

# 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,

Some more changes happening again as we all try to do our best to stay safe and healthy and as happy as we can be. FYI We have a lot of resources here at OSHC and are more than happy to source ideas for activities and experiences for you to do at home which we can send via email. Please let us know...drop us a line, send us a photo of what you have been doing during this time? We would love to hear from you....Maybe we could run a 'send us a photo of your pet?' in the newsletter? Let us know your thoughts...

**OSHC TEAM**

## WHAT IS NEW AT OSHC THIS WEEK

- I have a change of email address; [Ranita.Swamy@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Ranita.Swamy@education.vic.gov.au)—please use this for all..
- **Childcare Permits:** Families do need a Childcare Permit to have their child in care if they have a Permitted Worker Permit working from home or at work. We need a copy on site.
- **COVID –19 Term 3 Arrangements for OSHC;** Please see page 3
- **Australian Government;** have you updated your family income? See P3. Additional Child-care Subsidy support is available.
- **Absences for OSHC bookings;** will continue to be marked in order to receive the CCS—pg 3.
- **Outstanding OSHC Invoices** continue to be sent out for attendances before 24th March 2020. Payments can be made via the Qkr! App to Brunswick East Primary OSHC. **Invoices for fees for term 3** will be sent out as usual.
- **OSHC Staff:** We have a couple of staff leave—much to our sadness, we hope to have a farewell for them sometime in the future...

**Glenda Bailey**  
(Retired)



**Justine Jackson**  
(CRT work)



**Carolyn Harrison (Harri)**  
(CRT work)



# Permitted Worker Permits & Childcare Permits

During Stage 4 Restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne, all Families will need to have permits to be able to work from home, at work as a permitted worker (essential) and must also have childcare permit — which enables you to be able to use childcare, and pick-up and drop off your child at OSHC. We need to keep a copy of your forms onsite at OSHC at all times that your child maybe in our care. While families may only need to produce one form if asked by authorities, there is an additional childcare entry on the form that must be filled in and OSHC needs a copy of your form on site.

Please view at; [www.vic.gov.au/worker-permit-scheme](http://www.vic.gov.au/worker-permit-scheme)

Or please contact me for a copy of the form.

## Additional Child Care Subsidy (temporary financial hardship) and COVID-19

Additional Child Care Subsidy (temporary financial hardship) is available to support families experiencing temporary financial hardship due to COVID-19 to get back on their feet. Families need to provide appropriate evidence to avoid any delays in assessment.

Please share our new information sheet [ACCS \(temporary financial hardship\) and COVID-19](#) with any of your families that might need this assistance - this was sent out to all families a few weeks ago—please email me if you would like a copy of this information sheet.

## Families income confirmation for 2018-19

Families receiving the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) have until 31 March 2021 to submit their 2018-19 tax return for CCS purposes.

# COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS OSHC UPDATE Term 3>

## Arrangements for OSHC during COVID-19 for Term 3 13/07-18/09

OSHC will be operating **and** required to prioritise care to children of essential service workers and vulnerable families. Childcare fees will be charged for attendances from term 3 July 13th>. Additional Childcare Subsidy assistance is available please see page 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

These arrangements will be in place for the rest of Term 3 or until further notice. We will provide information on the return to full capacity once we receive further guidance from the Department of Education and BEPS.

To assist with our planning during COVID 19 we will temporarily amend booking procedures for Term 3.

### **Term 3 Booking Process**

- All bookings required during COVID/lockdown; please email Rena and Janet to request days/times/casual/permanent
- All current bookings that are not attended due to COVID related reasons will be marked as absences and the absence fee will be waived—this way services will still be able to receive the Childcare Subsidy that we would have received on your behalf if you had been able to use care and enable the service to remain viable.

### **Families requiring OSHC services from the 13<sup>th</sup> June until the end of Term 3 18th September are required to book via email;**

- All OSHC policies and procedures apply as usual
- If demand exceeds available spaces, parents will be contacted to ensure priority is given to essential service workers and vulnerable families. Janet will need to be contacted re; school care during this time.
- **Afternoon Tea at OSHC:** Due to a limited quantities of products available to individuals and services, **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** The Australian Government has extended the allowable absences—we are waiting on further information regarding this. Please log into your MyGov account or view the Centrelink website to view current information.
- **Health & safety, Hygiene at OSHC;** As you may be aware we are increasing our hygiene vigilance and asking children and Educators to wash their hands more thoroughly and regularly, keep resources to a minimum, practising safe distancing as best we can. Staff may need to wear facemasks—however we are aware of the impact this may have on the children.
- **No families on school grounds;** Ring 93872631 or Phyllis mobile; 0422209671, for checking drop off at BSC and ASC collection - Please wait at Glenda's gate and your child will be brought to you.



Australian Government  
Department of Education,  
Skills and Employment

# Statement on fee relief for Victorian parents

## 7th July 2020

Ministers:

The Hon Dan Tehan MP

Minister for Education

The Morrison Government has acted quickly to provide certainty to Victorian families using child care who will be impacted by the Victorian Government's COVID-19 lockdown announced today.

The Government will allow all services located in areas subject to Stage 3 COVID-19 restrictions, including metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire, to waive parent gap fees if children are not attending child care for COVID-related reasons from Monday 13 July.

The gap fee is the difference between the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) the Government pays to a service and the remaining fee owed by the family.

This means that if a child is absent from care for COVID-related reasons, the child care service can waive their gap fee which means more money in the family's pocket. It also provides certainty to families that they will retain their enrolment at the child care service.

Waiving the parents' gap fees will also ensure child care services maintain their enrolments and continue to be paid the CCS, even if a child is absent for a COVID-related reason.

Our Government wants to ensure that child care services remain open for workers and vulnerable families who need those services.

From Monday, services can access the \$708 million Transition Payment to support the return to the CCS.

The Government will also ease the activity test until 4 October to support eligible families whose employment has been impacted as a result of COVID-19. These families will receive up to 100 hours per fortnight of subsidised care during this period. This will assist families to return to the level of work, study or training they were undertaking before COVID-19.

Families experiencing a loss of income, such as casual workers or those in self-isolation, may be eligible for support through the Additional Child Care Subsidy (temporary financial hardship).

The Federal Government continues to work closely with the Victorian state Department of Education in relation to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

## 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: T3

TBC OSHC Room/online meeting TBC  
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](http://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](http://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.**

# Weekly Aftercare & Beforecare Program Plan

## 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 10th August

**ASC:** Children's choices; drawing, board games, sewing, outside play

**BSC:** Children's choices; drawing, board games, sewing, outside play

### Tues 11th August

#### ASC

Children's choices; drawing, board games, sewing, outside play

#### BSC:

Children's choices; drawing, board games, sewing, outside play

### Wed 12th August

#### ASC;

Children's choices; drawing, board games, sewing outside play

#### BSC:

Children's choices; drawing, board games, sewing, outside play

### Thurs 13th August

#### ASC:

Children's choices; drawing board games, sewing, outside play

#### BSC:

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### Fri 14th August

#### ASC:

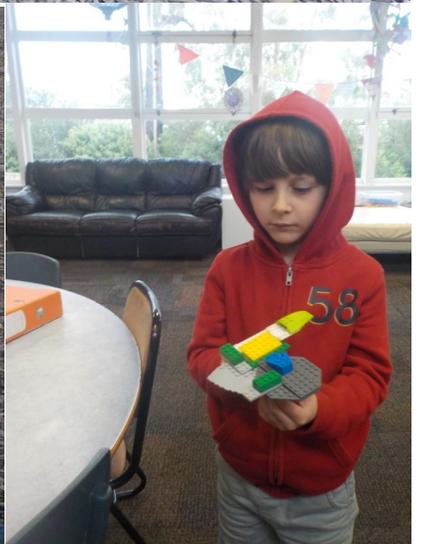
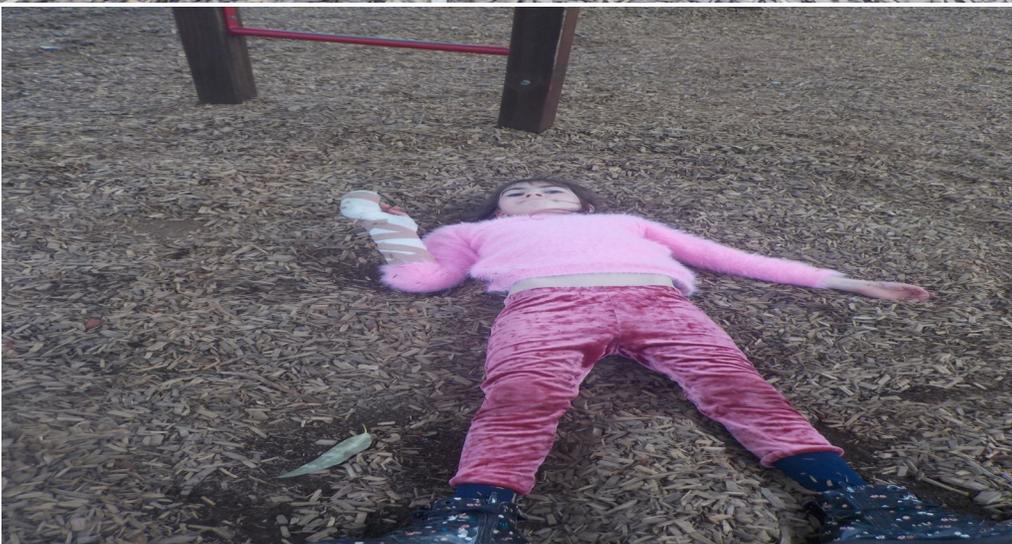
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#### BSC:

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# What's been happening at OSHC this week:

Keeping things simple during COVID-19...



# 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..