Welcome back to all our returning families and a special welcome to all the new OSHC families who have joined us during vacation care or from the beginning of the new school year. Everyone has had a wonderful start to the new school year with lots of happy chatter. If you require childcare or maybe just a break please contact us or drop in for a visit. We operate a before school, after school and vacation care service between the hours of 6.30am and 6.30pm.

Enrolment Review:
The beginning of the school year is the time to review contact details, collection details, enrolment details or any health care plans etc. If there is any changes to your circumstances please make sure the service has your current information.

Changes to the Fee Charges: From the beginning of the April School Holidays this service will introduce a Special Event Day Fee of $68 per day. This fee will be charged for any excursions or special events instead of an extra cost being charged to your account. By incorporating the cost of excursions or special activities in a daily fee will allow families the benefit of being able to claim the Childcare Rebate for these days.

Murray Bridge North School OSHC Management Committee:
As parents/caregivers the input, knowledge and assistance you are able to give the area of decision making is a very important and valued part in the operation of this service. Our Management Committee Meets on a Thursday at 3.15pm on week 2 and week 6 of each school term. The next meeting will be at 3.15pm on Thursday 12th May. If you are able to spare approximately 1 hour twice a term to assist in keeping this service operating efficiently we would love to have you attend our Management Committee meetings. Please see Bev if interested.

OSHC 25th Birthday
On Thursday the 19th November 2015 we celebrated our 25th Birthday. We shared party food and a lovely cake from Mc Cues Bakery for afternoon tea. The afternoon took the form of a party afternoon with the children and other OSHC friends. Balloons, streamers and happy laughter filled the Old House.
The Murray Valley Standard came and took lots of photos that appeared in the following weeks edition of the ‘Standard’ newspaper. Although it was quite hot we all had a lovely time.
Links With The Community
On Friday the 19\textsuperscript{th} December the Murray Bridge North OSHC was compelled to relocate due to Asbestos removal occurring at the school. We spent the morning at the Market Place doing art activities at the tables in the Food Court, wandering around the shops checking out the Christmas wares buying some yummy morning tea before venturing on to the Rural City Library. The weather was 42C but it was a great experience for the children and I am sure the wider community. The children also experienced the local bus trip back to the school as it was far too hot to walk.

The need for medications while and OSHC - from the Murray Bridge North OSHC Operating Guidelines

- No medications will be administered to a child without authorization from a Doctor or Pharmacist.
- A ‘Medication Plan’ must be provided by the prescribing doctor and kept on site.
- A medication plan must be provided by the pharmacist for over-the-counter medications.
- A student should not take his or her first dose of a new medication while in care.
- The child should be supervised initially by the family or health professional in case of an allergic reaction.
- A child who may require special care such as Asthma, Diabetes or require emergency treatment for allergies must provide the service with a Medical Action Plan prepared by the child’s Health Professional.

All staff are trained to provide a minimum First Aid response. Children with medical conditions must have a Healthcare Plan in place and staff must have received the relevant training prior to the child’s commencement at the service. Some children require first aid procedures that are in addition to those taught in basic first aid training. Invasive procedures must be administered by a Health professional and can not be administered by OSHC staff.

December '15 / January '16 Vacation Care

A lovely Vacation Care was had by all. Our service saw many new faces including 5 new Reception children with 3 of these children having started at North School this year. It was a pleasure to watch the older children helping with and including the new younger children to settle into the routines easily, making their days at OSHC happy. The children all enjoyed a variety of activities and a lot of new experiences.

During the lead up to the Christmas break we experienced many very tired children but with the steady, easy approach they remained happy and cope well. We finished for the annual 2 week closure on Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} December, with an End of Year Celebration and welcomed everyone happily back on Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} January 2016. There were several dress up days, special events, special celebration lunch days and lots of low key activities enjoyed over the holidays.

Stick Insects
Would you like an easy to care for pet? Our eggs have been hatching regularly since January and OSHC now has lots of Stick Insects available. Please see staff.
Birthday: 17th March
Family:  Wife and best friend Renee, four children and one grandson.

Working Background: Has worked casually at OSHC for 15 years and is employed with A.C.Care. Has a Diploma of Community Service Children’s Services, Centre Based Care.

Likes:  Science Fiction Movies, Fishing, Road Trips, Camping, Star Wars and Ice Cream

Pets:  1 Dog, 3 Rabbits (all for the children but Michael gets to look after them)

How would your workmates describe you?
Friendly, reliable, popular with the children and staff at OSHC, enjoys having fun.

Ideas, Ideas, Ideas

Yes we do read your suggestions.
Yes we do try to put your ideas in to the program.
Please keep writing your suggestions on the sheet provided.

Dec’15 / Jan ’16 Vacation Care

Some very tired children but all had a lovely ‘End Of Year’ Celebration day
And are looking forward to the Christmas / New Year break with their families

The ‘Boys and Girls Only Days Out’ were greatly enjoyed by the children and staff with all parties asking for this to continue.
The James Young Magic Show was also very popular. The children made and were able to take 5 magic tricks home with them and were fascinated by the magic James Young performed.

On Thursday the 28th January 2016 we hired a Giant Inflatable Water Slide. The weather was mild which made for a perfect ‘water play’ day without the fear of sunburn. The children remained outside playing and sliding all day. The Murray Bridge Community Childcare Centre OSHC children came over and joined us for the day. A great day and a great way to finish vacation care after so much very hot weather.
### Week 1

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### Fees:
- Full Day $48.00
- Half Day $30.00
- Special Event Day $68.00
- CCB Applies

Fees include lunch and snacks throughout the day unless otherwise stated.

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by Lachlan

OSHC is the best!!!

OSHC is the best because OSHC has:
- Craft stuff
- Movies.
- Games and board games.
- Science things.
- Food.
- Playground.
- Drawings.

Thank you Lachlan, glad you enjoyed it.

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Heads Down

Thumbs Up

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Year of the Monkey

Chicago Year of the Monkey

Celebrating Australia Day

American Indian Day