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Stronger Together: Celebrating Friendship, Fun & Growth
Weeks of 26 August – 6 September 2025



Over the past fortnight, our OSHC program has focused on celebrating the meaningful relationships we share with family, friends, and our community. In recognition of World Parents Day and Global Friendship Day, the children engaged in a diverse range of experiences that fostered connection, creativity, and confidence.

From energetic outdoor games to quiet moments of creativity and reflection, every activity was designed to support children's social, emotional, and cognitive development in a fun, inclusive, and supportive environment.

Morning Highlights: Kicking Off the Day with Energy and Joy

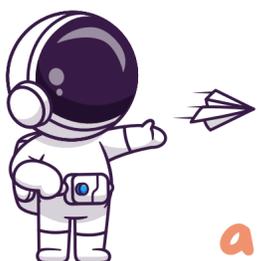
Each morning began with child-led play experiences that encouraged movement, collaboration, and joyful connection.

One morning saw an exciting game of Kids vs Educators Soccer, where older students helped guide younger ones, creating a strong sense of inclusion and team spirit.

Four Square became a favourite across multiple mornings, promoting quick thinking, fair play, and communication as children welcomed others into the game.

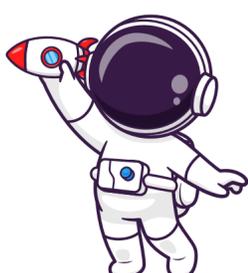
When the weather brought us indoors, creative activities such as card-making and painting provided a calming start. A standout moment included two children working together on vibrant apple tree paintings, demonstrating both artistic flair and cooperative teamwork.

Gymnastics mats were also a hit – especially when one student proudly landed their very first front flip, cheered on by friends and educators. It was a beautiful example of courage, persistence, and positive risk-taking.



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Afternoon Adventures: Movement, Creativity & Connection

Afternoons were filled with rich and varied experiences that supported learning and social development:

A highlight for many was time spent with our chickens, where children gently held, observed, and cared for the animals — building empathy, responsibility, and confidence.

Sensory play with kinetic sand brought children together to mould, shape, and create in a calming, hands-on environment.

A group of children collaborated on a creative treasure hunt using invisible ink and watercolour clues. This magical, child-led experience sparked curiosity, teamwork, and problem-solving as they worked together to decode hidden messages.

In another inspiring moment, students built a colourful marble run using teamwork and trial-and-error to perfect their design, celebrating their success with every marble that completed the course.

Sporting achievements were also recognised this week, with two students being selected for Regional netball following recent wins — demonstrating the power of persistence, dedication, and team spirit.

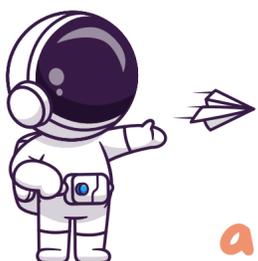
Games that Build Bonds

Across both mornings and afternoons, children engaged in inclusive games like Uno, Memory, Indoor Soccer, and To Square. These group games offered chances to practise strategic thinking, share laughter, and build friendships. Free play also brought out spontaneous storytelling and imaginative role play, where children created characters and scenarios, assigning roles and supporting one another to bring their ideas to life.

Looking Ahead: Stronger Together

As we continue into the next fortnight, our theme of Stronger Together will guide us in deepening friendships and fostering community through collaborative projects, shared storytelling, and acts of kindness. We're excited to see where the children's ideas and creativity take us next.

Thank you for being part of our vibrant OSHC community — we look forward to another fortnight of learning, laughter, and growth.



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