My name is Laura Hoile and I am one of the OSHC Educators. I am 21 years old. I was born in Adelaide and have lived here my whole life. I went to Mercedes College and finished school in 2011. I am currently in my final year of studying a Bachelor of Commerce - Accounting at the University of Adelaide.

I have two older sisters, Kimberley and Amy. Kimberley is 27 and engaged to be married; I am very excited to be a bridesmaid in her wedding later this year. Amy is 23 and is halfway through studying a Degree in Medicine. She is currently living in Port Lincoln and I love going to visit her when I get the chance. Both of my parents are teachers, which could be why I love working with the children at OSHC so much. My mum's name is Kathy and she is a year 3/4 teacher at St Josephs, Kingswood. My dad's name is Tim and he works at the Marine Discovery Centre.

In my spare time I like to watch movies, hang out with friends and play with my sisters puppy, Barkley. I love cooking meals for my family and when I get the time, baking cakes and deserts. My favourite thing to do is travel, I am going to New York later this year to explore the city and visit my friend who lives there.

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Welcome to our new Mercedes Students!

We hope you love OSHC!

Mercedes College has welcomed many new children this term. We are delighted that we have had the chance to meet some of our newcomers as they share their Before or After School time with us. All Educators and students would like to give a warm welcome to the following children:

Femke, James and Ava Snel, Jared Cenko, Chloe and Logan Wright, Ethan and Hamish Fraser, Georgiana Leaver, Archer and Avalon Schunke, Juliette Moretti, Christopher Keeping, Kael Kemp, Dante Ciaramellano and Thomas and Edward Reed.

We are looking forward to getting to know you as we spend lots of happy times with you this term!

Breakfast Menu

Anathoth Farm Raspberry Jam

At Before School Care, we pride ourselves on the selection of spreads for our lovely, hot buttery toast (although one or two people choose to opt out of the butter option altogether!) We enjoy scouring the internet for reliable information relating to additives and preservatives and endeavour to provide quality brands to ensure that our children are eating the best. Here is what some of the children have to say about our new jam choice: Anathoth Farm Jam.

“I liked it. I liked the taste.”

Michael Adams

“This is the sweetest jam I’ve ever tasted in my life!”

Oliver Wilmot

“This jam tastes right— let me check the label. Oh, I usually have strawberry. It tastes zesty.”

Saffie Cowan

“It’s good. It’s good”
On Fridays, Danny has had the pleasure of organising races in the Junior School Hall. These races included running races as well as some races on ‘Wheelie Boards’. We have also been playing dodge ball and it has been really fun!
**Ingredients**

- 2 Cups of Self Raising Flour
- 1/2 a Cup of Raw Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 Cup of Milk (extra if needed!)
- 1 Tablespoon of Baking Powder
- 60 Grams of Melted Butter (allow to cool)

**Method**

Put all dry ingredients in a large bowl
Crack the eggs into the bowl one at a time
Add the butter and then add the milk
Mix well until the mixture is a light batter
Allow for the mixture to stand for 20-30 minutes to remove bubbles
Place a small amount of batter in a pan
Cook until bubbles appear on the surface of the pancake
Flip and cook on the other side and serve!
Delicious!!

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**Hayley’s Pancake Recipe**

This may well be just what you are looking for when you need an easy to make snack which not only tastes good but is good for all the family. We especially love our pancakes with a sprinkling of lemon and a squeeze of lemon!

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**Plasticine!**
OSHC Activities
For some children, After School Care offers an opportunity to get a start on their homework for the evening. We have recently been conducting a homework club and we have been lucky to have the use of Mrs McPheat’s Year 3 classroom. This provides the children with a chance to work in a quiet, designated space. Here is what some of the children like about Homework Club.

“We can do our homework in peace!”
Imogen Wilmot

“It’s fun because you are doing it with friends around you”
Vienna Zotti

“I like it because I don’t have to do homework at home”
Kiara Cenko
Easter Activities

The Easter Tree

The tradition of decorating a tree with Easter Eggs originated in Germany and has expanded to all over the world. The egg is a symbol of new life and with Easter falling during Term 1, we thought it would be a good chance to create our own tree for OSHC. The groundsmen helped out by cutting down a branch from a tree which was then secured in a pot. The children used ribbon, wool, wire, and scratch art shaped as eggs to decorate it. It was great to see the children working together to create something beautiful and we have had many positive comments from other students, parents and teachers who pass by our room.

Easter Window Painting

Easter Hats

Easter Egg Dyeing