

# MELROSE PARK OSHC BLOG

Term 1 Week 1

## DEAR FAMILIES

Welcome back to 2020! We hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and fun summer holidays with their families and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

We also wanted to send a warm welcome to all of our new kindergarten children that will be starting with us in term 1! We look forward to getting to know you and your families over the next few months and wish you a smooth transition into school.

We are currently at capacity on most days, with a waitlist for children trying to get spots. If you know your child will be away please let us know so we can offer these places to families in need.

The lost property box is full of the children's clothing and bottles from the January vacation care if you have lost anything please check the box.

We would like to thank the Pearce family and Acopian family for their donations of stationery and craft resources that will be used by the children for art and crafts.

Located next to the touch screen are forms for families to fill out, to help educators gain a sense of understanding of each family. These forms will help us develop our program to include all cultures and beliefs and we would love for you to share with us foods that are significant in your culture that can be cooked with the children in the weekly cooking experience. (Please note we are unable to cook anything that contains nuts).



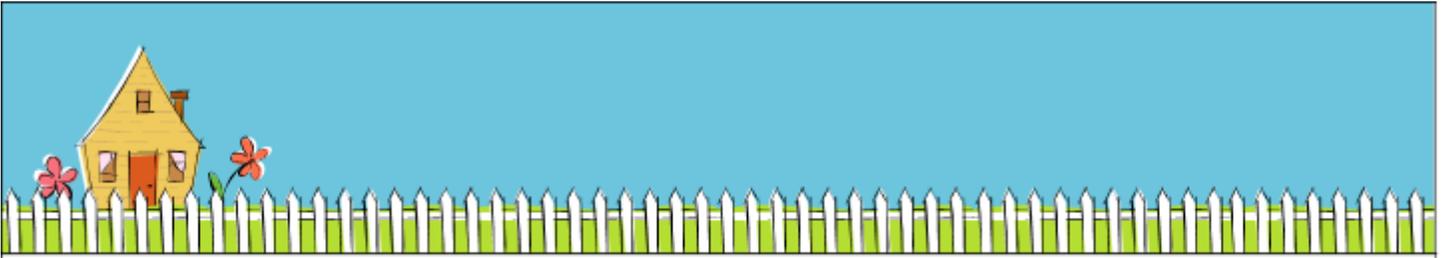
## OUR WEEK AT OSHC

Wednesday was our first day back and the children were very excited to share their holiday experiences with each other as they caught up with educators and each other. The group have started completing the "Getting to know me" colouring in pages that will help educators to build the program based upon children's interests. This year we have also added a white board for children to add their programming ideas and parents should feel free to add ideas for arts, cooking, games and sports to the board located next to the program.

That afternoon the group celebrated Australia day... a little late but with lots of enthusiasm. The children were thrilled that the first cooking activity of the year was lamingtons, definitely a favourite amongst the children! The children helped to roll the sponges into the chocolate icing that they had made and then into the coconut. It wouldn't be Australia without a game of cricket, a group of the children played a competitive but fair game of cricket before packing it up to play in the shade on the equipment. Later that afternoon the children took their watering cans and watered the OSHC vegetable garden that was planted during the summer holidays. This garden includes peas, capsicum, cucumbers, lettuce, basil, mint and sunflowers to attract the bees. Hopefully the garden grows with some care from the OSHC children so that the vegetables can be harvested for some cooking experiences.

Thursday morning the children prepared to welcome our kindergarteners by making large welcome signs! The children chose the colours of paint to use and even added stickers to the pictures that they have painted. A group enjoyed the warm weather outside playing a round hand ball and one bounce.

Friday the group celebrated Chinese New Year, this year being the year of the rat. The group created their own dragons using patty pans, paper and glue and lanterns using paper and paints. That afternoon the children continued with their creation of Chinese lanterns that are being displayed around the room.



Quick look at our program for  
week 2!

## Monday

- Play dough people
- Carrot cookies cooking

## Tuesday

- Recycled craft
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## Thursday

- Water paint pens
- Collaging

## Wednesday

- Pastel paints
- Threading necklaces

## Friday

- Magazine collage
- Puff painting