

## **BEPS OSHC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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SUN SMART Terms 1 & 4

OSHC must where a hat at all times when outside

'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.'

#### **OSHC ADMIN THIS WEEK**

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- ⇒ **OSHC Invoices**; There are a number of outstanding invoices. These are required to be paid on a regular fortnightly basis, and all up by the end of each term. These need to be paid in full by the end of term 2, as we have end of year financial reconciliation and would appreciate prompt payment of all accounts.
- ⇒ **Term 2 OSHC bookings will carry over into term 3** and be charged for— unless you give two weeks notice of changes to bookings/cancellations in writing.
- ⇒ **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; The childcare subsidy has now increased. Families should go to the Services Australia website. See page 2
- ⇒ OSHC Policies are currently in review by the OSHC Committee

## **Family Survey**

Lucy our Educational Leader has developed a family survey using a QR code:

Please find attached the BEPS OSHC Family survey click on the QR code or go to website;

Feedback Survey website to paste in your browser:

https://www.menti.com/alwmkinho6n5



## Child Care Subsidy has increased

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) has increased. Most families using early childhood education and care (ECEC) will get more subsidy and more families are also now eligible for CCS.

Changes include:

- The family income limit to get CCS has increased to \$530,000.
- The maximum amount of CCS has increased from 85% to 90%.
- Families earning \$80,000 or less get a CCS rate of 90%.
- Families earning over \$80,000 get a CCS rate that decreases by 1% for each \$5,000 of family income. This rate reaches 0% for families earning \$530,000.
- Families earning below \$362,408 with more than one child aged 5 or under in care get a higher rate for their second and younger children.

Families with an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in their care can get at least 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight, regardless of their circumstances.

#### What do families need to do?

Families already getting CCS don't need to do anything to get the new rates. Services Australia is applying the changes automatically.

Families who earn between \$356,756 and \$530,000 may now be entitled to CCS. These families can <u>lodge a CCS</u> <u>claim</u> with Services Australia.

Some families already using care may currently be assessed for CCS and get 0% but are now eligible for an increased rate. These families should check that their <u>income estimate</u> is up to date through their <u>Centrelink online account</u>.

Families should tell Services Australia that they have an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in their care if they would like to get at least 36 hours of subsidised care.

Families can call Services Australia on the <u>Centrelink families line</u> to let them know a child in their care is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. It is voluntary to tell Services Australia this.

Families do not need to do anything if they already get more than 36 hours of subsidy based on their circumstances.

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.

#### **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 recycled 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 3 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 17th July

Endangered animal drawing competition in the OSHC

Room with Hannah

Colorfuls with Faye & Izzy

Obstacle course on the Basketball Crt with Chandika & Britt

**BSC** 

Childrens Choice of activities & Experiences

#### **Tuesday 18th July**

#### ASC

Never Ending Emoji Cards the OSHC room with Ulli & Hayfa

Chess Tournament in the Music room with Jake Colourfuls with Phyllis & Kerryn

Chalk Drawing on basketball Crt with Izzy Grassheads at BUSH OSHC with Hannah

AFL Footy on Oval with Brit & Chandika

#### **BSC**

Children's Choice of activities & Experiences

#### Wed 19th July

Bat & the Crocodile dreamtime story in the OSHC Room with Hannah Cooking in the Big Kitchen with Kerryn & Chandika

Colourfuls with Phyllis & Faye Cricket on the Oval with Jake

#### **BSC**

Children's Choice of activities and experiences

## Thurs 20th July ASC

Paper Clay Sea Urchins the OSHC room with Ulli & Hayfa

Musical Games in the Music room with Hannah

Quiet Activities in the Tinker Lab with Lucy

Colourfuls with Kerryn & Phyllis

Balloon Volleyball on Basketball Crt with Chandika &

Jake

Soccer on the Oval with Chandika

Science Club with Faye & Izzy

#### BSC

Children's Choice of activities

#### Fri 21st July

#### **ASC**

Movie/Children's Choice & Movie in the OSHC

Room with Hannah

Coloufuls with Faye

Wheels on the basket

#### **BSC**

Children's Choice of activities

## What Have the Children Been doing at OSHC this Week:

