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### **January 21, 2021**

As January end looms it seems we have returned to a new rhythm that is working well throughout the service.

### **Kindergarten commencement.**

Kindergarten kicks off next week with 3- year-old kindergarten the first group starting Wednesday January 27 at 9.15am. Kindergarten 2 will begin Thursday at 8.30am. Kindergarten 1 will have their first day February 1 at 8.30am. Don't forget lunchboxes if your child attends long day care you can just bring along lunchboxes on the days, they attend kindergarten. Please do not panic if you forget-there is always plenty of food here! Also, don't forget a hat! It is an anxious time for children and families but please be assured that if we are concerned at all about your child, we will call you.

I have also attached some information on separation when children first commence. If you and or your child are anxious, have a read.

We have many new children commence care and we hope your transition to care is smooth. Please speak to any of our helpful staff members if you need anything at all to ease into new transitions. We genuinely welcome your feedback and input into our programs.

Just a reminder:

**We will be closed on January 26 for the Australia Day public holiday.**

We had planned to have an Australia Day barbecue; however, we have cancelled that due to the heat. We will have an indoor sausage sizzle for lunch.

### **Scheduled hot days ahead.**

As many of you are aware there is a few hot days scheduled early next week.

In terms of heat management, as you would expect the children will spend the majority of their day indoors, we will plan for quieter experiences and spread children out across the service. On Monday January 25, we would like to give the children an icy pole in the afternoon, if there is any family that would prefer that their did not have them please let us know.

### **New method of communication with families.**

Based on feedback from families and in order to share as much information as possible we will be using a digital platform, called kindyhub. Kindy hub will be used for all children attending the programs at Laverton Community Children's Centre. It is linked with Smartcentral, but will give you snapshots of children's learning, daily information such as sleep and eating routines and more details about programmed activities that happen with children. For more information regarding kindyhub. Follow the link

<https://www.kindyhub.com.au/for-families/>

Eventually, all newsletters, events and updates will be done via kindyhub.

We have trialled many programs and have carefully considered our choices. We are very mindful that an educators primary role is to have a strong relationship that provides opportunities to learn. Therefore, we do not want educators spending most of the time on electronic devices. Aside from anything else this is poor role modelling! Please be patient with us as we navigate our way through finding a balance of information sharing and ensuring children have extensive opportunities to learn and grow.

### **Staffing**

You may have noticed some new faces amongst the team. Two of three of our newly appointed trainees have commenced work with us, with the third coming onboard as of February 1, 2021.



Meet Jamee. Jamee will start her traineeship in the babies' room.



Introducing Stephanie. Stephanie will start her traineeship in the big yard of long day care.

We welcome both of our new team members and trust both will have every opportunity to grow and learn in such a strong team. Congratulations on your commencement of such an incredibly fulfilling career.

We do have a third trainee commencing on February 1 and I will be sure to introduce her once we have a photo. We are also doing up the photo gallery in the foyer to help families remember all of the names of the very large staff team we have!

Both staff members will be employed as additional staff members over and above the required child staff ratio. This will enable teams to roll out more activities, extra curriculum programs and go on more excursions in 2021.