

#### OSHC Contacts

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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

- ⇒ **Last day of term;** We will be operating from 2.30pm on the last day of term Thursday 6th April.
- ⇒ **Term 1 OSHC bookings will carry over into term 2** and be charged for— unless you give two weeks notice of changes to bookings/cancellations in writing.
- ⇒ **Child Safety/protection Training;** this week OSHC staff undertook childsafe/protection training as part of our annual mandatory training with In Safe Hands. This was an excellent training session and we reviewed our roles, responsibilities and response to review and report suspected child abuse.
- ⇒ **Emergency Drills for OSHC;**

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March: BSC: Fire Drill	ASC: Fire Drill
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March: BSC: offsite drill	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March: ASC: Offsite
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March: BSC: lock down	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April: BSC: Lock down

We have been practising our emergency drills with all the OSHC children over the last 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—workings towards empowering knowledge and safety with your children. The children have done an excellent job of practicing the drills—quick, efficient and knowledgeable—what a fantastic bunch!!

- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **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:

## 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](https://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](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: 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 3rd April**

**Sewing Club/colouring** in the OSHC Room with Lucy  
**Colourfuls** with Hayfa & Faye  
**Wheels on the basketball Crt** with Chandika and Brit  
**BUSH OSHC** with Hannah

**BSC**  
Children's Choice of activities

**Tuesday 4th April**

**ASC**

**Easter Craft** in the OSHC room with Hayfa  
**Gymnastics** in the hall with Lucy  
**Colourfuls** with Faye & Kerryn  
**Basketball games & Drills** on basketball Crt with Rory  
**BUSH OSHC** with Jake & Hannah  
**Footy Games** on the Oval with Brit & Chandika

**BSC**  
Children's Choice of activities

**Wed 5th April**  
**END OF TERM PARTY**

**ASC**

**Movie and dancing games** in the OSHC room with Hayfa  
**Disco & talent show** in the Hall with Chandika & Jake  
**Cooking** in the Big Kitchen with Kerryn  
**Colourfuls** with Phyllis & Faye  
**Soccer Game** on the Oval with Rory & Britt  
**Facepaint & Hairspray** on the Handball Crt with Hannah

**BSC**  
Children's Choice of Activities

**Thurs 6th April**

**ASC**

**Movie** in the OSHC room with Hayfa & Faye  
**Group Games in the hall** with Jake & Rory  
**Colourfuls** with Lucy  
**Children's Choice** on the basketball Crt Hannah & Chandika  
**Games** on the Oval with Brit

**Science club** with Faye

**BSC**  
Children's Choice of activities

**Fri 7th April**

**ASC**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**NO OSHC**



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

