



## Message from the CEO

Hello everyone,

It's National Child Protection week in September and as such in this edition, I want to inform you about our **Safeguarding journey at Junior Adventures Group**, and the significant commitment and investment we have made to ensure we are always focused on what keeps children safe, and what also ensures children FEEL SAFE.

With a comprehensive approach to safeguarding children, including our policy suite, we prioritise robust governance practices, high-quality care and the agency of each and every child as we know these are essential to the safety and well-being of children. Please ask one of our friendly team members if you would like to know more. We would love to share with you our Safeguarding Children suite of resources.

As you would be aware the new CCS changes have come into effect as of July 2023, meaning more parents are eligible to take advantage of this great Government initiative that reduces the cost of childcare. To learn more head to <https://au.junioradventuresgroup.com/child-care-subsidy-changes/>

This month we launched **Creative Inventors**. This is an opportunity for children's imaginations to soar as we engage in creative play based activities that combine expressive arts, materials and craft - the children are loving it!

Our new **Spring Holiday program** is open for enrollment, the children will love making friends whilst playing footy, or getting creative with some arts and crafts, there'll be lots of exciting adventures to be had!

I would also like to invite you to reach out to your coordinator if you have any questions about getting ready for **our Prep/Kindy children of 2024**. How can we communicate with new families about our Rise then Shine and Stay and Play sessions in your schools, to support our new little people as they start their schooling adventure?

And finally, I can't mention September without acknowledging the **Father's or Father Figures**. I hope you enjoyed the moment with your loved ones.

**Mel Crole,**  
CEO Junior Adventures Group  
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## South Melbourne Exceeding Rating

We are incredibly proud and excited to share with you that our **South Melbourne OSHClub** received an **Exceeding rating** in August.

They did this through creating "A supportive, positive and passionate culture amongst the educators. When the A & R visited the service they noted "the relationships between educators contributed to an engaging

environment that was guided by service philosophy and a commitment to providing children with a high-quality curriculum."

The Principal of the South Melbourne Primary sent the following message to the team:

*"Dear (Wonderful) OSHClub Team,  
What a fantastic effort in achieving this level of excellence. The staff at SMPS are extremely proud of our*

*OSHClub Family and what they have achieved.*

*We all trust that our children go into the highest level of care once they finish class each day. We love our kids and want the best for them each and every minute of the day.*

*We know this occurs in OSHClub. It is so reassuring to have such levels of trust and know that it is built via the incredible hard work of the team.*

*Well done!"*

We really are incredibly proud of our team and look for ways to continually improve our programs.



## Key dates 2023

**NATIONAL CHILD  
PROTECTION WEEK**  
3 - 9 September

## SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

ACT/NT: September 23 - October 8  
NSW: September 25 - October 6  
QLD: September 16 - October 2  
VIC: September 16 - October 1

## #sharethejoy

To celebrate our family of services, each month we'll be sharing some of our favourite adventures from Australia, and across the globe. Will your school be featured next?

### Book week

#### Helping Hands Oxenford

The Helping Hands Oxenford service embraced Book Week, with the children dressing up for their Book Week Fair. The service shared some of their brand-new costumes which were recently ordered. All of the children participated and loved the Book Week fair.



#### Helping Hands Gladstone South

The team at Helping Hands Gladstone South decorated their service environment to prepare for book week, Read. Grow. Inspire.



#### OSHClub St Anthony's Melton

To celebrate book week, the team at St Anthony's Melton explored the world of Harry Potter through the Hogwarts houses. Each child was sorted into one of four houses using the Hogwarts Sorting Hat. The children were very excited to find out their houses and even compared the traits of each house to their own personalities.



**NEWS FROM ABROAD**



# Summer of Fun with Sherpa Kids!

As the warm sun painted the Irish skies, Sherpa Kids ignited unforgettable moments with their children during their holiday programme in the Summer of Fun!

Over two months, Sherpa Kids adventurers immersed themselves in a symphony of laughter, learning, and growth. Guided by a weekly play planner, each week painted a unique landscape of activities. While it's impossible to recount every adventure they had along the way, we're excited to share three cherished highlights from this spectacular summer!

**A Visit from Garda Stephen:** They got a visit from Garda (the word for Police in Ireland) Stephen who donned Garda vests, hats and handcuffs. Children had the chance to explore a new profession and understand more about the world of law enforcement. Garda Stephen's kindness and patience answered questions, leaving behind smiles and thank-you cards.



**Splashes of Water Fun:** With the sun illuminating Ireland days, water games and epic water fights took center stage many times this summer, and guess what – our team joined in and got completely soaked at the end! Such a fun!



**The Ice-Cream Van Delight:** Oh, the joy! An Ice-Cream Van visited one of the Sherpa Kids Summer of Fun and it was an absolute success! Nothing better than sweetening our memories and adding a scoop of delights to the summer days!

The services are gearing up to welcome children back for the start of their school year!



## Did you know about OHO?

Our innovative child protection approach means we invest in using OHO (an Australian owned organisation that provides lifetime online suitability, verifications and credential validity across every one of our services).

OHO helps us to ensure safety of wellbeing of every child in our care and we are the only OSHC provider currently in Australia investing this level of protection.

