

Star of the Sea OSHC Newsletter

Term 2 2025

We hope you had a restful and joyful Easter and ANZAC break.

To our returning families, thank you for your ongoing support and connection. It has been a fantastic start to the term for our students full of laughter, new friendships, and engaging activities. We are excited to keep the positive energy going as we move through Term 2. In this edition, you will find some highlights from the past few weeks, as well as important updates to keep you informed and involved. We are so grateful to have you as part of our OSHC community and look forward to another wonderful term ahead!

Warm regards,

The Star of the Sea OSHC Team

IMPORTANT OSHC UPDATES – TERM 2

As we move into another exciting term at Star of the Sea OSHC, we'd like to share a few important reminders and updates to ensure a smooth experience for all families:

Sign In and Out Requirements

As per National Laws and Regulations (Section 165, 167; Regulations 99 and 161), it is mandatory that children are signed in and out each day by a parent or authorised guardian. This is to ensure the safety of all children and confirm that only authorised individuals, as listed on your enrolment form, are collecting your child. Please walk your child into the service each morning and sign them in, and do the same when collecting them in the afternoon.

Fee Adjustments – Vacation Care

To continue providing high-quality care and cover the increasing costs of food, staffing, and activities, our school leadership team has approved the following adjustments to Vacation Care fees, effective from the first day of the July School Holidays:

- **In-Days:** \$61
- **Incursion Days:** \$65
- **Excursion Days:** \$75

These fees are eligible for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

Booking Changes – OSHC Sessions

To ensure we maintain appropriate staffing ratios and continue delivering quality care, please note the following booking procedures:

- **Before School Care:** Changes or cancellations must be made by **2:00pm the day prior**.
- **After School Care:** Changes or cancellations must be made by **12:00pm on the same day**.

Late cancellations will incur the full session fee. Please email all booking changes to oshc@star.catholic.edu.au.



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Vacation Care Bookings & Cancellations

All Vacation Care bookings and cancellations must be finalised **one week prior** to the start of the program to allow time to organise staffing, resources, transport, and excursions. If your child is unable to attend due to illness, and you provide a medical certificate, the session fee will be waived.

 **Please book carefully** – families will be financially responsible for their child's place whether they attend or not.

Medical Conditions

If your child requires medication (e.g., for asthma, allergies, or anaphylaxis), the service must receive the appropriate forms and medication **before** attendance. Without these, your child will be unable to attend for their safety. Please see **Miffy** for guidance and support with this process.

Quality Improvement Plan 2025

We are excited to share that our **2025 Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)** is now underway. Key areas of focus include:

- Embedding **Indigenous Culture** throughout our programming
- Enhancing **communication with families**
- Strengthening our **connections with the community**
- Investing in **ongoing professional development** for our educators

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting a vibrant, inclusive, and high-quality care environment for all children.

TERM 2 FOCUS & SERVICE UPDATES

Term 2 Goal: A Sense of Belonging

This term, our program focus is centred around helping children develop a strong **sense of belonging**—to our OSHC community, their peers, and the learning environment. Through inclusive activities, positive relationships, and consistent routines, we aim to create a safe and welcoming space for every child.

Policy Review – Have Your Say

We are currently reviewing the following policies:

- **Philosophy**
- **Confidentiality**
- **Sustainability**

Copies are available for viewing in the folder located at the OSHC sign-in desk. We invite families to read through them and share any feedback you may have your input is valued and helps shape our service.

Later this year, we will also be reviewing:

- **Child Safe Environment**
- **Sun Protection**



We aim to have all policies accessible via our website soon. In the meantime, printed copies can be provided on request.

Assessment & Rating Update

Our Assessment and Rating visit was conducted on **6 November 2024**. During this time, Regulatory Officers observed educator practices, reviewed documentation, and engaged in discussions with leadership.

We are pleased to share the outcome:

- **Working Towards** National Standards in Quality Areas **1 (Educational Program and Practice)** and **2 (Children's Health and Safety)**
- **Meeting** National Standards in Quality Areas **3–7**

This feedback supports our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement and excellence in care.

Understanding Centrelink's 14 & 26 Week Rules

We have recently received questions regarding the **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** and Centrelink's **14-week** and **26-week** enrolment rules. These rules apply if a child has not attended care for an extended period and may affect CCS eligibility.

For more information, please refer to the official government website:

 [Child Care Subsidy: If your child is absent from care](#)

SOME HAPPY SNAPS FROM TERM 1 AND APRIL VACATION CARE



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