



Gymea Bay Care & Leisure Centre

Dates for your Diary

TERM 4 2018

WEEK 8 – Vacation Care Invoices sent, payment due (NO CHANGES permitted)
WEEK 9 – Final Term 4 Invoices will be emailed for payment. Non-payment may result in cancellation of Vacation Care/2019 Bookings
4 December – Year 6 Dinner @ The Prince

DECEMBER 2018 Vacation Care

20 & 21 December – Commencement of Vacation Care

GBOOSH CLOSED 22 December – 4 January for Christmas & New Year Break

JANUARY 2019 Vacation Care

7 January – Commencement of January Vacation Care Program, 2019 Kinder Children welcome to attend
30 January – Children return to school
4 February – Kindergarten children commence

On behalf of the GBOOSH Staff & Management Committee we wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



December 2018

Important Update from GBOOSH Office

Site Security – As mentioned in previous editions of the Newsletter, please use the slide lock located at the top of the June Place gate to securely close the gate each time you enter & leave the centre. GBOOSH is working with the school so that in the future we will have a more permanent & secure system of keeping the gate closed. In the meantime, it is essential that parents support the practice of sliding the bolt.



Signing In & Out –

under the Child Care Subsidy System (CCSS) the Centre must submit sign in & sign out times to the Department as this forms part of the calculation of families' benefits against their approved hours of usage. Therefore, it is important that we get this information right! If you do not accurately sign your child in/out of care, the system will automatically charge you for the total number of hours for that session, eg a Vacation Care day will be accessed at a full rate of 11 hours care against your usage for the fortnight.

If an additional contact (eg grandparent) collects your child or a GBOOSH staff member signs your child in and out of the same session of care, the system will automatically request that the parent/guardian confirms this sign in/out on their next visit. **This is a legal requirement under the CCSS.**

If you have any problems when signing in/out please see the staff member in the GBOOSH office or the nearest Educator to assist you.

2019 Fee Increases – as part of the ongoing negotiations with the Department to finalise our License Agreement, it has been identified that due to a substantial increase in the Department's calculation of License fees GBOOSH will need to review the 2019 Fee structure. The Committee will meet again on 12 December and as part of their planning for 2019 will determine a new fee structure to commence from Term 1, 2019.

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GBOOSH Family Celebration 2018

Thank you to all the families that joined us on 22 November for a wonderful afternoon of food & entertainment.



The catering provided by *More Than Meat* was enjoyed by everyone. Entertainment from Santa's Elves (StarDust Kids entertainment) kept all the children engaged in games, balloon making and a few magic tricks! A great way to finish off 2018.

Enrolment Update: 2019 Places

Round 1 Offers have been communicated with those families which we were able to confirm an existing place and some lucky new enrolments who received the very limited places we had available.

As many families carried over their 2019 bookings & some siblings picked up places, unfortunately there was not a lot to offer new enrolments. As changes to bookings come in we will endeavor to offer any gaps to waitlisted families via email.

As our application for an additional 30 places has still not been approved by the Department a large number of families will continue to sit on the waitlist. While we understand this is an anxious wait for parents, please be understanding that GBOOSH staff are doing their best to allocate places as soon as possible & these delays are outside of our control.

We appreciate your patience & support as we work through this very challenging process.

If you have any further questions about the enrolment process please contact the centre via email info@gymeabayoosh.com.au.

Staff Updates

As you may have noticed there have been a few changes to staffing during Term 4.

Katrina Turner and Liam Greenwood have both moved to new areas to pursue family, study or work adventures. Due to Katrina's departure Caryl Price has been appointed as Assistant Coordinator. Caryl's passion for craft has already inspired many projects in the 3-6 area.

We will continue to build up the casual and permanent staff over the break, however you may see at times agency staff who are not as familiar with the children and routine. If you have any specific questions or concerns please look for a familiar 'GBOOSH' face as agency casuals may only be here for a limited number of hours/sessions.

A number of our casual Educators who have been on prac or working within schools during term time will return during the Vacation Care program. We look forward to catching up with them and showing them what we have been up to at GBOOSH.

Lego & Fabric Donations

GBOOSH children have been busily engaged in many activities this term. A few key favourites have been our lego building and sewing activities.

If you have any lego that you find your children are no longer using at home, the centre would gladly accept donation of this to help build on collection. Some children have been working on these as ongoing projects which means a large supply of lego is needed to allow more children to join in!

Our 3-6 children have been eagerly engaging in both hand and machine sewing down at the hall. We have even had the support of parents and grandparents with this activity! If you have any sewing supplies – fabric, buttons, threads etc at home we would love to include these in our projects.



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DECEMBER/JANUARY Vacation Care Program

Bookings for the December-January Vacation Care Program are due NOW!

DECEMBER/JANUARY VACATION CARE DATES:

- **TERM 4 WEEK 8 –**
Vacation Care Invoices will be emailed for payment, **NO CHANGES PERMITTED** to bookings.
Check your statement for confirmation of your booked dates!
- **TERM 4 WEEK 9 –** Final Term 4 Invoices will be emailed for payment. Non-payment may result in cancellation of Vacation Care/2019 Bookings.
- **20 December 2018** – first day of Vacation Care.
- **24 Dec to 4 January 2018 - GBOOSH will be CLOSED.**
- **7 January 2019 –**
Vacation Care January Program Commences, *2019 Kindergarten children are eligible to attend.*

The December-January Vacation Care Program is now available on the GBOOSH website.

After the 30/11/18 closing date no booking changes are permitted without charge and there will only be places available on limited days, as we need to finalise attendance numbers with activity providers and transport.

These holidays are a great opportunity for us to plan outdoor, water-based activities in the hot weather. The Centre does provide sunscreen on a regular basis through out the day, however each child **MUST** bring the following:

- ✓ **HAT**
- ✓ **DRINK BOTTLE**
- ✓ **MORNING TEA**
- ✓ **LUNCH**
- ✓ **AFTERNOON TEA**
- ✓ **TOWEL**
- ✓ **SPARE CHANGE OF CLOTHES**

Please note that due to health & safety requirements, children must wear enclosed/secure footwear at the centre. Thongs are dangerous and not acceptable footwear for the whole day as children can easily trip, slip, drop heavy objects on their feet.

During wet/water based activities child may wear water shoes, crocs or other shoes which are able to get wet. Thongs are suggested as a last resort and alternative footwear should be brought to wear during other activities & games.

9+ Program/Years 4 to 6:

One significant change we will be implementing from December onwards is to the 9+ program. Previously the program was split from approximately 10.30am – 3.00pm to allow the children 9 years & older to participate in some alternative activities which focused on the needs & interests of their age group. Many of which also assist in the development of important life skills.

Due to feedback from children & families we have decided to alter the way in which we split the program from this being based on the age of 9 to all children from **YEAR 4 to YEAR 6**. This means **ALL** children moving to Year 4 in 2019 will be included in this older program from January.

Due to the nature of some of the activities this group participates in there is a need for children to demonstrate a level of maturity & independence & be able to mix with members of the general public. Therefore it has been decided that children in Year 3 will remain part of the General Vacation Care program. Please note this change does not currently affect the ASC program.

ASC will remain divided with Kindergarten to Year 2 located at the GBOOSH Building and Years 3 to Years 6 located at the GBPS Hall.