



Welcome

Welcome back for Term 4, we hope everyone has enjoyed their holidays!

We are very excited for another term of OSHC, and we hope everyone is excited that we are in the last term for 2023.

Highlights this Term

- Theme of the week
- Suggestion Box
- Survey to parents

Hours of Operation

Before School Care	6:30am-8:15am
After School Care	3:00pm-6:00pm
Wednesday	2:45pm-6:00pm
Vacation Care	6:30am-6pm
Pupil Free Day	6:30am-6pm



Karina



Megan



Amalia



Rhys



Sahera



Monique



Dan



Ryan

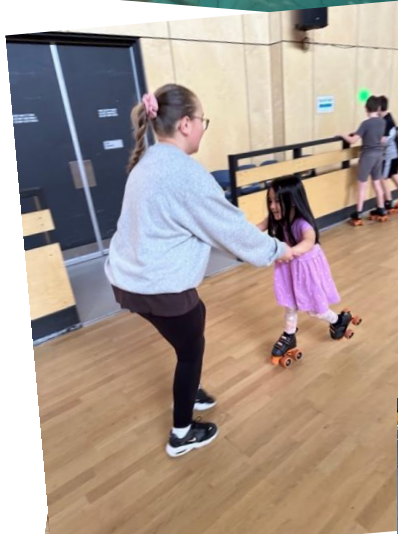


Silvia



Abbey

Vacation Care highlights



We had a great time during the October school holidays. We had multiple excursions including, roller skating, Swimming, Movies and a play café. Our fun and enjoyable incursions included, Nourish cooking, mini Olympics, mud play, sensory day and a talent show.

Dates for the next upcoming Vacation Care

December/January school holidays is Thursday 14th December to 22nd December then Monday 8th January to 25th January.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for future vacation care activities, we are always looking forward to trying new things!! Please email or talk to one of our staff.

Cupcake Sale Highlights

During our leadership meeting with the year 4,5 and 6s the students came up with the idea of having a cupcake sale to raise money for vacation care. All the funds raised would go towards buying the children an ice cream on the movie day at Semaphore.



About our staff



My name is Silvia Andrea. I am From Colombia. I came to Australia with my husband in August 2022. I started working at St Gabriel School in March 2023.

Since then, it has been an experience of many learnings. I have met children and oshc staff from other cultures and this has allowed me to value the richness that exists in every human being. It has been an opportunity to immerse myself in the language and share with the children's different activities where I have been able to observe their ingenuity, creativity, sensitivity and intelligence.

An interesting fact about me is that I have lived in Colombia for 33 years and in the last 10 years, I studied my degree in preschool education and was teaching in different schools.

In my free time I love to sing, dance and play the guitar with my husband. I love digital illustration and I enjoy organizing spaces by categories and seeing that everything is in order.

I am calm, kind and I am always open to listening.



Child Behaviour Policy

St Gabriel's OSHC is passionate about creating a safe, inclusive and supportive environment that enables students to express themselves in a positive way that is supported by all staff and the school community. Positive student behaviour is essential to promote positive learning environments and positive peer relationships.

Students who physically injure other students or bring emotional harm to others including staff will be given three strikes before needing to leave the service for 24 hours within a week period.

Students who try and exit the school grounds will not be allowed to attend the service for the remainder of the day.

Child Care Subsidy: (CCS)

If you are a family who only use Vacation Care, please make sure you have your parent code and password ready to sign in on arrival and when collecting your child in the afternoon. Also, after 8 weeks of not using the centre, Centrelink will cease your account. When you book into next vacation care and are claiming CCS you will need to re confirm with My Gov, to be able to receive the subsidy.

Staffing

We have some new faces joining the St Gabriel's OSHC team, including Monique, and Phi. Please make them feel welcome and feel free to have a chat when in the service.

OSHC Program



Before School Care

During free play the children were teaching the staff to play chess. These children learnt how to play chess at home and brought these skills to the oshc and taught the rest of their peers and educators.

Learning outcome -

Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy, and respect.



After School Care

The afternoon craft activity involved the children creating their own rocket ships. This child made a 3D model of his rocket ship using coloured paper and sticky tape. This craft activity was based on the theme of space which was a theme that the children picked as a topic of interest.

Learning Outcome –

Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, an investigating.

BOOKINGS AND CANCELLATIONS

Bookings and cancellations can be made via:

- Online booking system – 'FullyBooked'

Bookings:

- All students MUST be booked into OSHC
- Bookings can be permanent or casual
- Morning bookings must be made by 6:00pm the night before.
- Afternoon bookings must be made by 11:00am that day.

Cancellations:

- Morning bookings must be cancelled by 6:00pm the night before.
- Afternoon bookings must be cancelled by 11:00am that day.

This ensures that we have adequate staffing and food for each session.

Following child safety policy and procedures we also ask that if your child/children are booked in for the morning service, that a parent/caregiver comes inside to sign them in. It is the parent/caregiver's responsibility to bring and sign their child/children in. If students are not attended by a parent/caregiver, then a fee of \$2 will be charged.

Fees for 2023

6:30am-8:15am

- Permanent \$14
- Casual \$17

3:15pm-6:00pm

- Permanent \$20
- Casual \$23

Please note that children are NOT to be dropped off before 7:00am for the morning session- the gate will be locked until 7:00am.

Please note our service concludes at 6:00pm each afternoon. There is a fee of **\$1 per minute** for pickups after 6:00pm.

Breakfast

Please note that breakfast is available on request up until **8:00am**. It is assumed that anyone arriving after this time has had breakfast at home. While OSHC staff do ask the general group who would like breakfast, please encourage children to ask when they arrive.

Homework

Students are encouraged to complete homework during OSHC time however, it is not the responsibility of staff to ensure homework is completed. If you would like your child/children to start their homework during OSHC, please advise staff.

Toys/Personal Items

As per the school policy we ask that students do not bring toys or other personal items into OSHC as we take no responsibility if toys/items are lost or damaged. This is now including fidget toys as they are being lost, damaged or not used appropriately. If students wish to use fidget toys for wellbeing reasons, they may ask an OSHC staff.

Communication

Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me through our OSHC email. Our friendly staff are in the OSHC room during morning and afternoon care times should you wish to communicate directly in person or over the phone.

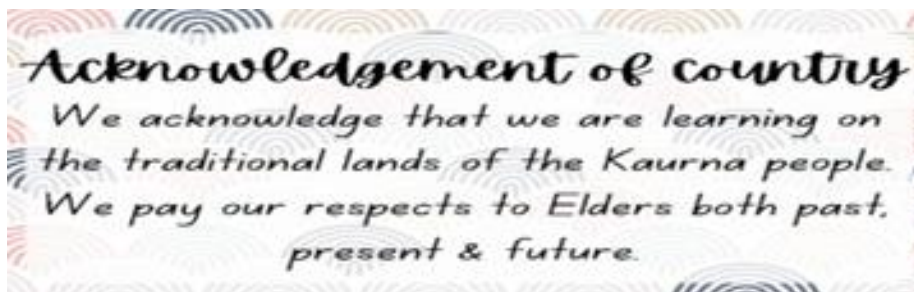
Communication between families and OSHC staff members can be undertaken via email, phone, SMS and face to face conversations during OSHC hours.

Email: oshc@sgs.catholic.edu.au

OSHC direct line: 8216 9911 (During OSHC Service Hours or leave a message)

App: Download the app (Seesaw) and let us know if you need to be added to our OSHC group

We are starting our ST GABRIEL'S OSHC MENU BOOK and if you would like to share with us your child's favourite dish that would be amazing! Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated



The OSHC team and I look forward to another great term!
Karina Carman – St Gabriel's OSHC Director