



Gymea Bay Care & Leisure Centre

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GBOOSH Newsletter
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Important Updates 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.



Dates for your Diary

TERM 1 2019

13 March – Management Committee Meeting

WEEK 7 – Vacation Care Bookings round 1, **WEEK 8** – Invoices sent, payment due (NO CHANGES permitted)

WEEK 9 – Year 5 & 6 Fundraising Cake Stall

WEEK 10 - Final Term 1 Invoices will be emailed for payment

10 April – Management Committee Meeting

April 2019 Vacation Care

Monday 15 April – Commencement of Vacation Care

GBOOSH CLOSED:

- o 19 April & 22 April for Easter
- o 25 April for Anzac Day

Tuesday 30 April- children return to school GBOOSH open for BSC/ASC

Absences – if your child is going to be absent from BSC or ASC please contact the centre as soon as your aware of this. You can do this via email, telephone or text message.

This advice not only helps us to account for every child but allows other families awaiting for a casual place to access care with as much notice as possible. With so many families still waiting for places at the centre your consideration is much appreciated.

Pick up changes, Sports training & Extra Curricular Activities –

Please note that under the Child Care Regulations the centre must have written permission from a parent/guardian to release children to any other activities or additional contact people.

In regard to the release of children to attend sports training outside of the school grounds, parents MUST complete an Authorisation Form to allow children to be released to an authorised person over the age of 16 years. If your child will be returning to the centre after attending an activity they must also be signed back in by an authorised contact person. **Please note if your child is sick OR injured** (including minor injuries) **while attending another activity the centre will be unable to accept the child back into care.** In this case the authorised contact/coach/activity provider must contact the parent to collect the child.

Please email the GBOOSH office info@gymeabayoosh.com.au if you require a copy of the Activity Authorisation for Release Form.

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. Once the License Agreement is in place the Committee will determine new fee structure to commence during Term 2 2019.

**SAVE THE DATE: GBOOSH
Annual General Meeting
8 MAY 2019!** Management Committee Positions will be available for volunteer Parents to get involved in driving the future of OUR CENTRE. Stay tuned for more information!!!!

Staff Updates

As you may have noticed we have a number of new faces at here at GBOOSH.

Luisa, Amy, Jessica and Tiffany have joined GBOOSH as casual Educators.

Toby has also joined GBOOSH as a Casual Junior Educator, gaining experience working with children while completing his high school studies.

Please make them feel welcome by introducing yourself at pick up or drop off times.



Additional Places Update – STOP PRESS

GBPS Principle Hendrika Green has received the news just yesterday (14/3) that our license agreement is with the Minister's office for signing. Only a few days ago we received advice that the agreement would remain unsigned until after the upcoming Government Elections had been completed.

So we are excited that this has been turned around & made a priority. We are well into the process of planning for the increased 30 places to commence in Term 2. We will keep families informed as things progress. GBOOSH is very thankful for the patience & support of all families & Mrs Green throughout this very challenging process.

Behaviour Expectations at OOSH

Educators have recently experienced some ongoing challenging behaviours with children particularly in the Years 3 -6 group. While this is common for this age group as they are rapidly developing their independence and social skills, we do expect children to show courtesy & respect to Educators at all times. Please discuss with your children at home the importance of respecting the feelings & rights of not only their peers but also the Educators. Often Educators are providing children with instructions and behavior guidance which is in the interest of safety for everyone at the Centre.

Respect for Centre property and resources is also a big issue with children needing to develop an understanding of how destructive or disrespectful behavior will impact their time at the Centre if all of the resources become lost or broken. Without access to quality resources activities become limited making their time at GBOOSH seem dull and boring.

We have been bringing the children together as a group at relevant times to discuss safety, behaviour, packing away and appropriate use of equipment. We would appreciate parents also discussing this at home with children to reinforce these important issues. Serious behaviour concerns which are identified to be high risk to the children and staff can result in a child's position at the Centre being terminated.

Child Care Subsidy

As you are aware the Governments Child Care Subsidy System (CCSS) require parents to be proactive in confirming changes to their family income, work hours & care arrangements in order for CCSS to be correctly calculated on child care attendance.

If your work situation changes or your care at the centre changes, including non-attendance for a period of more than 8 weeks you will need to login to your MyGov or Centrelink account to update/confirm your details. We have found that families using the service for Vacation Care only appear to have an expired CCS registration the following holiday period, therefore these families will need to login to re-confirm their child's attendance in order for CCS to be applied to Vacation Care Fees.

FUNDRAISING CAKE STALL

The children in Years 5 & 6 have decided to run a fundraising project in week 9 of this term (week commencing 25/3/19).

In the weeks prior children will be preparing posters, planning & undertaking cooking activities to sell during BSC & ASC sessions. The children have decided to donate all monies raised to Brain Cancer Research.

Parents are invited to donate home cooked/purchased cakes & slices for the stall. If you are planning on donating a food item please remember to ensure the item is NUT FREE.

Thank you to Zoe (GBOOSH Educator) for supporting the children to prepare for this fundraising initiative.