

BEYOND EDUCARE

ST DOMINICS OSHC FORTNIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTS 12/08/2026

Curious Minds: Wonder, Inquiry & Innovation

What a wonderful start to the new term at our OSHC! Children have quickly settled back into the program, reconnecting with friends, sharing holiday adventures and embracing opportunities to create, explore, play and learn together.

Creating, Building & Exploring

Creativity and curiosity have been everywhere! Children have explored T-shirt designing, Hama beads, friendship jewellery, slime making, LEGO construction, Fairyland, drawing, sensory experiences and imaginative play.

Our new project, Lost Ancient Worlds & Civilisations, has already captured children's imaginations. Ancient Egypt has inspired LEGO pyramids, Sphinxes and treasure-filled sarcophagi, while mythology has encouraged children to invent their own creatures, stories and worlds.

Through these experiences, children are developing creativity, persistence, fine motor skills, engineering thinking, storytelling and problem-solving.

Curious Minds in Action

Board games, construction and hands-on experiments have provided plenty of opportunities for children to think, question and problem-solve. From experimenting with slime recipes to designing a wind-powered charging station for electric cars, children have been encouraged to test ideas, adapt when things don't go to plan and discover that there can be many ways to solve a problem.

We love seeing children confidently follow their interests and take increasing ownership of their learning.

Friendship, Belonging & Wellbeing

One of our greatest highlights has been seeing the kindness and care children show one another. Children have welcomed friends back, shared resources, encouraged others, worked through disagreements, celebrated achievements and included one another in games and imaginative play. Alongside quieter experiences, there has been plenty of movement through soccer, volleyball, gymnastics, playground games and outdoor play, supporting teamwork, resilience, confidence and wellbeing.

Celebrating Every Child

Across our program we have celebrated our creative thinkers, problem-solvers, curious investigators, budding engineers, kind friends, independent learners, communicators and brave achievers. A particularly special moment occurred when one child, after building confidence through regular Connect 4 games with an educator, independently used verbal communication to respond during their game.

It was a beautiful reminder of why we work to create an environment where every child feels safe, supported, included and confident to communicate in their own way.

Looking Ahead

Next, we will continue exploring Lost Ancient Worlds & Civilisations, following children's questions and interests through history, mythology, ancient cultures, construction, storytelling and creativity. We can't wait to see where their curiosity takes us next!

Thank you to our wonderful children and families for helping make our OSHC a welcoming, respectful and inclusive community where children can belong, explore and thrive.

