



Gymea Bay Care
& Leisure Centre

Dates for your Diary

2019/2020

18 December –last day of Term
4 and BSC/ASC for 2019

19 & 20 December – Vacation
Care commences

23 December – 3 January –
GBOOSH closed for holidays

6 January – Vacation Care Re-
commences

27 January – GBOOSH CLOSED
for Australia Day Public Holiday

28 January – Final day of
Vacation Care

29 January – Year 1 – Year 6
BACK TO SCHOOL

3 February – Kindergarten 2020
Commence Big School



GBOOSH Newsletter Farewell 2019

Important Updates from

The GBOOSH team: It has been a busy few weeks in the GBOOSH office sending out 2020 BSC/ASC offers, processing end of year accounts and Vacation Care Bookings. We have also been celebrating another year and saying FAREWELL to some of our Year 6 children or children moving to other schools. We wish these children and their families ALL THE BEST for the future!

ADDITIONAL PLACES FOR GBOOSH

This week we have received some very exciting news for the Gymea Bay community, GBOOSH has now been approved to expand its approved places to 180 children per session. This means we will now be able to accommodate the care needs of many of our waitlisted families. We will commence offering these places via email in the week beginning 16 December 2019. As we will be working throughout the holidays, we will continue to offer families any additional sessions we can as we process responses and booking changes from other families.

Stay tuned for updates on changes to the ASC routine to incorporate these additional places. The GBOOSH leaders will be planning for the required changes to manage the larger group sizes and continue to facilitate quality, engaging programs for the children.

STAFF UPDATES

We have also seen some staffing changes this term, due to unforeseen circumstances our replacement Centre Director is no longer with GBOOSH. As a result, Corinne Bochkareff is excited to be extending her time with GBOOSH and will be working both remotely and in the centre.



Morgan Harris (pictured) joined the GBOOSH team on Monday 9 December to replace Kirsty Merrill. Kirsty has been continuing to work at GBOOSH 1 day per week handing over her responsibilities to Morgan.

Kirsty will be moving on to take up a new role working as a bookkeeper in Engadine, we wish her well and she will be greatly missed at GBOOSH.

Some of our regular casual Educators have now completed their final practicums and are commencing/seeking work as primary teachers. Some will continue to stay with GBOOSH during Vacation Care however if successful in obtaining block/permanent placements we may not see them return in 2020.



This term Sophie Digby & Olivia Burden have commenced with GBOOSH as casual Educators. Both Sophie and Olivia are studying part-time at University and we welcome them to the team. And we have also welcomed back Gemma Lamond as a casual Educator during Vacation Care. Gemma has been teaching full time, however is planning to travel overseas in 2020 so is taking the holidays to plan and prepare for her trip.

GBOOSH Management Committee

The Management Committee would like to extend the invitation to all our new GBOOSH families to join them for their first meeting in 2020! The meetings are a great way for families to get involved in the service and understand the planning & decision-making processes that go into making our wonderful centre tick.

SAVE THE DATE: the **FIRST GBOOSH Management Meeting for 2020 on 12 FEBRUARY, 6.30pm at the Centre!** All parents are welcome to attend and get involved.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

VACATION CARE – What to bring:

- ❖ Plenty of food – children are busy through out the day so often eat more than they do at school. Pack something for morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea & lots of water! Please remember due to allergies our centre is NUT and EGG FREE.
- ❖ Hat – full brimmed hats are preferred & GBOOSH will supply the sunscreen.
- ❖ Change of clothes – during summer we enjoy lots of water and messy play experiences which sometimes require a change of clothes.
- ❖ Cossies and rash/sun shirts – for water play days, see program on the website for more details.
- ❖ Protective, covered shoes – children enjoy running, kicking balls, climbing, cooking and much more... closed in shoes minimises risk and injury to feet.

Signing In/Out – Please SHUT the Gate!

It is important that every single child is signed in and out of the service by a parent or guardian over the age of 16 years. Exact sign in/out times must be submitted to Centrelink every week and will be used by them to calculate actual attendance hours against your approved hours of care.

Children MUST be escorted out of the gates under the supervision of a parent or authorised contact person, this includes children being collected from the school hall. It is not acceptable to let children walk around the grounds of the school unsupervised or out of the gate under any circumstances, this includes children 'running ahead'.

Under the Regulations this is a breach and can become a reportable incident which can have very serious consequences for the centre and Responsible Person on Duty.

WELCOME to our NEW GBOOSH FAMILIES

Some families will be joining us for their very first sessions during Vacation Care. While others we will meet in February 2020, as school for kindergarten commences on Monday 3 February 2020 can you please confirm your child's start date with GBOOSH. Every session we must account for all enrolled children so it is important you email, SMS or call the service if your child will not be attending a session. We can then mark the off the roll.

We understand and support families who may choose to start a day or two later while children settle into their new routine. Kindergarten commences Monday 3 February.

Please contact the centre if you have any questions or information you need to share about your child.





Absences & Cessation of Care

Every child is entitled to have 42 absences per year which CCS is paid against, however if your child exceeds the 42 absent days you will be automatically charged fees at the full rate. If you are going on a holiday of an extended period or your child or a family member has been unwell for an extended period resulting in absences higher than 42 days, please talk to the GBOOSH office. If you are able to supply the appropriate documentation GBOOSH can submit this to Centrelink for special consideration for additional absences.

Full rate fees also apply if you do not attend your very first session of care or your final session of care when leaving the service. These are not policies that GBOOSH can override or give special consideration for as they are Centrelink policies. Please refer to information on the Centrelink website if you need any further information.

Kindergarten Routines

Kindergarten will commence on Monday 3 February and during Term 1 Kindergarten finishes school at 2.50pm.

In BSC, Kindergarten children participate in a morning programmed activity after the Year 1 – 6 children have been released to the school.

At approximately 8.50pm Kindergarten children are escorted to the Kindergarten area. GBOOSH Educators remain in the area until the bell rings for school.

In ASC 2 GBOOSH Educators will collect Kindergarten children from the Kindergarten area each day and walk them to the GBOOSH building. A manual roll is marked at pick up and children are electronically signed in on arrival at the centre.

READ OUR COMMUNICATIONS

Please make sure you read all communications from GBOOSH carefully to avoid missing important dates such as Enrolment, the release of Vacation Care Booking Forms and dates for your diary. GBOOSH tries to communicate with families using a range of methods to keep you informed of all of these key dates.

There is often a few key messages and reminders included on the Statements each week so please take the time to read them so that you can contact the centre if you have missed a previous email.

GBOOSH also likes to receive communications from families. Please make sure if your circumstances have changed, you need to amend a booking or something is going on at home which may impact your child's day/behaviour its important that we know. Stop for a chat, pop us an email or make a telephone call.

Happy Holidays from the Team at

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