



**Mrs. Margaret Redmond**

Hi there, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and shed some light on where I came from. My name is Margaret Redmond, and I am now the Assistant Director for Outside School Hours Care. Some of you transition parents may already know me ☺ I grew up in Brisbane and moved to Darwin November 2012. I have 8 years' experience working with early childhood children. In that time, I have also had the privilege of working with school aged children. I have been working for St Mary's since January 2013. I was at Community of Learners as a qualified educator, and also had the opportunity to step in as the Acting Assistant Director in term 2 and 3 this year. I am looking forward to getting to know you, your children and the wonderful OSHC staff better.

If you have any queries about OSHC/Vacation care please do not hesitate to contact me on (08) 8981 6107 or via email on [margaret.redmond@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:margaret.redmond@nt.catholic.edu.au)



### Prayer

As we go into the Christmas season, we pray that Christ is remembered; all is blessed and safe, returning to school in the New Year with a spirit of gratefulness.  
**Amen.**

### *Vacation care:*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**January 2015**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Vacation care for  
Transition children



### Gardening

In June this year OSHC applied for and was fortunate to be given a grant of \$1000 from Coles Landcare Australia. This was to establish a veggie patch and a worm farm. Educators discussed a theme with the children and it was decided on the Wizard of Oz. The children made scarecrows which were then entered into the Darwin Show and were placed 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, a fantastic achievement. The children then painted the old pavers yellow for the yellow brick road. New garden beds, worm farm, gloves and tools as well as plants and seeds were purchased. With the help of Mr. Malcolm and St. Mary's working bee the OSHC veggie patch is near completion. The aim of the Veggie Patch is for the children to experience the planting, taking care of and eventually picking and eating delicious veggies for afternoon tea.



### The Week Ahead

OSHC will be participating in sending a care package to our deployed defence force. Children will be doing some crafts and writing letters. If you would like to donate any small gifts suitable such as socks, soap, lip balms, treats etc. I'm sure; they will be greatly appreciated by our defence ☺

**Happy holidays and Merry Christmas!**