

# NLDOOSH NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, 2025

Can you believe it is already halfway through Term 1!

We hope you are all as excited about the year ahead as we are.

We are having a great time getting to know all of the new children and families at our service, watching all of our children participate in our program, settling into the grounds and making new friends.

## OOSH News

You may have noticed the changes to our physical environment.

Our OOSH Garden has had a makeover! New mulch and plants have beautified the entire space while changes to fencing and gates have helped us to keep our OOSH friends safe.

We ask that all families remember that OOSH opens at 6:45am and we are unable to have families and children within our premises prior to that due to regulation and licensing rules.

## Kindy Program

Our Kindy Program has concluded and was a great success. The program allows our new Kindergarten friends to get to know each other as well as OOSH (our Educators, our spaces and all the activities and routines that we have each session). All Kindy families should have received an email that contained a summary and some photos – please let us know if you did not receive this and we can ensure it arrives in your inbox.



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## Sharing Our World

In our OOSH Hub you may have noticed the "Sharing Our World" wall?!

This is a space that we use to allow us to get to know each other. We will advise you of upcoming themes and you are welcome to send in (to our email - [nldoosh@bigpond.com](mailto:nldoosh@bigpond.com)) any photos or information that we can display.

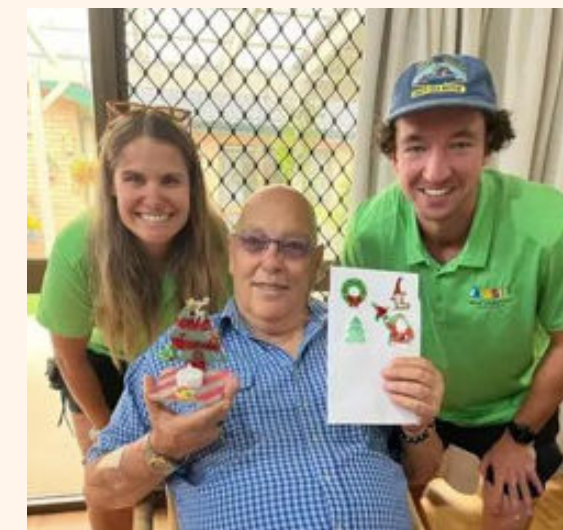
We are about to begin a series titled "Our Favourite Food!"

We are asking for you to send us a photo or recipe of your children's favourite food and we can display it on our board.

Sharing our World allows us to learn about each other, experience new ideas and encourages interaction and conversation.

## Our Community

This term we are working with our friends at St Johns Villa, New Lambton. Our OOSH children will be designing and sending Easter greeting cards for our friends to read and enjoy. Having this ongoing, intergenerational connection with seniors within our community has brought great joy and a sense of community to our service and the residents at St Johns Villa.



## Staffing News

The children are getting to know our new Educators Joel, Zahra, Oli, Jo and Benji. And all are loving being at OOSH interacting and playing with all of their new friends!

### Hannah

You may be aware that Hannah has been on maternity leave since Term 4 after having her second son Eti. Sadly, for us Hannah has decided not to return from maternity leave.

Hannah has brought her bubbly personality, zest for life and her passion for children to this service for the last 9 years. Hannah began her time with us as an Educator and drove the Admin through many transitions. We are going to miss her enormously and we know our OOSH community will too. We know that she is loving life as a Mum to Mateo and Eti and cannot thank her enough for being an integral part of our OOSH family for so long.

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## Anne

Anne has been the heart and soul of OOSH for over 30 years - NLD OOSH is the service it is because of Anne's vision and commitment but most of all because of her passion for making sure all children are given the opportunity to thrive.

When Anne started at OOSH it was a small service with less than 30 children. She has spent the last 30 years committed to this community. She has overseen the service growth and has provided mentorship for so many Educators both past and current. She has always encouraged and praised excellence but most of all she has endeavoured to be a leader in not just our OOSH community but the broader OOSH network. The respect with which Anne is held within the OOSH sector in Newcastle, NSW and Australia is testament to her dedication as an Educator. She has always strived to provide all children and staff with new opportunities and was always looking to excel.

As a staff, we feel privileged to have had her as a leader and a friend. And as families past and present we know how grateful and appreciative you are of her dedication to your children.

Anne has decided to resign her position as a permanent Educator at OOSH. She is going to spend her time with her precious grandchildren and family, and we hope she visits us often.

We are so lucky to have been part of her OOSH journey.



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## Admin Info:

### Accounts:

A friendly reminder that invoices are sent out fortnightly for the previous 2 weeks of care. Invoices are payable upon receipt. Payment details for direct deposit are located on the bottom of each invoice.

CCS Statements are emailed alternate weeks to invoices. CCS statements are not a request for payment. We are required to send these to show your CCS payments.

**REMINDER:  
PLEASE ENSURE THE OOSH GATE IS  
CLOSED BEHIND YOU AT ALL  
TIMES.**