

# **BEPS OSHC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

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SUN SMART Terms 1 & 4

OSHC must where 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**

- ⇒ Child Care Subsidy Rates are changing see pg 2
- ⇒ **Signing your Child out of Care on the Kiosk IPAD**: All authroized 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 & Welbeing 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 recycled 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 13th March

# NO OSHC Labour day holiday

#### **Tuesday 14th March**

#### ASC

Facepaint makeovers in the OSHC room with Hayfa & Chandi

Gymnastics in the Hall with Lucy
Cooking in the big Kitchen with Kerryn
Coloufuls with Jake & Hannah

T-Ball on the Oval with Jasper & Britt

#### BSC

Children's Choice of activities

#### Wed 15th March ASC

Sewing club in the OSHC room with jake
T-ball/baseball on the Oval with Rory & Britt
Coloufuls with Kerryn & Chandika
BUSH OSHC with with Faye & Hannah

#### BSC

**Children's Choice of Activities** 

#### **Thurs 16th March**

# ASC Comic book/Art class in the OSHC

room with Rena & Hayfa

Coloufuls with Lucy & Faye

Golf on the Oval with Britt & Chandika

Dodgeball/ Games on the Basketball Crt with Jake

BUSH OSHC with Hannah

Science Club; Watercolor on the Handball Crt with Faye

#### **BSC**

Children's Choice of activities

#### Fri 17th 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:

