# OSHClub Newsletter

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### Message from the CEO

At OSHClub we are committed to building true and lasting partnerships with schools and the wider community. Our aim is to leave a positive legacy with communities better off for having partnered with us.

That's why we are excited about participating in The Dream Run as part of our partnership with The Smith Family, an incredible charity that is at the forefront of supporting the educational needs of children facing disadvantage. Funds raised through The Dream Run will go towards The Smith Family's flagship 'Learning for Life' program that provides children facing disadvantage with vital financial, personal and practical support through their school years.

Last year our teams across the network raised \$43,000 with OSHClub matching these contributions, enabling us to support the education of 150 children for a full year. The entire OSHClub family is already excited at the prospect of exceeding last year's efforts so that we can support even more children.

This is going to be a truly magical moment for the children at our services. A core objective of our OSH program is to help foster a new generation of socially conscious global citizens. Participating in the Dream Run will not just be fun. It will be an important educational experience that will inspire children to take action to improve the lives of peers who are less fortunate.

All OSHClub services will be participating in a nationwide Bubble Fun Run on Wednesday, 19 June. I hope that you will be able to attend and join in the fun!



As always, if you have any feedback on any aspect of our service, please do reach out to me at mel@junioradventuresgroup.com.au.

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**Mel Crole**, CEO Junior Adventures Group Australia



### **PROGRAM UPDATE**





While all eyes will be on Paris for the world's biggest sporting event, we're bringing the excitement straight to OSHClub services this winter! We will be running an action-packed holiday program, where every day brings the chance to earn medals in a series of fun activities. The kids will be participating in thrilling activities such as team t-shirt designs, French crepe making and an athletics carnival. It promises to be an unforgettable break!

**Experts in FUN!** 





**KEY DATES 2024** 

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PLAY 11 June THE DREAM RUN NATIONAL BUBBLE RUN 19 June

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

New South Wales: 8 July to 19 July Queensland: 22 June to 7 July Victoria: 29 June to 14 July Western Australia: 29 June to 14 July

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### THE SMITH FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

### Supporting the Dream Run this June

OSHClub is proud to be partnered with The Smith Family in providing all children equitable opportunities and access to education throughout Australia.

The charity is at the forefront of the conversation around poverty and the transformative power of education.

We believe our support can help even more children build their skills, grow their confidence, and develop the connections they need to complete their schooling and fulfil their potential.

We will be conducting a range of fun activities throughout June as part of our support for The Dream Run. Some highlights include:

NATIONAL FUNDRAISER: 5th June - We're kicking off our kilometre count with a day of fun activities like obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, relay races and more.

**BUBBLE FUN RUN:** 19th June - This will be the highlight of the month as all our services across Australia participate in a friendly fun run. Kids can dress up in wacky costumes, cheer each other on, and dodge a ton of bubbles!

IN-SERVICE FUNDRAISERS: 1st – 30th June - We'll be host to a variety of fundraisers throughout the month including bake sales, sausage sizzles, DIY crafts, carnival activities and more!







### **NEWS FROM ABROAD**

# Empowering Kids' well-being in Ireland

The spirit of community transcends borders at Junior Adventures Group, as our friends in Ireland join forces with 'A Lust for Life', the country's leading mental health charity for primary school children.

The goal of this partnership is to reach every primary school pupil in Ireland with their bespoke well-being and self-care programs for children. We have already held several exciting fundraising events at our services, and these will continue throughout the year.





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## #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?

## South Thornlie OSHClub

The team at South Thornlie OSHClub held an ANZAC Day themed Stay and Play session where the kids had a blast making slouch hats and peg doll soldiers using recycled material!



### Helping Hands Urangan Point

As part of our Easter Carnival across the network, the Helping Hands Urangan Point team decorated the service space, crafted bunny masks and participated in a range of other fun Easter themed activities. A big thank you to everyone who joined us and made this themed event unforgettable.



With winter vibes kicking in, it was time for some cozy crafty Stay and Play afternoons at Trawalla-Beaufort OSHClub! Thanks to one of our coordinators, the team got their hands on a Sentro Knitting Machine for some beanie crafting fun. From sketch to stitch, the kids' imaginations ran wild as they excitedly watched their designs magically come to life in yarn.



Creating environments where playfulness can thrive



### **EXCEEDING SERVICES**

# Exceeding Ratings Recognise Helping Hands Network Program Quality

We are delighted to share that our services at St Peter's East Bentleigh, Monbulk and Boronia Heights all recently received Exceeding NQS ratings in their recent Assessment and Rating (A&R).

The A&R report from St Peter's East Bentleigh made note of the of the positive impact of our Adventure Program which has led to more flexibility, ownership and a more comprehensive range of learning opportunities for children. Other points highlighted in the A&R reports from these three services include our collaborative approach which includes input both from children and their families, the highly reflective and child-centred approach of our coordinators and educators, and our sustainable practices such as caring for the land.