

# BEPS OSHC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## SUN SMART Terms 1 & 4

**OSHC must where a hat  
at all times when outside**

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## What's been happening this week at OSHC..

### Hi OSHC FAMILIES,

What a crazy, short & hot week! Children are doing really well and navigating the constant changes in state and weather - becoming resilient citizens. The Preps are learning the ropes and while they are tired they still manage silliness and smiles. OSHC is cruising along nicely and we look forward to moving through the term and getting to know new faces, help facilitate new budding friendships, and supporting the children to learn and grow....

**OSHC TEAM**

## Children's Quote of the week....

“What's High school?”...”is that where you go when you get 12 foot tall!” (Ruby Chiodo Prep)

## IMPORTANT OSHC ADMIN THIS WEEK

- ⇒ **Have Families confirmed their income for the 2018-19 financial year—you need to do this by March 31 2021. A factsheet was emailed out to families 19/02.**
- ⇒ **Emergency Management;** On Wednesday, We practiced our emergency evacuation fire drill—which went very well. We do these twice per term in each program. We will introduce this to the preps gently. If families could have some supporting conversations with their children at home re; why we need to do these—that would help to alleviate any potential worry.
- ⇒ **Fee Increase; Please see page 2 from 22/02**
- ⇒ **Child Care Subsidy;** make sure you have confirmed your booking patterns and have a current and approved status for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) when you start your OSHC bookings in 2021— if this is not confirmed and up to date in your MyGov account you will not receive the subsidy you are entitled to until you do. **There are a few families with missing or incorrect details and/or ceased CCS status. OSHC will also attached messages to your invoices re; your CCS status.**
- ⇒ **Medical documentation for OSHC;** we have a number of families that need to provide us with updated medical plans and medication. Could you please make sure that you provide this important and necessary documentation to the OSHC service as soon as possible. If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition please make sure you update this information in MyFamily Lounge and let OSHC know.

# OSHC Fees Increase

In order to continue to provide a high quality and financially viable service, OSHC will be raising fees from 22nd February 2021. Fees were due to be raised in term 1, 2020 but were put on hold due to COVID. Fees will be subject to the Childcare Subsidy fee relief as normal.

ASC: \$20.00 > \$22.00

BSC: \$16.00 > \$17.00

## COVID Safe Procedures for Term 1, 2021

OSHC will still be adhering to a COVID Safe Plan for 2021. We still need to continue safe practices and have plans in place to keep COVID at bay.

- ⇒ practice safe hygiene, including washing hands and sanitising regularly, routine cleaning of high used areas and resources
- ⇒ Wear mask in public spaces within the school
- ⇒ Families/parents x 1 will be allowed on grounds to sign their children in/out to OSHC
  - Do not enter school grounds if you have any COVID type symptoms
  - Masks must be worn on site
  - must not be on site for longer than 15 minutes
  - enter the OSHC room with a mask on, hand sanitise before signing the children in/out via the kiosk IPADS.
  - wait at the gate if you are going to be longer than 15 minutes

## 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: 1st March 2021; 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](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.

## 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

## 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'

### Monday 22nd February

#### ASC:

Children's choices; Scribble Art, Preps Decorate your drawing diary, Hitting & Batting skills, paper planes on oval, Colourfuls

#### BSC:

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

### Tuesday 23rd February

#### ASC:

Children's choices; water colour painting, science experiments making sherbet fizz, continuous Cricket, Prep games on the oval, colourful

#### BSC:

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

### Wed 24th February

#### ASC:

Children's choices; prep self portraits, Lego, charcoal drawing, Wheels, Football,

#### BSC:

Children's choices; Reading, board games, drawing games, hall games, outside play

### Thurs 25th February

#### ASC:

Children's choices; Prep dance & Movement, skipping, Dress-ups & shopping, colourful

#### BSC:

Children's choices; Reading, drawing board games, drawing games, hall games/outside play

### Fri 26th February

#### ASC:

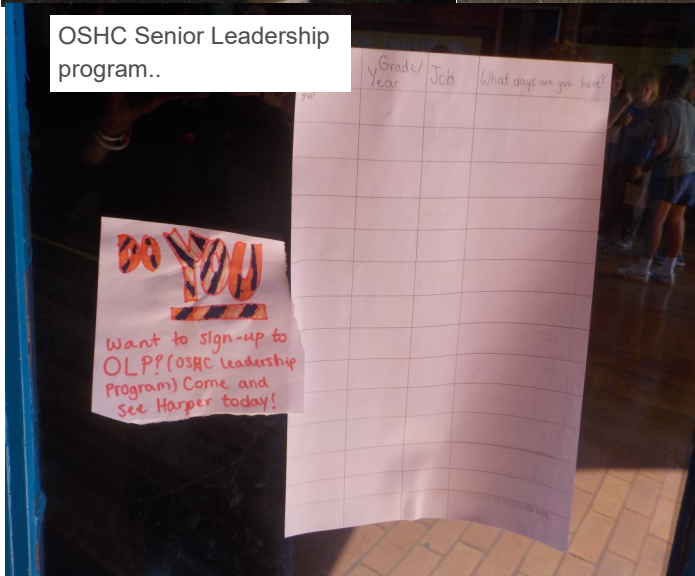
Children's choices; Art & Craft, Preps Making Playdo, colourful,

#### BSC:

Children's choices; Reading, drawing, board games, hall games/outside play



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



# 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/carers 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..