

Term 3 21st July 2022 No.21

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OSHC must wear 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.'

IMPORTANT OSHC ADMIN THIS WEEK

⇒ **A BIG THANKYOU TO KERRY N** and the OSHC team in managing the service beautifully this week in my absence!!



- ⇒ **OSHC Invoices;** Families are reminded that their OSHC accounts need to be paid fortnightly and regularly. We have a number of accounts that are quite high. If families are experiencing difficulty with paying their accounts please contact us to discuss.
- ⇒ **CCS Eligibility;** 26 week rule starts, **Balancing Deadline** in one week, **COVID-19 support** extended to June 2023 (see page 2)
- ⇒ **New Child Safe Standards:** We have new updated Child Safe Standards to take effect from 1st July; as part of updating our policies and procedures to adhere to the new standards, we will be including the children and families in making these more standards more visible, child friendly and to include their voice and perspective. For more information go to; <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/>
We will be starting to talk with the children about safety and what it means to them; we will be identifying 'Child Safe Champions' for OSHC; we will be having conversations with the children around including their voice and asking them the best way to do that.

CCS eligibility: 26-week rule starts soon

A new Child Care Subsidy (CCS) eligibility rule has started:

From 11 July, a child who hasn't used care at least once in the previous 26 weeks will no longer be eligible for CCS. If a child has not attended care since 10 January, their CCS will cancel from 11 July. The rule will apply on an ongoing basis from this date. Families will need to submit a new CCS claim if the child re-commences care. Services Australia has notified impacted families. You do not need to take action.

We will not raise CCS debts when applying the rule. Any changes to CCS entitlement will only apply from the date of cancellation.

Will the rule impact a family's higher CCS?

Families with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can get a [higher CCS](#) for their second child and younger children.

The 26-week rule may affect a family's entitlement to the higher CCS.

If a standard rate child's CCS eligibility ends, Services Australia will reassess all other children in the family to determine:

- the new standard rate child
- new subsidy rates.

If a child attends care again after their CCS is cancelled the family can lodge a new claim for CCS.

The 26-week rule will not affect backpay made to combined families for any higher subsidy they were eligible for between 7 March and 30 June 2022.

Balancing deadlines in 1 week

Families only have one week to confirm their incomes for 2019–2020 and 2020–2021.

The deadline for families to confirm their income for the 2020-21 financial year is 30 June 2022.

COVID-19 support extended to June 2023

We're extending some existing COVID-19 measures for the early childhood education and care sector to 30 June 2023

Absences

All families will get **52 allowable absences** for the 2022–23 financial year.

Families can access **additional absences**, in certain circumstances, if they've used their 52 days. This includes if a child is ill and provides you with a medical certificate.

From 1 March 2022, if a child or a member of their immediate household has COVID-19, the family may provide evidence of a positive COVID-19 test result from a government or health agency in place of a medical certificate.

We're also extending the exceptions to the **absences before and after care rule** for enrolments that start or end between 1 December 2021 and 30 June 2023.

Gap fees

Until 30 June 2023, you can waive the gap fee and continue to receive Child Care Subsidy (CCS) if a child is unable to attend care for one of three reasons. These include:

- the child, or a member of their immediate household, must isolate with COVID-19
- the child is at a higher risk of severe disease from COVID-19
- the service, or a room at the service, is closed due to COVID-19.

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 August 2022 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://beeps.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

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'
5. 'Children are effective communicators'

Mon 25th July

Dreamtime Crafts OSHC room with Lucy & Hannah
(W) Drawing & Board Games Music Room with Hayfa & Bella
(W) Indoor Hockey in Hall with Jasper & Chandika
(W) Construction club in the Tinkert Lab with Faye & Angie
(D) Colourfuls with Faye & Hayfa
(W) Tennis on the Basketball Crt with Bella & Chandika
(W) AFL on Oval with Jasper & Angie

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Children's Choice of activities

Tuesday 26th July

ASC

Winter Painting in OSHC room with Angie & Jake
(W) Multicultural Flags in Music room with Faye & Hayfa
(W) Futsel in the Hall with Jasper & Chandika
5/6 Cooking club in Big Kitchen with Kerryn
(W) Construction Club in Tinker Lab with Hannah & Rory
(D) Colourfuls with Hayfa & Chandika
(D) Basketball on Crt with Jasper
(D) Mud & Clay Play with Hannah & Rory

BSC

Children's Choice of activities

Wed 27th July

Sewing Club with Hannah & Lucy
(W) Musical Games in music rooms with Hannah
(W) Hall Games with Britt & Jake
(W) Science Club in big kitchen with Faye & Chandika
(D) Colourfuls with Hannah & Chandika
(D) Athletic Relays on the Basketball Crt with Jake & Britt
(D) Science Club with Fay on Handball Crt

BSC

Children's Choice of Activities

Thurs 28th July

ASC

Paper Craft in the OSHC room with Hayfa & Hannah
(W) Drawing & Reading in the Music room with Chandika & Jake
(W) Hall Games with Britt & Jasper
Cooking in the Big Kitchen with Faye & Kerryn
(W) Recycled Construction in the Tinker Lab with Rory & Lucy
(D) Colourfuls with Lucy & Rory
(D) WHEELS on Basketball Crt with Britt & Jasper
(D) BUSH OSHC with Faye & Britt

BSC

Children's Choice of activities

Fri 29th July

Free Play in OSHC room with Angie
Cooking with Lucy
WHEELS with Faye

BSC

Children's Choice of activities

What Have the Children Been doing at OSHC this Week: