

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
- ⇒ Medical/dietary/behavioural (neurodiverse/ASD/etc); It is important that families inform the service if their child has any of the following requirements, please provide paper work for diagnosed conditions, including any reports from paediatricians, psychologists etc. This helps us to provide your child with the best support we can and to be able to cater for individual needs. We can also apply for funding in those circumstances where we may need extra support;
 - -Medical conditions requiring action plans and medication; anaphylaxis, allergies, asthma, etc
 - Neurodiverse diagnoses; ADHD, ASD, Global delay, etc
 - dietary requirements; vegetarian, gluten free, celiac, lactose intolerant, etc

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 24th July

Construction Club in the OSHC Room with Hannah & Lucy

Colorfuls with Faye & Hayfa

Basketball & Chalk Drawing on the Basketball Crt

with Chandika & Izzy

BSC

Childrens Choice of activities & Experiences

Tuesday 25th July

ASC

Ulli Craft the OSHC room with Ulli & Hayfa

Chess Tournament in the Music room with Jake
Quiet activities in the Tinker Lab with Lucy
Colourfuls with Faye & Kerryn
Children's Chains on backethall Crt with Jary & Br

Children's Choice on basketball Crt with Izzy & Britt
Regrow food scraps at BUSH OSHC with Hannah
Soccer Game on Oval with Jake & Chandika

BSC

Children's Choice of activities & Experiences

Wed 26th July

Making Bird Houses in the OSHC Room with Hannah & Ulli
Drama Club in the Muisc room with Jake
Colourfuls with Kerryn

Balloon Volleyball on the basketball crt with Chandika Science club on the Handball Crt with Faye & Phyllis

BSC

Children's Choice of activities and experiences

Thurs 27th July ASC

Paper Houses the OSHC room with Lucy & Hayfa

Cooking in the big kitchen with Kerryn
Chess Club the Tinker Lab with Hannah
Colourfuls & masterchef with Faye & Phyllis
Games on Basketball Crt with Jake & Chandika
AFL on the Oval with Brit & Izzy

BSC

Children's Choice of activities

Fri 28th July

ASC

Movie/Children's Choice & Movie in the OSHC
Room with Hannah
Coloufuls with Lucy

BSC

Children's Choice of activities

What Have the Children Been doing at OSHC this Week:

