



## **News Flash 2 – 2020**

### **Kinder update**

It has been such a lovely start to the year with our new, confident Kinder children. The program has allowed the children to become familiar with educators and make new friends while participating in all the fun activities we have here at OOSH. We have enjoyed getting to know the children and watching them start school in a fun and relaxed environment. We are confident that the children will explore our service independently, yet also feel comfortable approaching educators when needed.

### **Afternoon Pick up**

Please note that under CCS legislation we need to be actively caring for children for them to be considered in attendance. Educators can't actively care for children if primary caregivers are still present.

Where a child is booked into care and the parent signs the child in and out almost simultaneously, no childcare has been provided by the service, and therefore an absence session must be reported for the session of care.

Child care subsidy is payable for the session up to the limit of the 42-initial allowable absences.

Please see Sue-anne if you require further clarification.

### **Change of Permanent Booking**

Please note that this week, (Week 4) is the last week in which you can make changes to your booking without the required 4 weeks' notice period.

As of Week 5, (24/2/20) if you wish to make changes to your booking, 4 weeks' notice will be required.

### **Toys from home including mobile phones**

Lately there has been lots of toys from home being brought into OOSH. This has caused conflict among peer groups, stolen property and broken toys which are all ending in tears.

Children are encouraged to leave their toys and personal items at home, as we believe that equality between children will be more reachable if all children are using the same toys and equipment provided by OOSH.

There are times where we acknowledge that the children need them for school, 'show and tell'. In these instances, your child is welcome to leave their item in either of the two offices at the centre until they go to school.

If your child has a **mobile phone**, it needs to stay in your child's school bag for the duration of OOSH. If an educator sees one in use, it will be placed in the office until the child's parent/guardian arrives for pick up. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in our care.

## **Invoices vs Statements – A Guide for Families**

### **INVOICES – A request for payment with “Total Due” displayed on page one**

At the beginning of each term, you will be emailed an invoice with your estimated fees for the entire term.

If you choose not to pay the term in one payment, you will be emailed a reminder invoice every fortnight with the balance due to the end of the following week. We ask you to keep your fees paid up one week in advance.

There is a “notes” section on each invoice which gives a description of the weeks covered and when the payment is due.

Payment is by internet transfer to our bank account – BSB and Account Number provided on every invoice. Please use Parent Name listed on the invoice as your reference.

**We do not deduct money from your bank account for payment of fees.**

### **STATEMENTS – Not a request for payment**

We are required by legislation to provide you with a statement listing the child care subsidy paid for your child’s attendances. These are emailed to you on a fortnightly basis (on the opposite week to invoices). They also include the number of absences your child has used for the financial year.

There is a “notes” section on each statement which gives a description of the week covered in the statement.

## **Waitangi Day**

Celebrating cultures from all around the world, OOSH celebrated Waitangi Day, a special day that is celebrated in New Zealand every year February 6th.

Children were able to gain knowledge of the importance and significance to Maori and New Zealand people and why and how it is celebrated every year.

We worked together as group to create a Korowai a traditional cloak which is worn for different occasions such as Weddings, Graduations, and other significant occasions.

Korowai Cloaks are held in the highest regard and worn with the highest form of respect.

Our own Korowai was created by many different children over the week and was an activity that involved us all working together which sparked many conversations of how diverse and proud everyone is of their own Cultural Backgrounds at OOSH.

Your OOSH Team