

Term 2 Newsletter

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Welcome to Term 2 2017. This Term GBOOSH will be introducing some exciting new changes including Direct Debit, a revised Winter Menu for ASC & some new GBOOSH staff.

We will also be holding our 2017 AGM with all Management Committee positions needing to be filled.

We hope everyone had a fantastic Easter Break & those who joined us for Vacation Care enjoyed our very exciting & challenging program.

Melody, Renee, Cheryl & the GBOOSH Team



GBOOSH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

As you may have already heard GBOOSH will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 10 May 2017, 6.30pm at the Centre. Light refreshments & drinks will be provided, with children able to relax in the 2nd room while parents attend the meeting.

As many of the current Management Committee will be moving on in 2018 with their children going to High School we urge all families to consider the contribution you can make to YOUR service & community by participating in our voluntary parent committee. A handover will be provided by existing Committee Members & ongoing support provided by the Centre Director & Coordinators.

Please visit the website www.gymeabayoosh.com.au for details about the Committee structure, current membership & to access a Committee Nomination Form. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at the meeting & working with our new Management Committee.

GBOOSH Staff Update

This Term we have 2 new staff to introduce:

- Maddie Hay (Casual Educator), who commenced with us towards the end of Term 1.
- Kristen Garsheen (Casual Educator), who commenced with GBOOSH during Vacation Care.
- Emily Pollard (Permanent Educator), commencing on Monday 8 May.

Maddie & Kristen have now completed their induction & are both working with GBOOSH on a casual basis. Please welcome them to our service.

During Term 3, Renee Young (Joint Coordinator) will be taking her well-earned long service leave & will return during the next Vacation Care period. Renee is working towards completing her studies in Primary Teaching & will use this time to study & gain some experience in teaching. During this time Cheryl will remain as Coordinator, supported by Annabelle as Assistant Coordinator.

Menu Updates

Just a reminder that breakfast (cereals, toast & fruit) is provided each morning as part of the BSC program. Last call for toast is 7.50am, with cereal & fruit available up until around 8am.

With the cooler weather our **Afternoon Tea Menu** has been updated to include some tasty winter warmers; fish fingers, savoury mince & toasted sandwiches. Please feel free to provide us with any other menu suggestions or feedback for consideration in the next menu review.



Program Updates

A sports program will soon be commencing in ASC on a Wednesday afternoon. The program will offer a variety of sports facilitated by Zao Sports, with supervision of GBOOSH Educators.

If your child would like to participate please send an email indicating their interest. There is no additional cost for participation in the sports program.

It is proposed that the dance program will return later in 2017.

NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS

As you may have read GBOOSH is introducing an additional method of payment for parents via Direct Debit. This payment option will automatically draw funds from your nominated bank account or credit card on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

For the month of April Ezidebit will waive the \$2.20 initial set up fee so it is worth signing up ASAP if this method of payment suits your family. There are some transaction fees associated with the method of payment, please read carefully the terms & conditions listed on the service agreement.

Please visit the website, see GBOOSH office staff or email us for a copy of the DDR Service Agreement Form.

Keeping special toys & ipads safe

It is important for children to learn the skills for ensuring the safety of their own valuables, respect for the property of others & the consequence of not returning their own equipment & belongings to their bag. Where possible please discourage your children from bringing 'precious' items to the centre.

In regards to ipads/other electronic devices we understand that these items are a requirement for some children at school & appreciate these are expensive, fragile items. Therefore, please remind children that ipads/electronic devices should be handed in/collected from the GBOOSH office each day. This will help to minimize any damage/loss of these items while at the centre.

If your child has lost an item please check the **lost property drawers**, located under the sign in/out desk if as we currently have a large number of items in LOST PROPERTY. Please remember that the centre does not take responsibility for lost or damaged items.

April Vacation Care Report

Thank you to all the families that joined us for another exciting Vacation Care period. These holidays the children enjoyed a variety of incursions, excursions & planned experiences at the centre. This included a DIY incursion, BLAR day, pyjama day, visits to the cinemas, bowls & putt-putt golf, bike riding activities around the school grounds, as well as an exhilarating day at Cataract Scout Camp.

A lot of work goes into the Vacation Program & scheduling of activities behind the scenes. We value the feedback of both children & parents, so following each Vacation Care program we ask families to complete a feedback form to help us identify what worked well & reflect on what we could have done better. This will soon be sent out via email, please complete & return to the centre so we can commence planning for the next Vacation Care period.

