

OSHC Newsletter

9th February 2025



This service is committed to promoting and protecting the safety and wellbeing of all children by providing an environment where children feel safe and their voices are heard.



St Francis of Assisi OSHC acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the traditional owners and ongoing custodians of the land on which our service is built

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." - B.B. King



Welcome to the 2026 School Year

We look forward to reconnecting with our returning families, are excited for the opportunity to build new partnerships with those families who are new to our service, and are extremely eager to join the children in the many fun-filled experiences available throughout 2026!



We would like to take this opportunity to **WELCOME Fr Francis Denton** as the new Parish Priest of St Francis of Assisi Mill Park Parish



The Service will be operating
In-Service Day care
on Thursday, 26th February 2026



Participation in the planned experiences will challenge the children's physical prowess, engage teamwork and develop social skills.

Early Bird Bookings -
Prior to 6pm, 16th Feb 2026
In Service Day **\$78**
Late Comers Bookings - **\$98)**
(Bookings received on or after
17th Feb 2026)

Plus **\$25** Incursion Cost
CCS Applies

Cancellation of Booked Care
will incur **FULL FEE**

If you require care for your child on this day, please email the service oshc.sfoa@gmail.com prior to 6pm on 16th February 2026 (\$78 - Early Birds) Bookings on or after 17th February 2026 - \$98 - Late Comers) (Bookings after 6pm on 24th February 2026 cannot be accepted)

Breakfast will be available until 8.30am.
Families must supply labelled drink bottle, lunch, morning and afternoon snacks.

Children must wear closed-toe shoes SPORTS SHOES (no sandals, thongs or crocs) and have a suitable SUNHAT for outdoor play.

Children will follow SunSmart practices and will apply sunscreen on the day.

If your child has an allergy/intolerance to any such products, please supply your preferred brand for the day.



Consistent with the service SunProtection Policy, children must wear a suitable **sunhat** and apply **sunscreen** for outdoor play when the UV rating is 3+. The UV rating and Pollen count is monitored and recorded by the educators at/during Before and After School Care to ensure your child's safety.

It is vital that your child has a sunhat in their bag for use at OSHC (at all times). Children who do not have a hat will be restricted to play indoors or in a shaded area (*if available*).

Sunscreen is provided by the service for the children to apply. If your child has an allergy to any sunscreen products, you must supply your preferred brand for application. Children who do not apply sunscreen will also be restricted to play indoors or in a shaded area (*if available*).

REGISTRATION FOR CARE

In accordance with Education and Care National Regulations, OSHC services are not permitted to provide care for any child who is not registered/enrolled at the service

If you require care for your child, it is vital that you submit an annual enrolment.

(It is important that you complete your enrolment at minimum 7 to 14 days prior to the anticipated commencement of your care requirement).

JANUARY VACATION CARE



Coincidentally, as Melbourne was experiencing extremely hot weather conditions, the planned Splashtastic activities focussed on play with water guns and water balloons. The children (*and educators*) relished in the opportunity to compete, collaborate and soak themselves in the fun experiences available.



Participation in the Bubble Spectacular experiences engaged critical thinking, sensory play, curiosity and science practices. The children eagerly explored bubble solution and assorted resources to create bubbles of varied size utilising wands, rope and plastic bottles, etc. The bubble play experiences were extended to inspire physical movement while dodging floating bubbles and attempting to burst the most bubbles.



The children were divided into teams to participate in the assorted Wizard themed Escape Room challenges which engaged the children's problem-solving skills to solve the clues and learn the purpose of the wizard's potion.

Following these challenges, the children enjoyed a variety of physical play experiences, arts and crafts experiences and the creation of hand-made stickers.



2026 PREPS



The enrolled 2026 prep children are steadily joining the program and have demonstrated their excitement with the presentation of their OSHC Welcome Badge. They are proving to be confident with the procedures for transition to and from the classroom and are eager to join their peers in the varied experiences available.



Planning for the Term 1, 2026 program has been drafted. The following themes will be highlighted.

