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'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

⇒ **Emergency Drills for OSHC;**

Thursday 16th March: BSC: Fire Drill - ASC: Fire Drill
Monday 20th March: BSC: offsite drill; Wednesday 22nd March: ASC: Offsite
Tuesday 28th March: BSC: lock down; Tuesday 4th April: BSC: Lock down

We will be practising our emergency drills with all the OSHC children over the next couple of weeks—so that they will be informed and aware of what to do in a real emergency. We are required by law & regulation to do this every term. You can support us by having discussions with your children about why we need to practice drills—working towards empowering knowledge and safety with your children.

⇒ **Child Care Subsidy Rates** are changing see pg 2

⇒ **Signing your Child out of Care on the Kiosk IPAD:** All authorized persons picking up the children (parents and others) must all be 18 yrs and over. Please do not let your child sign themselves out — as this is a breach of safety.

⇒ We will be continuing our **Child Safety & Wellbeing program** in OSHC working towards helping children to become *Child Safe Champions*; through activities & experiences to learn about their rights and best practice as related to Child Safety & wellbeing, including: definitions, understanding emotions, safety networks, dimensions of health, using correct language to express themselves and their needs, respecting each other, their voices and bodies.

⇒ **Absences from OSHC:** Please let us know if your child will not be attending on any given booked day; prior to the program please; place an absence via the My Family Lounge App; email; Ranita.Swamy@education.vic.gov.au, message or ring; 0409380202—please note absences are still charged for

⇒ **OSHC Policy Update;** We are currently in the process of updating the following OSHC policies and would like your feedback — please email me to request any of the following policies: - Child Safety Suite of Policies;

Childcare Subsidy rates for second and younger children from July 2023

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is changing. From July 2023 most families using child care will get more CCS.

Families earning below \$362,408 with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can still get a higher rate for their second and younger children when the changes occur on 10 July.

The higher rate for second and younger children will end when a family earns \$362,408 or more. All children will then receive the standard CCS rate.

Standard CCS rates

The income limit for standard CCS rates is increasing to \$530,000.

Families earning over \$80,000 and under \$530,000 will get a subsidy that tapers down from 90%, depending on their income. The subsidy will go down 1% for each \$5,000 earned.

Families earning \$80,000 or less will get 90% subsidy.

Families should keep their income estimate up to date.

Keep an eye on our channels for more information and resources in the lead up to July

For more information go to: servicesaustralia.gov.au/changes-if-you-get-family-payment

Activity test changes from July 2023

From 10 July 2023, there are changes to the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) activity test for families with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children.

A family's activity level affects the amount of CCS they can get.

Families will be able to get a minimum of 36 hours subsidised care per fortnight for each Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child in their care, regardless of their activity level.

Learn more about these changes [on our website](#).

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: 4th May 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 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

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 1 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 20th March

Making bookmarks in the OSHC Room with Lucy
Musical Games & Dance in Music room with Hannah

Colourfuls with Hayfa & Faye
AFL skills with Chandika and Brit

BSC

Children's Choice of activities

Tuesday 21st March

ASC

Child Safety Wellbeing activity in the OSHC room with Hayfa & Lucy

Cooking in the big Kitchen with Kerryn & Phyllis

Colourfuls with Faye & Chandika

BUSH OSHC with Jake & Hannah

Soccer Match on the Oval with Brit & Rory

BSC

Children's Choice of activities

Wed 22nd March

ASC

Dress-ups/fashion parade in the OSHC room with Hannah

Colourfuls with Kerryn & Phyllis

Basketball Skills with/wheels with Brit

AFL skills on the Oval with Rory & Jake

Science Club with Faye & Chandika

BSC

Children's Choice of Activities

Thurs 24th March

ASC

Comic book/drawing Art class in the OSHC room with Rena & Hayfa

Mindfulness/reading/quiet activities in the Tinker Lab with Lucy

Colourfuls with Kerryn & Faye

Cricket on the Basketball Crt with Chandika

BUSH OSHC with Hannah & Jake

AFL Game on the Oval with Britt &

BSC

Children's Choice of activities

Fri 25th March

ASC

Dog Party in the OSHC room with Hannah

Colourfuls with Faye

Cooking with Lucy

BSC

Children's Choice of activities

What Have the Children Been doing at OSHC this Week:

