BEPS OSHC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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 & Ϋ́ Torres St Islander People.' 本 Ψ 嵛

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 - 29/05/23:

□ 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.

Unfortunately, I did not enter the before care dates correctly on the gikkids admin software to enable the fee increase to take effect from the 29/05 — so have now backdated this, and will be re- sending out updated invoices for the same period; 22/05 – 4/06 — on Friday 9/06. This should not effect anyone who has made payments — it will just mean that just mean that the invoice amounts total and daily fees from the 29/05 will show the updated fees.

- ⇒ Curriculum day; Friday 9/06; No OSHC program King's birthday holiday; Monday 12/06; public holiday — No OSHC program Curriculum day; Monday 10/07 (first day of term 3); OSHC program running—please fill in forms next to IPAD sign in/out
- \Rightarrow **Emergency Drills**; we will be practicing our emergency drills again this week and next;
 - Thursday 8/06; fire drill BSC & ASC
 - Tuesday 13/06; Lock-in BSC & ASC
 - Wednesday 14/06; offsite/walk-around; BSC & ASC
- \Rightarrow **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
- \Rightarrow 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 loosing your childcare subsidy or incurring a debt. Families should go to the Services Australia website.
- ⇒ The OSHC Policies are currently being updated by two of our parents who are on our OSHC Committee meeting; Tilly Boleyn and Renee Burns. If You have an interest in policy and would like to be involved please let us know.

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 <u>StartingBlocks.gov.au</u> 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: 20th July 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

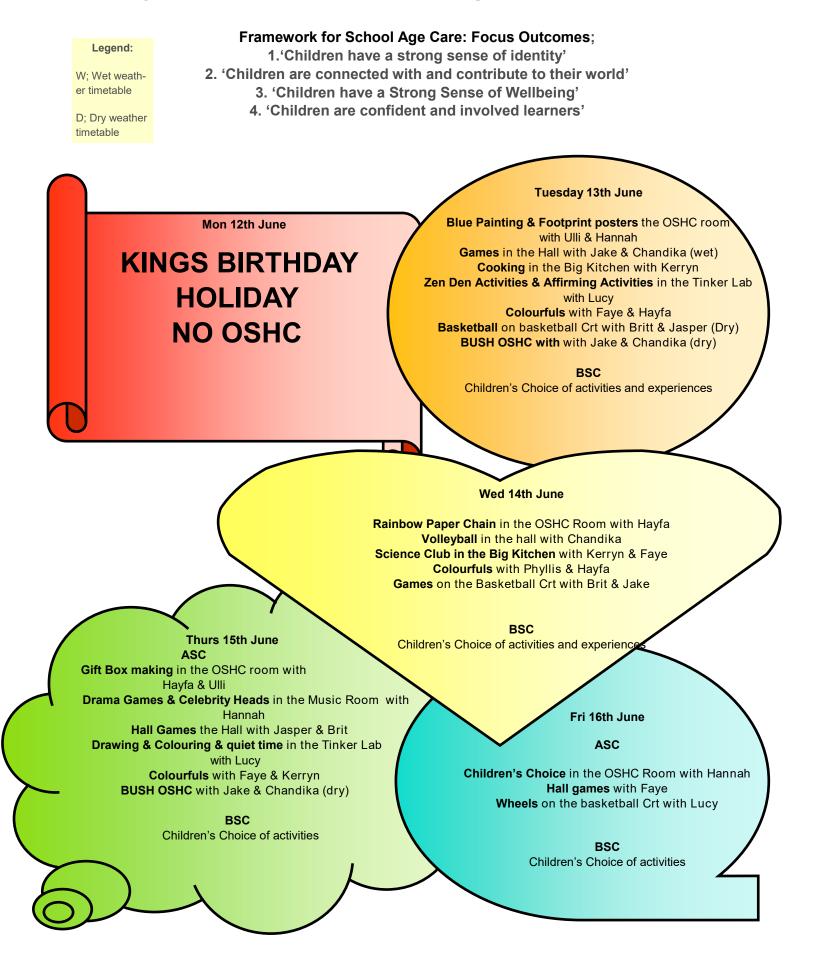
All OSHC payments are made via the Qkr! Mastercard App downloaded from Google play/App store.

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



What Have the Children Been doing at OSHC this Week:

