



Gymea Bay Care  
& Leisure Centre

# GBOOSH Newsletter

October 2020

## THANK YOU:

A huge Thank You to Geoff Snellgrove, Mark Badovinac, Rania Saunders, Bryce Jonas, David Levitski & Andrew Crossling who have all contributed to various projects at the centre this year.

## 2020 we're almost there – It's time to prepare for 2021

As we move into Term 4 2020 it seems like it wasn't that long ago we were running the re-enrolment process. However it does feel like it was an awfully long time ago that we were able to sit around a table with family & friends without thinking about how far apart we should be sitting, how many people are allowed to be at the table & whether you have supplied enough hand sanitiser!

2020 has provided it challenges & we thank GBOOSH families for their ongoing support of the service. Without families continuing to use the service, without the guidance of the Management Committee, the support of GBPS and the Government, COVID-19 could have had some very serious consequences for the future of GBOOSH. While we have seen a significant decrease in attendance numbers for 2020, we hope that as families return to their places of work in 2021 we might see the return of many children.

During October GBOOSH is asking families to start the enrolment process for 2021 so we can plan for staffing, resources & budgets. However, please do not be concerned if you are still unsure of the days you require for 2021, please complete a form with the days/sessions you predict you may need. With 180 approved places, we are expecting to have enough availability for families to return to their required days, as well as for kindergarten children to enrol for their required days.

Please following the directions provided to complete Step 1 & 2 of the process prior to 23 October 2020.

### GBOOSH Management Committee

The Management Committee has continued to meet via the Microsoft Teams platform as a way of getting around the COVID-19 restrictions.

It is thought that in the future a virtual component will be combined with face-to-face meetings which will allow some families to participate from their homes with less disruption to family life.

Currently the Management Committee is working on areas of improving the website, policy development, impacts of the privacy act and budget development.

If you wish to get involved in the future Management Meetings please email Corinne Bochkareff at [director@gymeabayoosh.com.au](mailto:director@gymeabayoosh.com.au) and we can add you to the email list.

## Dates for your Diary

**5 – 16 October** - Re-enrolment for existing families via QK Enrol Family Lounge

**First Day Back** – 12 October 2020

**19 – 23 October** – return of 2021 Booking Forms

**Week 7** –April Vacation Care Program released on the website

**Week 8** –Vacation Care Booking Form released

**Week 10** – Payment required for Vacation Care & Term 4

**17 & 18 December** – Vacation Care Commences

**21 December – 1 January 2021** –GBOOSH Closed for Christmas Break

**4 – 25 January** – January 2021 Vacation Care Program

**26 January** - Public Holiday

**27 January 2021** - School Returns

## GBOOSH Conditions of Entry

Parents/Visitors must be willing and able to agree to the following requirements to:

- at all times, maintain social distancing measures (as per the NSW Health guidelines) with respect to other visitors and staff;
- maintain good personal hand hygiene by using the provided hand sanitiser on arrival and departure from the service;
- maintain good respiratory hygiene by coughing or sneezing into their elbow or a tissue, and then disposing of tissues immediately and sanitising;
- leave the site immediately if they become unwell, after notifying a staff member;
- not walk any further than the main GBOOSH building, please advise staff if your child needs to be radioed up from the Year 3-6 area;
- if you are waiting for your child to complete an activity or collect their belongings please wait outside on the concrete area;
- at all times, treat staff and other visitors with respect.

### **EXCLUSION - Visitors are not permitted to enter GBOOSH if they:**

- are experiencing any flu-like symptoms (sore throat, runny nose, persistent cough, shortness of breath, fever);
- have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (during the period of time in which the virus is contagious);
- are awaiting the results of a test for COVID-19;
- reside with anyone who is awaiting the results of a test for COVID-19;
- have visited any of the latest COVID-19 case locations listed online at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>
- have returned from international travel and failed to observe the government requirement to quarantine for 14 days.



## VACATION CARE

Relaxing of COVID-19 Restrictions has allowed us to venture to local parks this holiday period as well as bringing in a fantastic variety of incursions and hands-on experiences.

With a further relaxing of restrictions announced by the Premier in the last week of Term 3 we are now planning some exciting excursions for our December – January Vacation Care. GBOOSH will run 2 days of Vacation Care **on 17 and 18 December 2020**, followed by the usual Christmas Closure period from 21 December – 1 January 2021. **The centre will reopen on Monday 4 January 2021 for vacation care.**

We hope that the children will enjoy the expanded program & getting out in the community.

Please remember when attending Vacation Care you must bring a back pack containing:

- Sturdy enclosed shoes
- A sun hat, preferably full brimmed
- Enough food to cover morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea
- A drink bottle
- Wearing a T-shirt with sleeves protecting shoulders

## FEES and Booking Changes

As GBOOSH no longer receives any COVID based Government funding, we ask that families pay their invoices ASAP to help the centre cover all associated costs. The centre is now completely dependent on fee payments and with lower attendance numbers this does make it challenging at times.

Throughout Term 2 & 3 GBOOSH has been very flexible with booking changes & cancellations requested by families to assist with the uncertainty around COVID-19. In order to ensure we are able to cover general expenses including staff wages, we also ask families to please provide as much notice as possible for booking changes & cancellations. In Term 4, GBOOSH will be returning to our 2 week notice period for cancellation of any permanent bookings and 48 hours notice for cancellation of any casual bookings. All booking changes & cancellations should be in writing, emailed to [info@gymeabayoosh.com.au](mailto:info@gymeabayoosh.com.au).

## COVID-19 Updates

GBOOSH will continue to monitor the continually changing situation around COVID-19.

Please remember to ask your children to wash/sanitise hands on arrival and departure from GBOOSH. This will reduce the chances of cross infection between OOSH & home.

We thank all of our families for their support and patience throughout this period as it has been challenging at times.

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*  
*From GBOOSH*