

Your child

Spring Newsletter

Sept 2022

www.hamptonparkch.vic.edu.au



In this issue:

- Winter reflections
- Your voice
- Team welcome
- Bon Voyage!
- What's Good OSHC?
- Vacation Care
- Kindergarten Snapshots
- Ready for School?
- What's on this Spring?
- Special dates
- Community Partnerships

Policies & Procedures

Hampton Park Community House regularly reviews its Policies & Procedures in line with current legislation. We value your feedback. To provide comment or feedback on any HPCH Policies please **E: managerscs@hamptonparkch.vic.edu.au**

Legislation:

- New Child Safe Standards 1 July 2022

[View Legislation](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/HamptonParkCommunityHouse/posts/5288622617848319>



Winter reflections

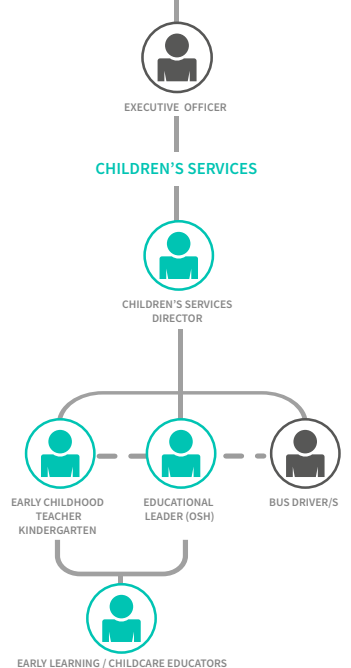
Winter is a wonderful time for reflection and planning. During this quarter, your Children's Services leadership team focused on Governance and Leadership.

“ Effective leadership builds and promotes a positive organisational culture and professional learning community ”

As a leadership team Kate, Amy and Sandra are committed to providing the best quality early learning and care programs.

Over Winter we learnt valuable skills to improve our program and practice.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE (B.O.G)



What would you like to see happening at OSHC?

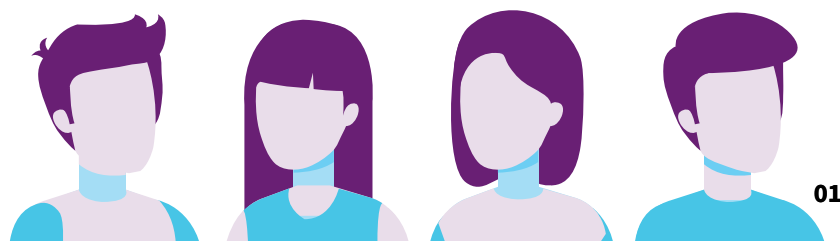
Your Voice

Send our educational leader an email with all your thoughts and ideas!!

E: sandra.halawi@hamptonparkch.vic.edu.au

Reporting a concern

If you have immediate safety concerns about a child or young person, **please call 000.**



Your child

Team welcome

Welcome back!

It is lovely to welcome Zohra back after a long stay with her family in Afghanistan.

“This is what defines me and my love for children. My name is Zohra. I was born and raised in Afghanistan. My biggest passion in childhood was to work with children. In 2012 I migrated to Australia during this time I studied and attained a Certificate III and IV in pharmacy. I also completed my Bachelor of Science degree.

To fulfil my dreams of providing the best care and love for children I obtained a Diploma in Early Childhood Education. Before joining the HPCH Children’s Services team, I spent 4 years with the Out of School Hours Care Program at Camp Australia.

Now I am enjoying and loving my educator role at HPCH supporting Kindergarten and OSHC. It is a joy to be around kids and making them smile.”



Mrs Saira Mudassar
Additional Kindergarten Assistant

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself to you all. I began my career in Early Childhood Education in Pakistan, where I completed a Masters Degree in Education at a well-known University. Added to this, I am a certified Education support/Teacher’s Assistant/Integration Aide studied from Monash University Caulfield campus in 2018.

I have lived in Melbourne since 2013. Currently, I am working as an "Additional Kindergarten Assistant" in Hampton Park Community House. Providing one-on-one assistance to a pre-schooler is my key focus. The most interesting and rewarding part of this role is to spend a quality time with him, answering his questions and engaging with him.

My future ambition is to work as an education support worker in a Early Education.

“The best way to make children good is to make them happy!”



Zohra
OSCH and Occasional Care Educator



Amy
Director of Children’s Services

Bon Voyage!

The Director of Children Services will be on annual leave from the 12th to 30th of September 2022.

If you have any Children’s Services Program enquires- contact Sandra (Educational Leader)

E: sandra.halawi@hamptonparkch.vic.edu.au or call M: 0466 099 243

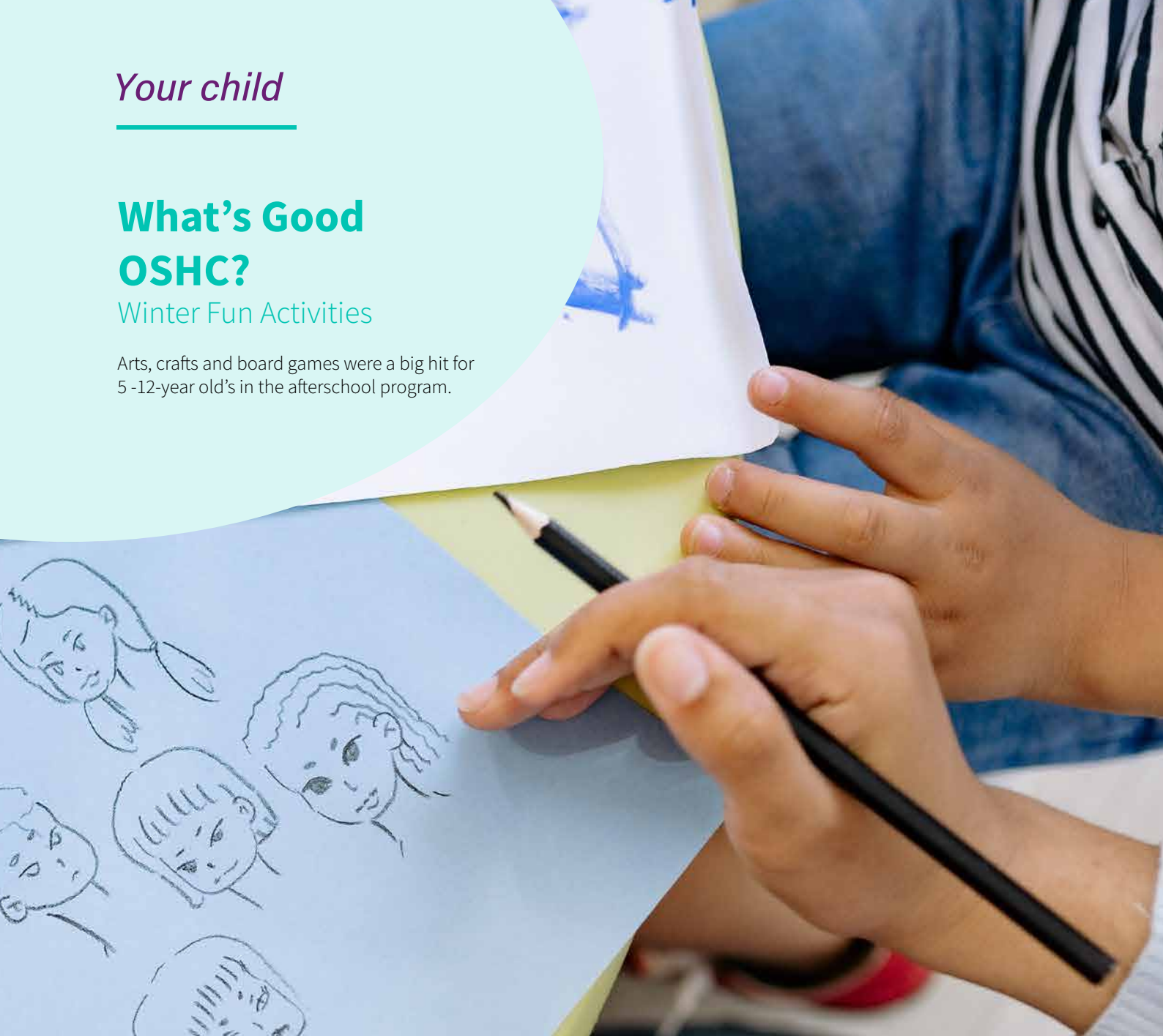
For all other enquiries please contact Kate Madden (EO) **E: kmadden@hamptonparkch.vic.edu.au or call (03) 8768 8342**

Your child

What's Good OSHC?

Winter Fun Activities

Arts, crafts and board games were a big hit for 5-12-year olds in the afterschool program.



Winter Fun Activities



Crochet



Board Games



Learning to Draw

Your child

Vacation Care

Bookings must be made before 9th of September. No bookings will be taken after this date.

Important OSH information

Curriculum days

If your child has a curriculum day at school, you must provide us with minimum of 2 days' notice. We withhold the right to refuse care for late bookings, or charge a late fee.

Casual days

If you want your child to attend a casual day, you must request this 2 day's prior. We withhold the right to refuse care for late bookings, or charge a late fee. This is to ensure that we have staff on the premises to supervise the children.

Meal times at OSHC

Breakfast

Served from 6:30- 8.15am. No breakfast will be served after 8.15am, as we prepare for the bus run.

Afternoon tea

Served until 4:30 every afternoon.

A light snack will be provided. If your child requires to have a meal, please feel free to send some food from home for them to have at this time.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY THURS 22ND SEPT

NB! There will be no Vacation Care Program offered on Thursday the 22nd due to the Public Holiday.

HER MAJESTY RIP 1926-2022



Spring Vacation Care Program

spring fun

Join us these **school holidays** for exciting activities with friends!

Your place
Vacation Care Program
Mon 19th - FRI 30th Sept 2022
6.30am - 6.30pm
T : 03 8768 8342
managerscs@hamptonparkch.vic.edu.au

Hampton Park
Community House
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Day	Date	Activity	Cost
MON	19th	Excursion Kids Space Come and join us to start our holiday with lots of fun in kids space play centre at Hallam. Arrive before 9.30am	COST \$62
TUES	20th	Commando Kids All our "Commando Kids" report for duty. Your mission is to these exciting problem solving activities! Come prepared with your best game.	COST \$64
WED	21st	Aqua Life We will dazzle our children enriching information while they interact with captive raised Australian water creatures.	COST \$65
THURS	22nd	There will be no Vacation Care Program offered on this day due to the Public Holiday.	
FRI	23rd	Public Holiday	
MON	26th	Picnic Day Join us to go on a picnic together to a local park. Lets have fun having lunch at the park and seeing birds and creatures in the park.	COST \$50
TUES	27th	Spring Art Craft Day Lets be creative together and do Spring art craft activities with Spring flower petals and colourful leaves.	COST \$50
WED	28th	Terrific Toy Day Join us on an investigation of toys, setting them up in stations depending on their design, their history and science behind how they function.	COST \$66
THURS	29th	Spring Planting It's Spring planting time. Let's make our garden, come and join us. We will learn tips about Spring planting.	COST \$55
FRI	30th	Board Game Day & Party Day We will be having fun playing Board games as chess, snakes & ladders, monopoly, checkers etc. and having fun party time.	COST \$50

Things to bring

- A healthy morning tea
- A healthy lunch (eg. sandwich, wrap, salad)
- A refillable drink bottle
- Sensible clothes

What NOT to bring

- NO PEANUTS
- Junk Food
- No singlets or things to be worn

Bookings from 24th August 2022
Times: 6.30am to 6.30pm daily
Cost: \$50 per day for first child and \$48 per day for second child (when attending care with sibling) less CCS (if applicable) except Special Program days with costings listed above.
Inclusions: Breakfast and Afternoon snack is provided daily.
Please see the whiteboard daily for any further information.

Your child



Hampton Park
COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

We love sensory play
We're doing a lot of learning

Fine motor skills

- Sensory Snow
- Kinetic sand
- Cloudy playdough
- Playdough
- Pattern tracing
- Letter & number recognition
- Building on our English vocabulary
- Self-help skills

Snapshot!



Playdough



Kinetic sand



Letter & number
recognition

Ready for School

This is a list of some skills we will be building on, to prepare children for school.

Social skill

Being able to get along with other children, demonstrate basic manners, assert themselves, and being able to play independently as well as with other children.

Emotional maturity

Being able to manage their emotions, cope with minimal adult contact in large groups, focus on tasks, follow directions and instructions from teachers, cope with the stress of the new school environment, and understand the rules.

Language skills

Being able to talk and listen to adults and other children, speak clearly, communicate needs, understand stories, and begin to identify some letters and sounds.

Cognitive Skills

Basic number sense, basic thinking skills, being able to wait and take turns.

Physical health and coordination

Basic health, fine motor skills (such as being able to grip a pencil and turn pages in a book) and physical coordination (being able to run, jump, climb, and play ball).

Independence

Basic skills to manage their needs without adult supervision, such as going to the toilet, dressing, unwrapping their lunch and managing their belongings.

If you are not sure whether your child is ready to start big school, talk to your child's preschool/ kindergarten teacher or early childhood educator – they will be able to help you with assessing your child's development and readiness for school.

For more information, you can visit:

<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/articles/is-your-child-ready-for-big-school>



Enrolments for 2023

Free Kinder in 2023

Free Three- and Four-Year-Old Kinder will be available across Victoria at participating services in 2023 at our service is one of them. We will be offering 3 days Kinder program for 3 year old Kindergarten both long day care and sessional (standalone) services.

Free Kinder means more Victorian children can have the best start in life, no matter where they live and we will be offering them:

- For three-year-olds, this means 15 hours per week of a kindergarten program
- For four-year-olds, this means 15 hours per week (600 hours a year)



Early Start Kindergarten

Early Start Kindergarten (ESK) is a grant funded by the Department of Education and Training (the Department) that provides eligible three-year-old children access to up to 15 hours of free kindergarten per week, including in areas with funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten.

Who is eligible?

The ESK grant is available for children who are:

- Three years old by 30 April in the year they are enrolled

either:

- from a refugee or asylum seeker background
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- known to Child Protection.

- Enrolled in a kindergarten program delivered by a Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) registered early childhood teacher.

Your child

Dignity Project

Scotland have led the world with appointing a period dignity officer and distributing free period products to women.

HPCH recognise that dignity for women is so important at all stages of life. So that being said we are doing our bit and are running a dignity project to support the women of Hampton Park.

You can donate period products to the house Monday to Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Alternatively, you can get in touch with **Lorna (0438 075 302)** or **Zohra (0493 040 499)** and we can arrange collection of items locally.

The items that we are hoping to collect are

- Pads
- Tampons
- Menstrual cups
- Period underwear
- Deodorant/body spray

If you are not able to drop in material goods you can make donations by cash donation or vouchers. (tax deductible)



Contact



Lorna M: 0438 075 302
Family Support
Program Coordinator

Thank you for supporting the women of Hampton Park!

To receive a Dignity Care Pack yourself text or call **Lorna** on 0438 075 302 or **Zohra** on 0493 040 499

Special Day's

Term 3 2022

Community

Safe Seats, Safe Kids

Have your child's car seat professionally fitted for free, at HPCH every fortnightly on Tuesdays. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**



Zohra M: 0493 040 499
Community Development
Coordinator

September

- 1 -8 Sept** Adult Learner's Week
- 8 Sept** R U OK? Day
- 25-27 Sept** Rosh Hashanah

October

- 1 Oct** International Day of Older Persons
- 4 Oct** Yom Kippur begins (until 5 Oct)
- 10 Oct** World Mental Health Day
- 24 Oct** Diwali
- 28 Oct** National Teacher's Day
- 31 Oct** Halloween

November

- 7 Nov** National Recycling Week (until 14 Nov)
- 11 Nov** Remembrance Day
- 20 Nov** Social Inclusion Week (until 28 Nov)
- 25 Nov** International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
Commencement of 16 Days of Activism
- 26 Nov** Social Inclusion Week (until 4 Dec)

Laiti ma malie (Young & Fun) Kids Program

12-15-year olds

Join us for 10 weeks of fun activities!

Wednesday evening - Boy's only
Saturday's - Everyone young & fun!

Contact Justin or Zohra on M: 0493 040 4499



Community Partnerships

Launch of the Casey Community Hubs

Hampton Park Community House Executive Officer, Kate Madden and Community Development Coordinator Zohra Hasib attended the official Launch of the Community Hubs in the City of Casey.

The event was hosted by the Smith Family and Community Hubs Australia in partnership with the schools.

Hampton Park Primary School (HPPS) collaborate with Hampton Park Community House (HPCH) to deliver activities which educate, support and engage local families.

HPPS and HPCH were delighted to celebrate the participants achievements.



From R to L, Gary Maas MP, Zohra HPCH, Linda HPPS and Community Hub participants

COVID Safe

Being COVID Safe is a responsibility we all share. When you visit Hampton Park Community House, please follow our COVID safety rules. Always provide your details, listen to staff, maintain hygiene and practice physical distancing. A copy of Hampton Park Community House Covidsafe Plan is available at reception and at www.hamptonparkch.vic.edu.au



Hampton Park
Community House
CHILDREN'S SERVICES



hamptonparkch.vic.edu.au

A Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

Hampton Park Community House affirms the organisation's commitment to child safety. We have a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse, and we are committed to upholding children's best interests and keeping them safe, and we actively work to listen to and empower children within our organisation.

Call today:

P : (03) 8768 8342 or **M :** 0417 375 344

Hampton Park Community House
16-20 Stuart Ave Hampton Park VIC 3976
PO Box 440 Hampton Park VIC 3976

Auspiced by: Hampton Park Care Group Inc. A 587 / ABN 91 334 724 925

before & after school care | vacation care | occasional care | kindergarten | family support