



Talking OSHC

Term 1 2017

**Murray Bridge
North School OSHC
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Vacation Care

April 2017

Week 1

Tues 18th – Fri 21st April

Week 2

Mon24th – Fri 28th April

Closed Tues 25th April

ANZAC Day

**Lots of great
things to do so
come along and
Join in the fun....**

Term 1 Dates

Student Free Day

Monday 6th March 2017

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday:

Monday 13th March 2017

End Daylight Saving:

Sunday 2nd April 2017

Sports Day:

Friday 7th April 2017

End of Term 1:

Thursday 13th April 2017

School Commences:-

Monday 1st May 2017

Welcome back after the summer break.

I trust everyone had a lovely relaxing break after an exhausting end to the 2016 school year. I would like to extend a special welcome to all our new families and hope you enjoy your time here with us.

For service information please visit the school website, schoolbag or befriend us on facebook. If you require childcare or maybe just a break please contact us or drop in for a visit. We operate a before school, after school and vacation care service from the Old House, between the hours of 6.30am and 6.30pm. There is always plenty to do, yummy food to eat and friendships to be made.

OSHC Bits: OSHC currently opens at 6.30 am. There has been some discussion over the last 12 months as to the variability of a 6am opening time. Should this benefit you could you please let staff know so they may keep a record for discussion at management level.

Student Free Days & School Closure Days: OSHC will open on these days providing there is a minimum of 5 student bookings by Friday 17th February. Cancellations or non-attendance of bookings will be charged to your account unless a 2 week cancellation notice has been received.

Management Meetings: If you have a little time, would like to learn more and assist in the operation of our OSHC program we would love to hear from you. Meetings are held at 3.15pm on Wednesday week 2 and week 6 of each school term.

Hats: Your child will be supplied their first OSHC hat for outside play.

All children will wear a hat if the UV Rays is 3+ or as directed by staff. Hats will be kept at OSHC where they will be readily available when your child needs it.

Replacement hats will be charged to your account at cost price.



Operating Information from the Murray Bridge North OSHC Operating Guidelines

Supervision of Children:

Program & Equipment –

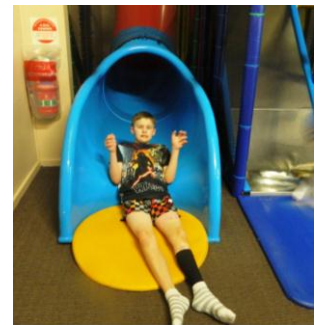
- Children are supervised while playing with the OSHC equipment.
- Children are encouraged to play with the OSHC equipment in a safe and inclusive manner.
- Children are responsible for packing up their equipment after use.

Outside play

- Children only play outside when accompanied by 1 or more staff members.
- Children are required to wear appropriate clothing and a hat for outside play when the UV Rays is 3 or above.
- Sunscreen is readily available especially during terms 1 and 4.
- Children are to play in a clearly defined, designated, area that has been negotiated.
- Children are expected to stay in view of a staff members at all times.
- Children are directed to safe play areas and / or safe play practices.
- No children are permitted to play outside without adult supervision.

December /January Vacation Care

- The Vacation Care program for the 4 weeks December/January holidays was quite busy on most days throughout the 4 vacation care weeks.
- **Week 1** (December 16th – 23rd) The children enjoyed a low key week with plenty of fun activities to make and do. On Tuesday the 17th December our OSHC children were invited to participate in a beaded Sun Catcher workshop at the Rural City of Murray Bridge Public Library. Although there were many of us it was good to get the children out after the very hot day before. The children loved the activity and many exciting projects were completed. We finished the year with a trip to Scallywags Play Café on Friday 23rd December. What a way to finish the children were treated to a lovely lunch and a few hours of free play. Staff and children enjoyed this day immensely.
- **Week 2** (January 9th -13th) More low key activities, a water play day, a busy Box Car Derby day, a lunch day prepared and served by the boys and a popular excursion to the Murray Bridge Olympic Pool made for a big week of fun.
- **Week 3** (January 16th – 20th) This week began with an always popular Pirate Day. Unfortunately with the 41 degree day predicated for the pool excursion this week it was postponed to the following Tuesday. The free choice, a recycling Day, provided a welcome break from the busy program. On Thursday the 19th January we were validated for Quality Assurance after a very long 5 year break and hopefully met all of our obligations adequately. We spent a lot of the day in the gym for a much needed run and did Pokemon and Frozen activities with the frozen hands proving to be a big hit. The girls provided and served the lunch on Friday.
- **Week 4** (January 23rd – 27th) Monday was the Maths Day. Amie won the Paper Chain activity. The pool excursion went ahead on Tuesday with a cool day, Red Rooster for lunch and lots of fun. As it was Australia Day on Thursday the 26th so the end of the week ended quietly with Australia Mobiles and Jewellery being made.
- The holidays saw many new faces and appeared to go quickly with predominately happy children enjoying the program they helped to create. Lunches were changed slightly to include more fresh foods . Pam has begun to compile a book of egg free, nut free, milk free recipes for cooking experiences at OSHC. These were enjoyed by all each day. Staff members have gathered some suggestions from the children for future programming for the holidays so please keep these suggestions coming.



Daniel made a loom band that was 32 meters long.



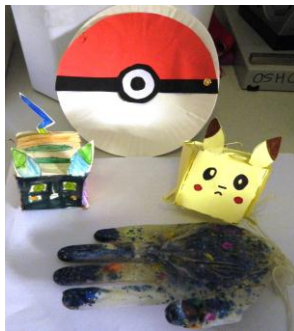
Making Sun Catchers at the Library

Scallywags Play Cafe



The Box Car Derby was a Lot of fun..

Boys Lunch Day. Daniel being Italian knew exactly how to make Cabonara and it was Yummy so was the pizza and Bolognese.



Pirate Day



Cucumbers from the garden

