Hello,

Welcome everyone to 2016 at St Mary’s OSHC. For those of you who don’t know, I have replaced Margaret as the Assistant Director. I am thoroughly enjoying my new role and if I haven't met you already, I look forward to meeting you very soon. This is my 9th year in Early Childhood Education, and my family and I have just relocated to Darwin from Brisbane. I am a mum to one little girl who attends Transition here at St Mary’s and my husband is in the Army.

We have another new staff member here as well, her name is Katie. She is also a Defence partner and has just relocated to Darwin too. She will be undertaking study for her Cert III in Children’s services and has already proven to be a valued member of the team.

The other staff we have this year (so far) are Ayesha, Georgia, Aroi, Onyi, Remi, Erik and Arnie whom I believe were all here last year.

Now, time for some brief housekeeping. I’ve had a few questions regarding enrolment forms and fees for OSHC and vacation care. If you filled out an enrolment for your child for last year for OSHC, it will carry over to this year. We do not need another form, UNLESS your personal details have changed. If that is the case, please let me know and I’ll get a form to you. Regarding vacation care though, every holiday needs a new enrolment form! If you’re needing care over Easter, or June/July holidays etc, each of those breaks will need its own form. Forms are available on the new school website www.stmarysnt.catholic.edu.au

I’d just like to give you a brief overview of what we do here at OSHC so you have an understanding of the way we work. We run a program which is child led and interest based. The educators plan a range of activities for the children a week ahead of time. They range from physical activities, art and craft, reading, outdoor play to varied indoor activities. These activities are observed and reflected upon and this then leads to the following week’s program. The program can be found on the pink board near the sign in sheet. I have also introduced a ‘picture of the day’ which captures the fun and the social aspect of your child’s time at OSHC. If there is anything you wish to speak to me about, please do not hesitate to call or email kirsten.wilson@nt.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for all being so welcoming. I think we’re going to have a great year!!