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Hello everyone – can you believe how quickly this year is going?

We have had a great start to the year reacquainting ourselves with familiar faces and getting to know our new little people.

All our children are still adjusting to socialising with friends again. We would ask that you remind them about our OOSH rules of always respecting ourselves and each other.

NLDOOSH is committed to the rights and safety of every child.

Don't Forget About Our Website

Please visit our **Website** <https://newlambtondistrictoosh.com/> . Our centre's weekly program, termly menu, newsletters and all the fun and exciting things that we do will be updated regularly for families.

We also have a centre Facebook page that you are welcome to follow.



EDUCATOR NEWS

Educators at OOSH have been participating in Professional Development with BU Happiness College.

After completing a Whole Workplace Wellness Assessment last year, educators have been moving through a series of sessions including engagement, preventing burnt out and self care.

Declan Edwards has brought even more insight and understanding to our amazing team, and we have now been recognised as an official "Happy Workplace".

We have welcomed two new casual staff members, Bailey, and Alaska. Both are very excited to join our team and are having lots of fun playing, interacting, and getting to know our children.



We also have LOTS of baby news

Alannah, Brendan and Big Brother Jay welcomed little Zoe to their family

Hannah and Cleo have welcomed their little boy Mataio

Bree and Caleb have welcomed their little girl, Luna

COZ / Mastermind Area

Our COZ / Mastermind Area is open each afternoon (and some mornings). It is located upstairs in the library and is always under the supervision of at least one Educator.

The COZ/Mastermind Room is used for Stem activities, Homework, Laptop Use (restricted to 30 mins) and other quiet activities as decided by the Educator on the day

If you have any questions regarding this, please ask staff for clarification.

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Kindergarten 2023

If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten next year or know someone else whose child will be starting, please email or call us to have them put on our 2023 wait list. This will ensure information and dates of up-and-coming enrolment and information nights are communicated. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.



CHANGES TO PERMANENT BOOKINGS

As of today (Monday 28/02/21) four weeks' notice must be given when changing permanent bookings, as per our policy.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on 0490 023 661 or at nldoosh@bigpond.com. We are always happy to help.

POLICIES

Please remember to check our website regularly for Policy updates.

From time to time, we will ask for feedback on various policies, so please keep an eye out.

Non notification fee for afternoon sessions

Thankyou to all families who have been notifying OOSH of their child's absence.

It is critical to let us know when your child will not be attending OOSH in the afternoon session as it time consuming and stressful to educators and school if we are looking for children who have already been collected from or have not attended school that day.

- Notification needs to have been given **prior to the end of school bell time**.
- Families will be given one warning for not notifying the service of their child's absence. A **\$10.00 fee per child** for each occurrence of non-notification after the first warning will be added to their account in addition to the usual session fee.
- A Non Notification Fee is not eligible for CCS deductions.

You can contact us via email nldoosh@bigpond.com, or text us on 0490 023 661 please store this number in your phone. It is best done in writing (email or text) if possible, to avoid any miscommunication.

NSW Government Vouchers

- As you may be aware the NSW Government is implementing a program to assist families with school aged children in accessing Before and After School Care. The program is being facilitated by Services NSW who are working with NSW Department of Education. The program is due to begin at the end of the month and will continue, at this stage until June 2023
- NLDOOSH is supportive of this program, however we are yet to register as we believe there are many aspects that need to be investigated further.
- The voucher **can not** be used for debts already incurred and can only be used for future care, therefore it can not be applied to accounts that are in arrears.
- Please be aware it may take **some months** before families are able to access the voucher for OOSH services as the Government is still working on how to deliver the program. This program is much more complex than the "Dine & Discover" due to the impact on invoicing families and family subsidies that are involved.
- NLDOOSH is determined to ensure our families' private information is protected and that we have a simple and accurate method of facilitating the program to you all.
- We ask for your patience and understanding while we work through the complexities around the program. Rest assured we will be in touch as soon as we have more information.
- Please continue to pay your fees as usual until we are provided with more information from Services NSW and the Department of Education. The webpage outlining the program is found here: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc-voucher>