

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A warm welcome to all our families for Term 2.

We have had a great start to the term and the children have settled back into their routines well. We are excited for what's ahead for the remainder of the term!

Our vacation care program was a great success, with engaging activities, enthusiastic participation from the children, and positive feedback. We provided a variety of enriching experiences, from arts and crafts to outdoor adventures, ensuring that the children had an enjoyable time. Some highlights included a visit from Sharon Dehnam from the Swan Hill Basketball Stadium. Sharon has a wealth of knowledge and was able to share this with the children. Miss Natasha taught the children another awesome dance routine allowing the children to express themselves through dance.

We had an excursion to Murray Downs Golf and Country Club for a golf lesson. The lesson provided the children with an opportunity to learn and engage in a new sport. They were able to develop their skills and techniques while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the golf course. The children were enthusiastic and eager to participate, embracing the challenge.

Overall, it was a rewarding and fun week for everyone involved, and we look forward to the next holiday program. Enclosed is some highlights of our April 2024 Vacation Care Program:







We are pleased to inform you of the following dates Vacation Care will run throughout the school year:

Term 2: 1st July - 5 July 2024

Term 3: 23rd - 27th September 2024

Term 4: Mon 6th Jan - Fri 24th Jan 2025

We are in the process of planning Vacation Care for the June/July School Holidays, please keep an eye on your emails asking for Expression of Interest requests.

Keep an eye out for our new look newsletter coming soon

Friendly Reminders:

- Please provide a minimum of 1 week's notice to cancel a booking to avoid the session fee charged.
- If your child is absent from school or you pick them up early, please don't forget to mark them as absent on the Xplor app.
- Children who attend St Mary's Primary School and attend after school care on a casual basis, please remember to remove your child from the bus schedule via PAM for the night of care they are booked in for.
- Casual booking requests if you require before school care in the morning, please submit booking requests via Xplor prior to 3.30pm the day before or if care is required for Monday morning, please submit on Friday.
- For safety purposes when dropping children off at OSHC in the morning, please sign the children in and close the entry gate behind you as you leave.
- With the hot weather, please pack a spare broad brimmed hat for your child/ren attending After School Care and Vacation Care. Please provide sunscreen if your child/ren is sensitive to certain brands of sunscreen.

Staff Update

We welcome Rebecca Cleeland back to the OSHC team during this term.

Rebecca is familiar with our OSHC family, as she has worked in the past during Vacation Care.

Professional Development

Our staff continually participate in PD sessions to enhance their skills in order to provide the highest quality program for your children.

We also congratulate the following staff who are undertaking further studies in a Diploma of School Age Education and Care to further enhance their skills in our OSHC program:
Kerrie Seymour, Julie Gallagher, Anne-Maree Sciberras, Melinda Graham, Rebecca Sloan and Kate Everitt

Parent Handbook

At the start of the 2024 Term an updated copy of the Parent Handbook was sent via email. We hope you find this a handy resource. If at any time you require a hard copy of the handbook, please feel free to contact the school office.

XPLOR APP

The Xplor App is a great resource tool used for communication, booking requests, absent notifications, cancellation requests, adding hub guests and signing children in and out. We encourage all families to download and use the App. To maintain our compliance we will be encouraging parents to use the app to sign your children in or out of the OSHC program.

Before School Care

Our before school program runs from 7.00am to 8.30am. As students are not able to be dropped at school prior to 8.30 this is a great option for families to utilise.

After School Care

Our after school program runs from 3.25pm to 6.00pm.

2024 Fees

We have completed a review on our service fees and the Fees for 2024 will be as follows:

Before School Care (7am - 8.30am)	\$17
Before School Care (8am - 8.30am)	\$7
After School Care (3.15pm - 6.00pm)	\$35
Vacation Care (8am - 5.30pm)	\$120

This will be effective from 30th January 2024

Regards, Kerrie & Candice

KEY DATES	2024 Term Dates TERM 2: Mon 15th Apr - Fri 28th June TERM 3: Mon 15th July - Fri 20th Sept TERM 4: Mon 7th Oct - Fri 20th Dec 2024 Vacation Care Dates: Term 2: Mon 1st July - Fri 5th July Term 3: Mon 23rd Sept - Fri 27th Sept Term 4: Mon 6th Jan - Fri 24th Jan 2025
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Pupil Free Days

Term 2:

Swan Hill North Primary: 31st May 2024

St Mary's Staff PD/Pupil Free day: 16th May 2024

Public Holidays

Term 2:

King's Birthday: Monday 10th June 2024

Feedback in relation to OSHC is always welcome: oshc@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au