

ALBERTON OSHC Ed-Leader Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

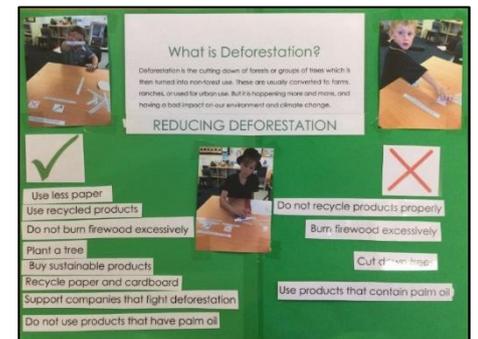
Please enjoy the following Term 1/Vacation Care overview, to have a closer look at some of the fun experiences your child/ren were involved in.

Term 1 Recap

Sustainability continued to be an important part of our practices and programmed activities during Term 1, 2021. Children have been educated on how we can respect our environment through particular engagement with **Learning outcome 2: Children are Connected with and Contribute to their world.**

Examples have included:

- Participating in 'Schools Clean up Australia Day' on 5th March through picking up rubbish at both the oval and in the nest.
- Turning off the lights for an hour on 26th March for 'Earth Schools Day' and discussing the need to reduce our use of electricity. Children either played indoors with torches or engaged in nature play.
- Learning about deforestation through a sorting activity.
- Planting seeds for Woolworths discovery garden and watching them sprout.
- Reusing cardboard and plastic in the making area.



Autumn is here

Our season of focus in Term 1 was Autumn. We discussed how the leaves change colour during this time of year as the weather progressively gets cooler. Children were provided with picture prompts to inspire their creativity when making their own 'Autumn Trees'. They used materials such as paper plates, paint (red, yellow and brown) as well as tissue paper to add texture. Come and see these beautiful, colourful artworks on our seasons display board!



Some highlights from Term 1:



Utilising the nest for 'child-initiated activities':

- Role play café in the mud kitchen
- Gymnastics on the grass area
- Movie making
- Observing insects
- Making car tracks in the sand pit
- Sport skills



Children demonstrated teamwork across a range of activities, particularly in the building of loose parts and the construction of a skate ramp, that was requested by OSHC children so it could be used with their scooters and bikes.

L.O.1: Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, respect and empathy.



The older boys requested to perform the beep test which became a weekly challenge of beating their personal bests. They showed persistence and determination, while clearly demonstrating **L.O.3: Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing.**

OSHC does Easter

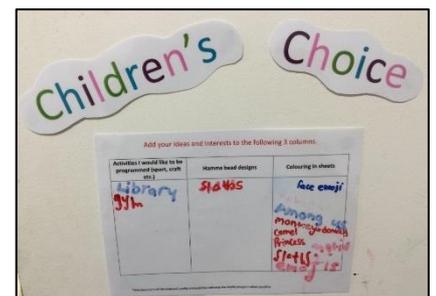
In week 10 of Term 1, we celebrated Easter through a variety of programmed activities. These included:

- Creating a recycled Easter bunny using cardboard and natural materials found in the nest.
- An Easter egg hunt at the oval. Educators hid the eggs before children excitedly worked together to find them all in the quickest time possible.
- Cooking – chocolate nests.
- Easter card and basket making.
- Easter inspired 'word search' and colouring in sheets.



Children's choice

In regard to **Quality Area 1, 'Educational Program & Practice'**, at Alberton OSHC we think it is important that children have a voice in their daily program. As a result, we have introduced the Children's Choice board, where children can inform us what 'colouring in sheets' and 'Hama bead designs' they would like printed, as these are manipulative activities participated in daily and are important for fine motor skills development. Additionally, children can suggest activities that guide the program for the following week.



Vacation Care Recap

Excursions/Visitors

Some of the highlights include:

AFL Max

AFL Max was engaging for all ages with the wide range of activities and zones. There were trampolines, rock wall climbing, footy kicking and aiming activities, balancing, sprinting races and more. It was great to watch children of different ages helping each other out and interacting, as well as proudly representing Alberton OSHC, getting involved in the competition activities and winning prizes.



Urban Ecology – Christie’s Walk

To tie in with our sustainability focus, we participated in the Christie’s walk in the city. Children were able to observe and walk through the most environmentally friendly apartments in South Australia and understand the sustainable practices they have put in place:

- Using various bins to separate plastic, cardboard, bottles etc.
- Building their homes out of straw – reduces the need for air-conditioning due to the insulation it provides.
- Having a roof-top garden.
- Re-using old goods, e.g. old chairs were used to create pot plants.
- Using compost as fertilizer.



Melba’s Chocolate Factory & Hahndorf Farm Barn

It was a long bus drive up to the Adelaide Hills but was worth it for the fun the children had. They enjoyed exploring the chocolate factory, buying a sweet treat and watching some of the liquorice manufacturing. Additionally, Hahndorf Farm Barn was lots of fun, where the children could hold small animals, pat and feed the bigger animals and also try milking Daisy the Cow.



Hooked on Fitness & Wheels Day

As always, children thoroughly enjoyed the activities that Tracy from ‘Hooked on Fitness’ had prepared. They were engaged from start to finish with age appropriate activities for each of the two groups.

Children utilised their wheels in a blocked off section of the carpark. We created a ‘petrol/stop off zone’ and drew arrows on the ground to assist with their safe navigation within the area.



Farewell to David

As many of you know, Friday 23rd April was David's final day at Alberton OSHC. We thank him for the hard work and commitment he has dedicated to Alberton OSHC over the past 8 years. The children made farewell cards to wish him Goodluck and were involved in an afternoon tea on this day.

We wish him the best of luck in his new chapter.

Welcome back Ali

Previous Assistant Director, Ali Dick, will be returning from leave as Acting Director as of week 1, Term 2. We look forward to her leading the OSHC team and the wealth of knowledge, skills and creative ideas she will bring.

Stay tuned for some exciting changes 😊

As always, feel free to pass on any feedback you have about our service, the weekly program during the term or any Vacation Care activities. We are continuously striving to improve.

We wish you well for Term 2 and look forward to the July Vacation Care.

Educational Leader,

Chloe Pate

