

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

- Welcome back everyone to term 3, we hope you all had a nice holiday!
- The next OSHC invoice will be emailed out to families on: Monday 29th July
- Please see link for the OSHC Families Feedback survey - it's anonymous!
 - <https://www.menti.com/algzajx659em> ,
- Just a reminder that all OSHC bookings from Term 2 have rolled over into Term 3, so please let us know ASAP if you have any enrollment changes that you would like to make.
- We have had a bit of an ongoing problems with lollipops at aftercare- i.e. children recieving them during school for other children's birthdays. Children have been running around with lollipops in their mouths, not eating adequate afternoon tea, leaving wrappers around the yard- so we have decided that moving forward, we will be asking children to keep lollipops in their bags until they go home. We hope families can understand this decision :)

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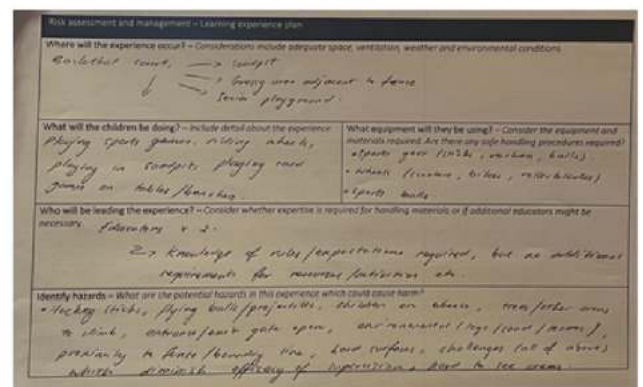
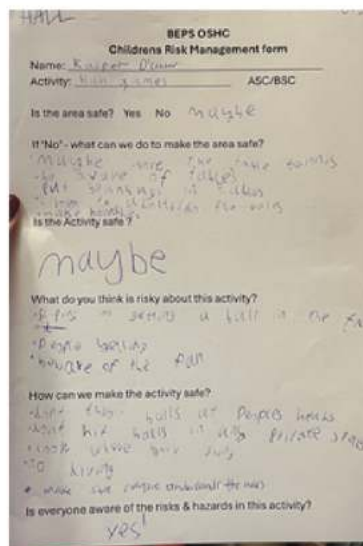
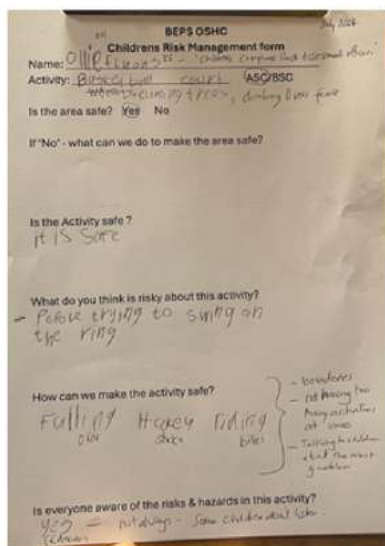
What staff have been working on

Through out all of term 2 and the start of term 3, we have been updating, re-evaluating and re-writing of all our service risk assessments. This is very long process, but a very important and well-needed one! As of now, they're being edited a final time and will be completed very soon.

The process:

Firsty we identified which risk assessments we would be focusing on across the term, and at our staff meetings, we would brainstorm as a team for that particular area of interest, each week. Working as a team to write these, made sure that all staff were able to contribute and were able to collectively write and become well acquainted with what the policies and risk assessment contain. This ensures a harmonious and consistent approach to the service and our operation.

We also asked the children and young people of OSHC to help us write these, as they are the foremost and most crucial reason the risk assessments exist; is to protect them. Since the risk assessments and polices affect the children, it is crucial to include their opinion in the matter. Across multiple weeks of term 2, staff were having conversations with children during activities in regards to assessing the safety of an area. Children also documented these conversations into questionnaire for leadership/admin to refer back to when writing the final copies. The children provided some great examples, which demonstrated their ability to understand the importance of physical, emotional and social safety, which were added into the risk assessments. Since having these conversations, children have continued to point out risks to staff as they arise and are developing a sense of responsibility for the safety of themselves, but also their peers.



See pictured:
Left is children's responses.
Above is staff/team responses

Then, both staff and children brainstorms were collated and the first proper drafts of the risk assessments were completed (almost 2000 words each!). During staff meetings and in the afternoons, staff have all been re-reading and editing the documents to ensure that all necessary information has been included, all grammatically correct, that all assessments meet ACECQA and legal requirements, etc. - this is where we are currently. This stage will take a few more weeks to ensure these documents are up to the best standard in which they can possibly be, and then they will be published! :)

Glimmers into BEPS OSHC



What the children of BEPS OSHC have been doing in Week 1...

We had a great first week back! On Monday, we had a curriculum day and we did so many fun activities, such as making and decorating pizzas, playing parachute, wheels, watching movies, air dry clay, making comic strips, etc. We started doing our new form of program planning so there was an equal balance of educator-planned activities and of child-directed activities. Some of our planned activities that occur this week were; sensory play and fidgets, Marngrook footy, Rubix Cube club, (delayed) NAIDOC week activities and making wire dancers. On Friday, we joined in with the school's pajama day, so everyone came in pajamas (staff included!) and we put a movie on in the OSHC room and made popcorn! A very relaxing end to the first week back!



Upcoming Beforecare & Aftercare Activities

Term 3, Week 2



MONDAY

22nd July

BSC:

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

ASC:

- Map of Australia (Indigenous Version) in the OSHC Room with Hannah & Jake
- Gymnastics on the Oval with Andreas

- Children's Choice/ Play on Colourfuls with Lucy & Faye
- Children's Choice/ Play on Basketball Court with Zac & Chandika

TUESDAY

23rd July

BSC:

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

ASC:

- Origami in the OSHC Room with Hayfa & Lucy
- Yoga & Quiet Activities in the Tinker Lab with Izzy
- Biodiversity Puzzles & Nature Play at Bush OSHC with Angela

- Children's Choice/ Play on Colourfuls with Faye & Hannah
- Children's Choice/ Play on Basketball Court with Andreas & Jake
- Children's Choice/ Play on Oval with Chandika & Zac

WEDNESDAY

24th July

BSC:

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

ASC:

- Recycled Construction in the OSHC Room with Angela & Hannah
- Cooking Apple Muffins in the Kitchen with Kerryn
- Woi Wurrung Scavenger Hunt at Oval/Bush OSHC with Jake & Zac

- Children's Choice/ Play on Colourfuls with Faye
- Children's Choice/ Play on Basketball Court with Chandika & Andreas

THURSDAY

25th July

BSC:

- Children's Choice in the OSHC Room with Kerryn & Jake

ASC:

- Sudoku, Magic Squares and Puzzles in the Tinker Lab with Zac
- Face Painting on Colourfuls with Kerryn & Hayfa
- Tennis on the Basketball Court with Jake & Andreas
- Science Club on the Handball Court with Faye

- Children's Choice/ Play in the OSHC Room with Ulli & Hannah
- Children's Choice/ Play on the Oval with Chandika

FRIDAY

26th July

BSC:

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

ASC:

- Air Dry Clay Magnets (and Free Choice) in the OSHC Room with Hannah
- Children's Choice on Colourfuls with Faye