Happy Snaps

From Term 4



Recyclable Obstacle Course: It was a hard time navigating the obstacles with this cardboard helmet.



Ghosts in the Graveyard: a new game invented here at OSHC to celebrate spooky times. This one had everyone struggling to hold in their laughter!



Target Practice: Students had several different targets to hit, ranging in difficulty.



Recyclable Raft: Students had to move from one side of the hall to the other using only their newspaper rafts, making sure not to fall in the water.



Name: Jacqui

How long have you worked here? Around a year

Likes: crocheting, volleyball & reading

Dislikes: Rats

Favourite part about working at OSHC: Building positive relationships with students and the people I get to work with!

Update on the Grange OSHC Houses Leaderboard

It's neck and neck at the moment! The Magic have been enjoying a strong period at the moment, having held large leads for the first 4 weeks of the term. Within the last week, the Dolphins and All-Stars have closed the gap, especially the Dolphins who were trailing by as much as 70 points at one stage! We'll be presenting the inaugural Grange OSHC Cup to the winning house at the beginning of Week 9.

All – Stars

655

Magic

672

Dolphins

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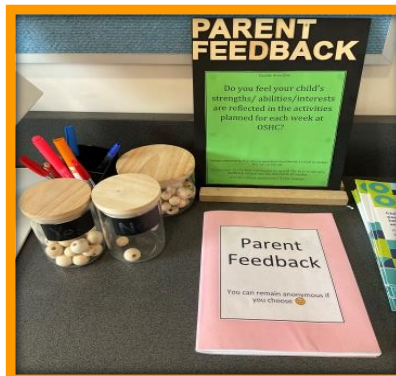


There are many ways in which we welcome the involvement of families in our service. Read about them below.

In past Vacation Care periods, we have had family members come in and cook during cultural days, share their work/passion, or history and culture with children. We would love to have this occur again.



There is a feedback station in our front foyer where parents are able to leave comments.



HAVE YOUR SAY

This [survey](#) is about finding out what you think of Grange Primary School OSHC. The feedback will be used to help Grange Primary School OSHC to identify its strengths and opportunities for improvement.

The Director and the OSHC Committee will use data from the survey to help support the service's quality improvement planning. Please scan the QR code which will take you to the parent survey, it should take about 10 minutes to complete.

Thank you for participating. Your feedback is important.

