

Weekly Newsletter

BEPS OSHC



Acknowledgment of Country

BEPS OSHC respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Custodians of the land on which our service stands. We pay respect to Elders past and present and to their continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practises.

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News from BEPS OSHC

- The next OSHC invoice will be emailed out to families on: Monday the 27th of May
- Upcoming RAP Friday Market
 - On Friday the 31st of May, together with BEPS, OSHC will be co-hosting a Friday Market to raise money for our Reconciliation Action Plan. We have been working on our RAP for some time now, so this is very exciting!
 - If you have any donations, such as old craft resources, cooking ingredients, etc., we would love your support!
- National Workforce Census- Early Childhood Education and Care
 - During the week from the 6th of May to the 10th of May, we will be collected data on children and staff- NO NAMES ARE COLLECTED, it's all anonymous. This is a mandatory requirement from the Department of Education. Please let us know if you do not want your child's data included in this Census.

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Information for families



Child Care Subsidy Information

News for families

The latest updates from Services Australia

Confirm your child's enrolment details for Child Care Subsidy

We can only pay your Child Care Subsidy (CCS) if your child's enrolment is current.

Read more on how to check and confirm your child's enrolment details for CCS on [the Services Australia website](#).

Estimate your 2024–25 family income

You need to estimate your family income, so we pay you the right amount of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) and CCS. If you get FTB or CCS, you need to tell us how much your and your partner's income will be for the 2024–25 financial year.

Read more on how to estimate your 2024–25 family income online on [the Services Australia website](#).

See link attached for checking enrollment details:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/confirm-enrolment-for-child-care-subsidy?context=41186>

See link attached for how to estimate 2024-25 family income:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/its-time-to-estimate-your-2024-25-family-income>

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any assistance with navigating Child Care Subsidy.

Upcoming student free day

On Monday the 10th of June, both BEPS and OSHC will be closed as it is the King's Birthday Public Holiday. BEPS has a student free day on Tuesday the 11th June, however OSHC will be open. We will be running a full day service for children who require care for the day.

We will be open from 8AM to 6PM and offering lots of fun activities such as cooking, art and craft, sports, movie-watching, bush OSHC, etc.

We will be putting out forms soon for parents to express their interest. They will be attached next week in the newsletter and also printed copies will be available in the OSHC room. Please return your completed forms to Rena or to a staff member. :)

What staff have been working on



Our team has currently been working on updating some of our policies and risk assessments, to ensure that children and young people in our care are protected and safe. In our last staff meeting, we focused particularly on the 'Safe Arrival of Children' and identifying potential hazards and risks.

'Safe Arrival of Children' was created in regards to new legislative requirements of safe arrival of children who travel between an education and care service (i.e. the school) and any other education or early learning service (i.e. OSHC). It requires careful planning to ensure that children's health, wellbeing and safety are maintained while this transition occurs.

At BEPS OSHC, this entails chatting to teachers as they bring children over to us and receiving updates of how the students' days have gone, signing children in on our iPads, greeting and chatting to children, doing head counts, tracking down any missing children, etc.

This week, we also conducted questionnaires with children attending OSHC (with the help of some of the children) during the afternoons in order to assess their understanding of safe arrival. We asked them "When we finish at school, we make our way over to OSHC- how do we make sure that we arrive at OSHC safely?". These were some of their responses:

- "No running in the agora",
- "Going with the teacher",
- "Being careful when you are walking out of your classroom",
- "Don't waste time and go straight to OSHC",
- "Lining up"
- "Be respectful"

We were incredibly impressed with these responses and it demonstrated to us that the children and young people attending our service has a great understanding of their behavioural expectations and of the physical safety concerns of the transition from school into OSHC.

When brainstorming with staff during our weekly staff meeting, one issue stood out to us in particular, which was families forgetting to tell us that their child will be absent. When we log onto our system to sign children in at 3:30PM, we are expecting to sign every single one of the children, as they are the children we are responsible for caring for until families collect them. When we 'can't locate' children in the afternoon, we have procedures in place to locate the child, for example, Rena will ring our listed contacts for the child, however this can be really difficult if we can't get through to parents for them to then confirm where the child is. ACECQA states that "A child appears to be missing or cannot be accounted for" as a serious incident and requires us to contact them with 24 hours to make a report and in some cases, we may be required to call the police.

It would be incredibly helpful to us moving forward, if families could please contact us if their child has been booked in for a service but won't attend for whatever reason. A quick email or even a text to our OSHC phone number is enough, or even if you quickly stop by aftercare to let a staff member know that your child will be absent that afternoon. :)

Glimmers into BEPS OSHC



What the children of BEPS OSHC have been doing in Week 5...

We got to do double science club this week! We also did some AFL-inspired craft, using recycled cans to create decoupage pencil holders. The children followed pirate treasure maps around the school and did scavenger hunts on the colourfults playground. We also had some sun in the afternoons this week so we played footy, played on mats, did gymnastics and did some wheels on the oval and basketball court. How are we already half way through the term?!



Upcoming Beforecare & Aftercare Activities

Term 2, Week 6

MONDAY

20th May

BSC:

- Children's Choice in the OSHC Room/Hall with Lucy & Hannah

ASC:

- RAP Market Animal Fing Puppets in the OSHC Room with Hannah & Bella
- Paper Bag Flags in the Tinker Lab with Ange
- Colourfuls with Faye & Lucy
- Basketball Skills on the Basketball Court with Zac & Chandika
- Futsal on the Oval with Andreas

TUESDAY

21st May

BSC:

- Children's Choice in the OSHC Room/Hall with Kerryn & Hannah

ASC:

- AFL Craft in the OSHC Room with Faye & Hayfa
- STEM Club and Board Games in the Tinker Lab with Zac & Izzy
- Colourfuls with Kerryn & Faye
- Downball Competition on the Basketball Court with Andreas & Hannah
- Soccer Game on the Oval with Chandika
- Making Magic Potions at Bush OSHC with Olivia & Angela

WEDNESDAY

22nd May

BSC:

- Children's Choice in the OSHC Room/Hall with Kerryn & Hannah

ASC:

- RAP Market Jewellery Making in the OSHC Room with Charlotte & Hannah
- Indoor Games in the Hall with Zac
- Scavenger Hunt on Colourfuls with Kerryn & Faye
- Wheels on the Basketball Court with Andreas & Lucy
- Hockey on the Oval with Chandika

THURSDAY

23rd May

BSC:

- Children's Choice in the OSHC Room/Hall with Kerryn & Andreas

ASC:

- RAP Market Craft in the OSHC Room with Hayfa & Ulli
- Mindfulness Activities in the Tinker Lab with Charlotte & Olivia
- Colourfuls + Nail Polish on Colourfuls with Lucy & Kerryn
- Netball on the Basketball Court with Andreas & Chandika
- Gymnastics & Mats on the Oval with Angela & Hannah
- Science Club on the Handball Court/Kitchen with Faye

FRIDAY

24th May

BSC:

- Children's Choice in the OSHC Room/Hall with Lucy & Hannah

ASC:

- Craft for RAP Market in the OSHC Room with Rena & Hannah
- Wheels & Children's Choice on the Basketball Court with Olivia & Faye