



Gymea Bay Care & Leisure Centre

IMPORTANT Dates for your Diary

MONTHLY Parent Management Committee Meeting: 2nd Wednesday evening of each month at 6.30pm

Term Dates to note:

WEEK 5 – Vacation Care Programs are released on the GBOOSH Website

WEEK 7 – Vacation Care Booking Form Released on the website

WEEK 8 – Vacation Care Invoices sent

WEEK 9 – Vacation Care Payments due

WEEK 10 - Final Term Invoices will be emailed for payment



Welcome to GBOOSH

Gymea Bay Care and Leisure Centre (GBOOSH) offers centre based care for school aged children from 4.5-12 years old. The centre provides before and after school, vacation care and pupil free day care on the grounds of Gymea Bay Public School. We are licensed to accommodate 180 children for before and after school care and up to 75 children for vacation care.

The Centre has been operating for over 25 years at Gymea Bay Public School and is a not for profit organization, incorporated & run by a volunteer Management Committee of parents.

Although we operate separately from the school, we closely align ourselves with the School's core values and a commitment to quality in childhood and education. At our centre we aim to create a caring, stimulating, happy and safe environment, where children can freely choose amongst a wide variety of supervised play and recreational activities and experiences.

Please feel free to approach the Centre's Director, Coordinators or Educators with regards to any questions, concerns or enquiries that you may have. They will be more than happy to help!

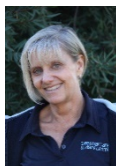
GBOOSH STAFF

Many of our staff, in particular our leadership team have been in the child care industry for over 10 years. We have a mix of permanent part-time & casual staff making up our diverse team, many with hidden skills & talents from arts & crafts, to gardening, sports & technology.

Nominated Supervisor/Director: Corinne Bochkareff



Nominated Supervisors/Joint Coordinators & Educational Leaders:



Cheryl Carroll
Kristin Garsheen
Skye Hunt



Team Leader: Caryl Price

We look forward to working with your family!

Starting School & OOSH

The first day can be frightening even for the best of us. To assist your child to settle more easily please allow 5-10min with them, engaging in an activity and getting to know the educators and routines.

When it comes to saying goodbye your child may become upset – this is quite normal. Please say goodbye, say where you are going and that you will be back for them later and leave quickly. While we know this may be hard for the parent/guardian also, we have learnt from experience that dragging out your departure too long only leads to the child's distress. Please feel free to ring the centre to find out how your child is settling in.

GBOOSH spends terms 1-3 gradually settling children into the routine of attending school & GBOOSH, children are escorted to & from the service by Educators.



Overview of our Programs

Before School Care (BSC) 7am – 8.30/9am (\$18 casual/\$17 permanent per session*)

7am: Centre opens, breakfast & activities commence

7.30am: Indoor & Outdoor play is available

8am: breakfast closes

8.20am: BSC activities completed & pack up commences.

8.30am: Morning announcements & roll marking commences to release Years 1 – 6 children to school playground.

Note: Kindergarten children are supervised until 9am.

After School Care (ASC) 3pm – 6pm (\$26 casual/\$25 permanent per session*)

3pm: children arrive at GBOOSH, (K-2 Years at main building & 3-6 Years at GBPS hall) afternoon tea is available in both locations.

On some days activities may also run from the GBPS music room.

4pm: programmed ASC activities commence indoors & outdoors.

5pm: All children are combined at Main GBOOSH building.

6pm: Centre closes



Vacation Care: 7am – 6pm (\$60* per day + any excursion/incursion fees)

The Centre is licensed to operate from 7am – 6pm during school holidays & on Pupil Free Days.

The program released in week 5 of each term will outline details around the proposed activities for each day including the start & finish time of excursions & incursions.

(* Fee costs are current as at 1 August 2020)

Arrival & Departure at the service

Entrance to the centre is through the school gate via June Place. Please note that all other gate entrances may be locked after school hours.

Don't forget to shut the gate on entry and exit to the school grounds.

No parking is permitted on school grounds, including the school staff car park. Parents are reminded that when parking on June Place this should be in accordance with the road rules & please respect the residents by not blocking driveways & footpaths.

All children must be accompanied to and from the centre, signed in and signed out, by a parent or authorised adult (over 16 years of age) as indicated on your enrolment form. Children will not be released to any other person unless written permission is provided by the parent. Electronic sign in/out is completed outside the GBOOSH office using a tablet. Children, under no circumstances, are to be left at the centre at any time prior to 7am and must be picked up before 6pm as we are not licensed to care for children outside of these hours.

Late collection of children, after 6pm, will incur a fee of \$5.00 per minute/per child.

Enrolment

with GBOOSH is completed separately to school enrolment. Please visit the GBOOSH Website: www.gymea bayoosh.com.au for enrolment links & forms or contact the GBOOSH office info@gymeabayoosh.com.au. Re-enrolment is completed each year in August/September for existing families and October/November for new families.

Bookings

can be on a permanent (routine) or casual (flexible) basis. Casual bookings can be made up to 7 days in advance via email & cancelled without penalty if more than 48 hours notice is given. If less than 48 hours notice is provided, children will be marked as absent.

CCS (Child Care Subsidy) is available to eligible families. Families are responsible for accessing the MyGov website/app to confirm attendance & updates such as changes to booking patterns or family income. Centrelink pays CCS directly to the service as a fee reduction, please check your statement to ensure CCS is applied to your fees.

Statements are emailed to families on a weekly basis for payment via direct deposit or direct debit.

Absences

Parents are responsible for communicating absences with GBOOSH. This can be done via email to info@gymeabayoosh.com.au or phone/SMS to 0408 210 705.

If children are unable to be accounted for at roll call parents will be contacted and need to respond urgently as children who are unaccounted for are reportable to the Department.

Centrelink allows 42 days per year of absences where CCS is payable.