

BEPS OSHC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SUN SMART Terms 1 & 4

OSHC must wear a hat at all times when outside

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What's been happening this week at OSHC..

Hi OSHC Families,

Wow..what a week..We have set-up a Vacation care program run by our staff if you need care over the holidays for your children. If you need any ideas for activities, please let me know..

Keep well keep safe..looking forward to returning to some kind of normal in the near future..I will keep you posted..

Have a great weekend

OSHC TEAM

WHAT IS NEW AT OSHC THIS WEEK

- **COVID –19/Corona Virus and OSHC ; Please see page 2**
- **OSHC Invoices** were sent out today 27th March. Payments can be made via the Qkr! App to Brunswick East Primary OSHC Service.
There are a number of outstanding invoices — Please note that Invoices are required to be paid on a regular fortnightly basis
- **RAP Working Group;** We are looking to create a RAP — Reconciliation Action Plan for OSHC. We would like to make clear that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are valued and welcomed at our OSHC Service, and look at how to embed their culture and history into our programs - particularly the cultural practices relevant to this area we inhabit. If you are interested in joining this working group please contact Rena.

COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS OSHC UPDATE

- **Afternoon Tea at OSHC:** Due to a limited range of products available to individuals and services, we have only enough food to last OSHC until the end of term. Unfortunately, We are limiting how much food each child can have each day — as usually children can have as much as they need. At this stage we have been unable to access online food supplies in the amounts that we need to feed 100 children per day. **Therefore from Term 2, we will be asking families to provide their children with a snack for afternoon tea.** We are unsure how long this situation may last. We will keep you posted of any changes.
- **Absences; COVID –19/Corona Virus** update from Centrelink; Families will now not need to provide a medical certificate from a medical practitioner for absences due to illness or self-isolation (medical practitioners are providing certificates for families wishing to self-isolate). If you do have a copy we can add in your absences as ‘approved absences’ which will then still attract the childcare subsidy and not count towards the 42 allowable absences per year. Without this paperwork your absences will then go towards your 42 allowable absences per year. Please log into your MyGov account or view the Centrelink website to view current information. The Government has provided 20 additional allowable absences to cover absences during this period.
- **Resources:** The Australian Government Department of Health has released a collection of [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) resources](#) for the general public.
- **Hygiene at OSHC;** As you may be aware we are increasing our hygiene vigilance and asking children to wash their hands more thoroughly and regularly, particularly before and after;
 - afternoon tea and eating
 - certain OSHC activities and experiences
 - going to the toilet
 - Blowing nose

Important OSHC Reminders

- **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: T2
TBC OSHC Room
ALL WELCOME

Child Care Subsidy Balancing

After the end of each financial year, Centrelink balances your Childcare Subsidy ('balancing' is known as 'reconciliation'). To find out more go to; human-services.gov.au/balancing

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 & Government Compliance

- Have you signed your CWA - Complying written Agreement & Enrolment form Yet?
- Do not forget you will have to confirm any changes to permanent days in your MyGov online account
- 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.

Please see Rena if you have any issues with completing this.

Question for Parents and Carers

Did you know that there is a suggestion box in the sign out area that you can put your feedback in. We would really like to know what you think about OSHC—positive and negative feedback appreciated.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR FEEDBACK & THOUGHTS.....

We are also looking for parent/carer volunteers to spend a little time at OSHC;

Do you like to sew?

Cook?

Build?

Design?

Have a special skill/activity that you could share with the OSHC Educators and children?

Please come and chat with us

We are also looking for donations of;

Wool

Paper

Re-cycling boxes

Cloth Material

Small wood offcuts

Old lego, bionicles, toys, games, etc

Anything that we can make things out of and re-cycle..