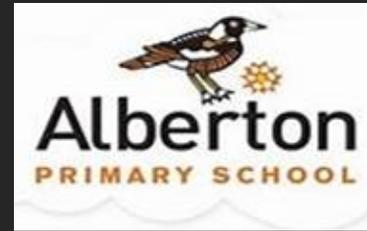


Term 3 Ed- Leader Report



Any questions or queries regarding the OSHC program or your child/ren's learning outcomes please contact:

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

With another Term complete for the year there are plenty of positive changes and highlights in OSHC to reflect upon. Please enjoy the following overview of Term 3, to take a closer look at some of the fun experiences your child/ren were involved in.

Term 3 – Changes to the physical environment

A major focus for Term 3 was **Quality Area 3: The Physical Environment**. To improve the look, feel and practicality of the OSHC environment and increase children's sense of belonging, some exciting changes and additions to the space occurred. Let's take a look...

The children that attend Alberton OSHC have diverse backgrounds, their ages range from 4-11 years old and there are differences in gender, hobbies and much more. We wanted to celebrate and represent this diversity to ensure **"Children have a strong sense of Identity"** (Learning Outcome 1), feeling confident in who they are. To do so, children traced their hand and recorded 5 facts about themselves on the fingers. Three of these facts needed to be their birthday, gender and cultural backgrounds. This initiated some amazing interactions between children and with educators, which enhanced positive relationship building. The hands are displayed on 'Our identities' board in OSHC, with the children's photos featuring alongside the most common cultural background flags.

"Our Identities"
Board





“Our Seasons” Board reflects some creative artwork completed by the children, showing the beautiful blossom trees we observe in spring. To create them, children dipped broccoli florets into pink and white paint, using them as sponges to form patterns on their trees.

L.O.4.3: Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.

The Quiet Corner & the Book-exchange

Our quiet corner has been transformed!! There is now a cozy space for children to relax, especially on those early morning drop offs and towards the end of the afternoon. It features some cushions, blankets and a bookshelf with an array of books to cater for all ages.

In week 7 of Term 3, we began a book exchange, which meant children from OSHC could donate a book from home and exchange with a book from the ‘OSHC Library’. This was purposefully set up for several reasons:

1. It encourages children to ‘Reuse’ and teaches them that buying new is not always necessary. This links with **learning outcome 2.4: children become socially responsible and show respect for their environment.**
2. Reading helps grow children’s minds and through our variety of books, **“children engage with a range of texts and make meaning from these texts”** (learning outcome 5.2).
3. Finally, it links with **Quality area 6: collaborative partnerships with families and communities.** We are fortunate that many parents were willing to donate books from home which assisted us in getting the book exchange up and running – we are very thankful!!



Term 3 – Additions to OSHC



At Alberton OSHC, we have lots of keen helpers and to cater for this we have created some voluntary roles that enable them to take on the responsibility they are seeking. These roles were discussed one afternoon during Group Time and children could sign up for the one that sounded most appealing to them. There are three different roles and each have several members involved:

The Waste Warriors – this group consists of children that are helping to implement sustainable practices in OSHC. Examples of their duties include: bringing the compost bin out for snack, checking for contamination in the bins and monitoring water usage when washing hands for snack.

Book Monitors – these children can tidy/re-organise the bookshelf to make it more suitable for them, as well as assisting others with exchanging books and informing staff when our book supply is running low.

Resource Monitors – this role is still being developed. However, it will involve a general check of resources, surveying children e.g. on which colouring in sheets to be printed etc.



The Waste Warriors



The Book Monitors

THE BIRTHDAY BOX



We have introduced 'The Birthday Box', which is a box of small gifts which children can select from if they attend OSHC on their birthday. In addition to this, the birthday child's name is written on the poster next to 'Our identities' board and they have the choice at Group Time of being sung Happy Birthday to (BSC or ASC).

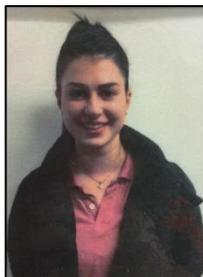
Staff Recognition

Alberton OSHC Director Position

As most of you may know from the School's Newsletter, Ali Dick has won the position of Alberton OSHC director. Ali was the previous Assistant director and has been the Acting OSHC director for two terms. We look forward to Ali continuing to lead the OSHC team and implementing her amazing ideas and experience.



Tarlia



Lucinda

OSHC Educators completing their final Teaching Placements

Congratulations to two of our Qualified Educators, Lucinda and Tarlia, who completed their fourth and final Teaching Placements during Term 3. We look forward to having them back in Term 4.

Thank you to parents/guardians

Just a final note to say thank you to families. On behalf of the Alberton OSHC team, we appreciate your donations, support and adaptability throughout the term with the changes that have occurred.

We look forward to a busy, fun-packed Term 4 to finish off a great year!

Kind Regards,

Chloe Pate

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YOU