

What's been happening lately?

Tara and the OSHC Educators have introduced an OSHC Job Board in Week 3. Some of the kids here at OSHC have been competing with each other to be helpers and some get more chances to be helpers than others so we think this is a great way to share the helping around OSHC. Tara has set up jobs like Food Helpers - they help serve the fruit and other snacks, sometimes they can help with breakfasts too. Then there are dish helpers, sweepers, bookshelf tidies and a cool one called a OSHC Reporter! The OSHC reporter goes around and documents what's happening each day at OSHC by writing notes and then taking some photos of the kids playing! This is the first issue of our OSHC News of the things the kids have documented! We will print and submit this to the parents and the school!



Tara and the OSHC Children on St Marks Pajama Day! *Before School Care

Week 1



Left photo: Pupil Free Day - April 29th. Fairy House made by our OSHC Children.
Right photo: Alessandra, Ivy, Ellie and Erin colouring in some fairies for our Fairy House!

As it was the first week of Term, the educators wanted to settle back in to term time with the children and focus on those connections with the children and the families. We've had some new children start this term so it's a priority for the educators to maintain and begin to nurture our relationships and connections. We had a few activities set up this week for week one, but we were mainly focused on resetting our termtime routines!



OSHC Playlist Reporter: Mari

Tara has made an OSHC Playlist for us during the holidays on Spotify to listen to. We've all added our favourite songs to the list throughout the term and then we can play it through her speaker. Tara played 'the best song ever' in my opinion. It's called Fall For You by Secondhand Serenade!

Playground Play Reporter: Harlow

Week 3 Play

McKenzie was my reporter helper today and I watched Khadija do some awesome tricks on the Monkey Bars on the playground and Campbell was on the playground making funny faces at us! Ruqayyah was digging a deep hole and putting the shovels on top of it.

What's Happening?

Week 2 is focused on the 5 Senses!
Week 3 is focused on Rocks and Geodes!
Week 4 is focused on Dinosaurs!
Week 5 is focused on Fairytales!

The 5 Senses!

The latest updates to get you through the day

We laid out a few different activities and discussion topics for our week!

We made scented cups with essential oils and had lined them up along our tables. The children then got to smell each one and discuss with everyone what they smelled like and then Tara explained what smells they actually were. We had scents like berry, caramel, linen, apple and more. The children really enjoyed this and some kids stated that it smelled like things at home! We then made popcorn for the afternoon and that smelled amazing!

We had a discussion this week about what sounds we hear at home. We used the example of when you are lying in bed and just waking up for the morning before getting ready for school, what sounds would you hear?

Some said that you can hear your pets in the morning barking or meowing, some said breakfast being made, or music being played. Some children said they can hear their grownups saying, "It's time to wake up!". We also talked about on weekends sometimes you can hear sports being played if you live near an oval, or construction workers starting early in the morning! It was a great discussion between us all!

We played with lots of sensory toys and fidgets this week. We have had a lot of fun testing out different fidgets and how they physically feel and how they make us feel in return. It has been requested for some specific sensory toys/items so we will look into these and then reflect and follow up on this experience!



Rocks and Geodes!



The pretty rocks, crystals and geodes that our educator Misty brought in for us!

This week, we have had Rocks and Geodes on display and a small dramatic play area for a geologists lab! This kids have really enjoyed identifying the different types of rocks and geodes you can find in the world!



Misty brought in some of her crystals, gemstones and rocks in for the children this week for them to see, feel and identify. This was a very cool experience as some of the children could identify very common ones like quartz but some of the less common ones were hard to work out what they were!

Reporter - Harlow

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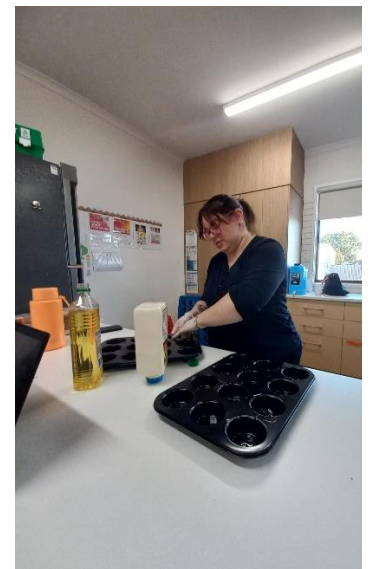


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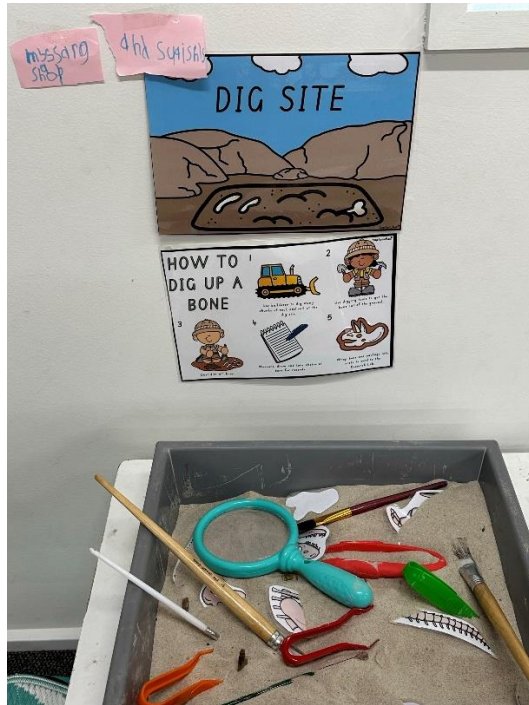
Banana Muffins!

Tara and Haze made banana muffins on Wednesday. Haze really enjoyed mashing up all of the bananas for the muffins. They used pancake mix and mashed bananas and put them into trays. Then they made some plain ones for the other kids that didn't want banana ones.

Some of the kids really enjoyed the banana flavour but some of the others thought there was too much banana. This means they probably need to balance it out a little better next time! But it was still a good effort.



Fun OSHC Moments!



Cooking Activities this term!

Our mini pizzas were delicious! Same with our Fried Rice!



