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'BEPS OSHC respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of the land on which our service stands and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples of Australia; the Aboriginal & Torres St Islander People.'

IMPORTANT OSHC ADMIN THIS WEEK

FEE INCREASE FOR TERM 2

To continue to provide a viable and quality assured service to BEPS OSHC, fees will be increased this term from the 29th May 2023; OSHC fees will increase from — 26/04/22:

- ☐ Aftercare (daily session 2.5 hrs): \$23.00 > \$25.00
- ☐ Beforecare (daily session 1.15 hrs): \$18.00 > \$20.00.

All fees are subject to the childcare subsidy rates reduction if you are eligible. Please note that the childcare subsidy is increasing for all eligible families from the 10th July. See page 2 for further details.

- ⇒ **Pupil Free Day; Wednesday; 24th May;** we will be running a Pupil free day ;m 8.00am-6.00pm; please let us know if you want your child in care; fill in curriculum day notice at OSHC next to sign in/out
- ⇒ **We would love your family feedback** — please fill in the attached feedback form attached to the email - anything that you think we can improve on, ideas for activities & experiences, or how we do things...
- ⇒ **OSHC Sub-Committee** ; We would love parents to be on our OSHC committee; support your OSHC service; we meet once/twice per term; Talk to Rena if you are interested
- ⇒ **Changes to the Child Care Subsidy;** There are changes to the way the childcare subsidy is worked out from July 2023 see pg 2— you will be eligible for more subsidy. However, you must update your family income and confirm what you earned for 2021-2022 and 2020-2021 to avoid losing your childcare subsidy or incurring a debt. Families should go to the [Services Australia website](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/).
- ⇒ **Signing your Child out of Care on the Kiosk IPAD:** All authorized persons picking up the children (parents and others) must all be 18 yrs and over. Do not give your child your PIN as they could sign themselves out at any time, and this would be a breach of safety.
Please do not let your child sign themselves out — as this is a breach of safety.
- ⇒ We will be continuing our **Child Safety & Wellbeing program** in OSHC working towards helping children to become *Child Safe Champions*; through activities & experiences to learn about their rights and best practice as related to Child Safety & wellbeing, including: definitions, understanding emotions, safety networks, dimensions of health, using correct language to express themselves and their needs, respecting each other, their voices and bodies.

Childcare Subsidy rates for second and younger children from July 2023

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is changing. From July 2023 most families using child care will get more CCS.

Families earning below \$362,408 with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can still get a higher rate for their second and younger children when the changes occur on 10 July.

The higher rate for second and younger children will end when a family earns \$362,408 or more. All children will then receive the standard CCS rate.

Standard CCS rates

- The income limit for standard CCS rates is increasing to \$530,000.
- Families earning over \$80,000 and under \$530,000 will get a subsidy that tapers down from 90%, depending on their income. The subsidy will go down 1% for each \$5,000 earned.
- Families earning \$80,000 or less will get 90% subsidy.
- Families should keep their income estimate up to date.
- Keep an eye on our channels for more information and resources in the lead up to July

Families can now use the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) Calculator at StartingBlocks.gov.au to see what their subsidy rates may be from 10 July.

Most families will get more subsidy. Some families previously not eligible will be able to get it.

Make sure your families understand what the changes mean for them. Do this by:

CCS: balancing deadlines approaching

Families must confirm what they earned in 2021–22 and 2020–21 by 30 June to avoid losing CCS or incurring a debt.

At the end of each financial year, Services Australia compares a family's income estimate with their actual income to check they got the right amount of CCS. This process is called balancing.

Families need to confirm their income for balancing to occur. There are deadlines for families to do this.

Next deadlines:

The end of financial year marks two important deadlines for families:

- first deadline for confirming 2021–22 income
- second deadline for confirming 2020–21 income.

If a family misses the first deadline, their CCS will stop.

If a family misses the second deadline, they will lose their CCS eligibility and may have to repay any CCS they got for that financial year.

OSHC ABSENCES

- **Absences:** Contact the OSHC Service if your child will be absent from OSHC; message/text, email
- Children are to be picked up by authorized contacts only.
- **Before care:** If you wish to have an emergency spot, please ring the direct OSHC number ; 93872631 or Phyllis mob; 0422209671

OSHC Sub-Committee of Management

Next meeting: 4th May 2023 6.00pm
OSHC ROOM
ALL WELCOME

Medical Documentation

Have you updated medical details including allergies, food intolerances & medical conditions in your My Family Lounge account, and provided OSHC with updated correct documentation; medical plans, risk minimization and medicine?

Family Feedback

We welcome your feedback . Your ideas, thoughts and suggestions are important to us and help us to create a quality service for you and your children. Please let us know. Email, phone, chat..

We also are always on the look out for re-cycled materials and ideas for cooking, activities & experiences.

The Child Care Subsidy System (CCS) & Government Compliance

Have you confirmed your booking pattern in your MyGov account?

- You must do this every time you make any changes to your circumstances or booking patterns. CCS will automatically 'cease' if you have not use the program for 14 weeks
- Check your subsidy regularly to make sure you are receiving the correct subsidy and hours you are entitled too.

My Family Lounge

- **Web;** Use the online My Family Lounge web application to enrol, re-enrol, or request changes to your permanent days. <http://beps.vic.edu.au/oshc>
- **App:** Download the My Family Lounge App on your mobile phone to check for casual vacancies, make casual bookings and cancellations; www.myfamilylounge.com.au

OSHC Invoices

All OSHC payments are made via the Qkr! Mastercard App downloaded from Google play/App store.

OSHC Invoices are sent out fortnightly and are expected to be paid on a regular fortnightly basis.

Signing your child in and out of OSHC

We use a digital sign in system; *Qikkids Kiosk*, you will need to enter you mobile phone number and then set-up a 4 digit PIN number which you will use for all your OSHC signing in and out. Your Authorised contacts also use this system —they can set-up their own PIN but need to be authorised by you on your MyFamily lounge account.

Weekly Aftercare & Beforecare Program Plan: Term 2 2023

Legend:

W; Wet weather timetable

D; Dry weather timetable

Framework for School Age Care: Focus Outcomes;

1. 'Children have a strong sense of identity'
2. 'Children are connected with and contribute to their world'
3. 'Children have a Strong Sense of Wellbeing'
4. 'Children are confident and involved learners'

Mon 15th May

Sewing Club in the OSHC Room with Hannah & Lucy
Knockout Game on the Basketball Crt with Britt
Bowling on the grass/bean bag toss on the Oval with Chandika
Colourfuls with Hayfa & Faye

BSC

Children's Choice of activities & experiences

Tuesday 16th May

Flower Bracelets in the OSHC room with Ulli & Hayfa
Dancing Games in the Music Room with Hannah
Cooking in the Big Kitchen with Kerryn
Colourfuls with Faye & Lucy
Tennis Skills on the Basketball Crt with Brit
Touch Rugby on the Oval with Chandika & Rory

BSC

Children's Choice of activities and experiences

Wed 17th May

ASC

Pride Art activities (IDAHOBIT) in the OSHC room with Hannah
Hall Games in Hall with Brit & Chandika
Paper kite making in the Tinker Lab with Hayfa
Colourfuls with Faye & Phyllis
Girls basketball on the basketball Crt with Rory

BSC

Children's Choice of Activities

Thurs 18th May

ASC

Drawing Class in the OSHC room with Rena & Ulli
Face painting in the Music Room with Hayfa
Gymnastics in the Hall with Lucy
Drawing & Colouring in in the Tinker Lab with Hannah
Colourfuls with
Soccer Game on the Oval with Rory & Brit
Science Club with Faye & Chandika

BSC

Children's Choice of activities

Fri 19th May

ASC

Make your own story (Wurundjeri) in the OSHC room with Hannah
Hall Games with Lucy
Colourfuls with Faye

What Have the Children Been doing at OSHC this Week:

