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Curious Minds: Wonder, Inquiry & Innovation

What a wonderful month we have had at our OSHC! The past four weeks have been filled with creativity, curiosity, teamwork, discovery and plenty of laughter as children embraced opportunities to create, explore, experiment, play and learn together.

Creating, Building & Exploring

Creativity and imagination have been everywhere! Children have explored painting, jewellery making, construction, nature art, collaborative projects and imaginative play. From colourful sunsets, personalised colouring books and Aboriginal flags to dinosaurs, abstract artworks and handmade gifts, children have confidently expressed their individual ideas and interests.

Nature has also become an important part of our creative learning. Children collected flowers, leaves, sticks, rocks and seed pods to create a collaborative Nature Mural before extending their ideas into a magical Fairy Garden using recycled materials. These experiences encouraged creativity, sustainability, sensory exploration and imaginative thinking.

Curious Minds in Action

Curiosity has been at the heart of our program. Children have investigated balance and stability through giant block towers, tested which toy vehicles could travel the furthest, explored natural materials using their senses and experimented with different sporting techniques and game rules.

One particularly memorable investigation began when a slime experiment did not quite go to plan. Instead of giving up, children brainstormed ways to reuse the firmer slime and transformed it into homemade Needoh-style squishies. It was a fantastic example of resilience, sustainability and creative problem-solving — reminding us that unexpected results can sometimes lead to even better ideas!

Across these experiences, children have been encouraged to predict, observe, question, test ideas, adapt and persevere.

Friendship, Belonging & Wellbeing

One of our greatest highlights continues to be the kindness and care children show one another. Children have welcomed returning friends, shared resources respectfully, encouraged others, solved problems together and celebrated each other's achievements.

There has also been plenty of movement through soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, tag games, frisbee, golf challenges, bubble play and Movement Studio activities. Children consistently demonstrated teamwork, resilience and excellent sportsmanship, often adapting games themselves to make sure everyone could participate and enjoy the experience.

Our Gift Making Club was another beautiful example of connection and belonging, with children independently creating bracelets, necklaces and heartfelt letters for family and friends while encouraging others to join in.

Celebrating Every Child

Across our program we have celebrated our creative leaders, persistent problem-solvers, curious investigators, budding scientists, creative artists, sporting stars, team players, independent learners and kind friends.

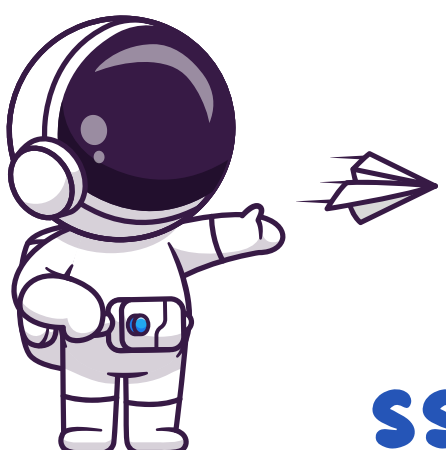
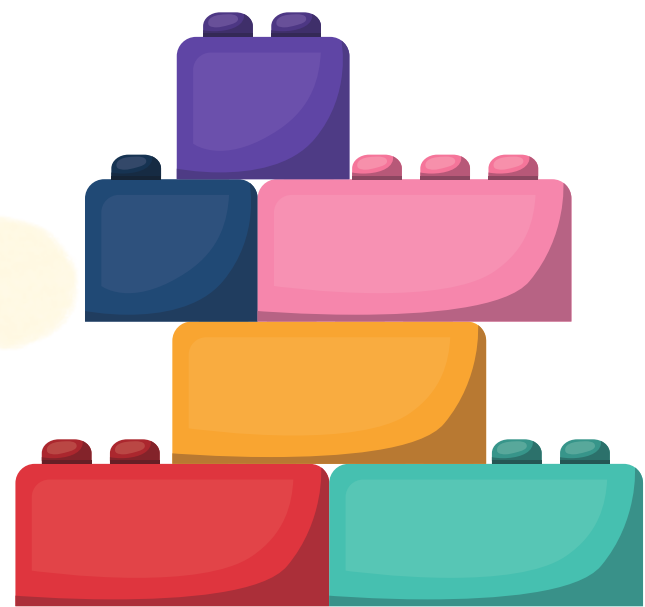
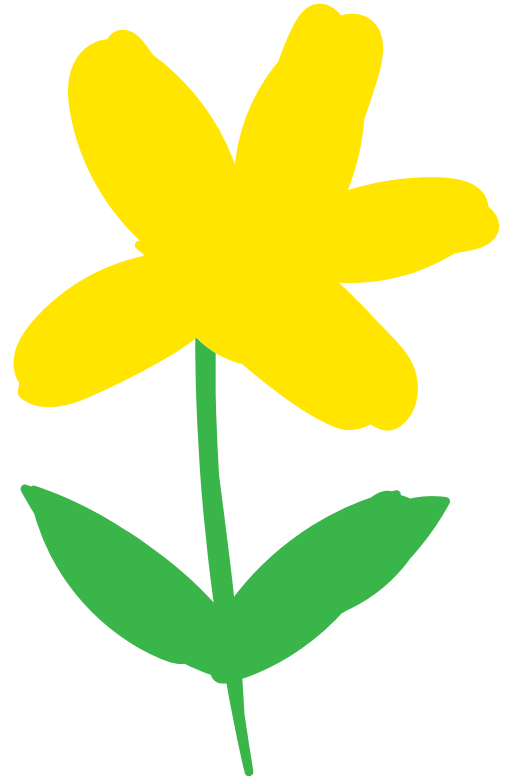
Whether children were asking thoughtful questions, rebuilding something that did not work the first time, welcoming a friend, helping someone join a game or proudly sharing a new creation, each achievement has contributed to the caring and inclusive community we value at our OSHC.

We are especially proud of the increasing confidence children are showing in making choices, following their interests, taking responsibility and contributing their own ideas to the program.

Looking Ahead

Our Curious Minds: Wonder, Inquiry & Innovation journey is only just beginning! We will continue bringing children's Kids' Corner ideas to life and creating opportunities for them to lead, explore, question, experiment and discover.

We cannot wait to see what new discoveries, inventions, creative ideas and adventures emerge as the term continues. Thank you to our wonderful children and families for helping make our OSHC a welcoming, respectful and inclusive community where children can belong, explore, create and thrive.



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