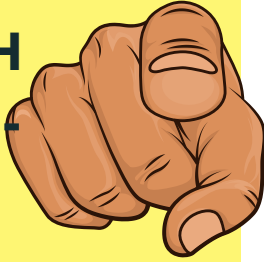


THE GBOOSH COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!



The GBOOSH Management Committee meets once per month to oversee the governance and financial management of GBOOSH.

Most meetings are online, which assists parents in balancing their family commitments.

Our next meeting is our AGM Wednesday 8 May 2024 @ 6.30pm at GBOOSH.

In 2024-2025 we are looking for new Members to help fill the role of some families who will be leaving us due to their children no longer using GBOOSH!

If you want to find out more please contact

Corinne, GBOOSH Director:
director@gymeabayoosh.com.au
OR **Mark, GBOOSH President**
gbooshcommittee@gmail.com

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& Leisure Centre



DATES TO REMEMBER

- **12 April:** last day Term 1 2024
- **15 April:** First day of April Vacation Care
- **25 April:** Closed for Public Holiday
- **30 April:** School returns for Term 2
- **8 May:** GBOOSH AGM @ 6.30pm at GBOOSH
- **Week 7, Term 2:** Vacation Care Program available
- **8 July 2024:** Vacation Care commences
- **31 July 2024:** OOSH Educators Day

We thank our GBOOSH families for their support in Term 1.
Happy Holidays From Corinne, Cheryl, Kristin, Skye & the GBOOSH Team!

GBOOSH UPDATES

Thank you to all the families who joined us for **GBOOSH Family Celebration**. It was a great success with 150 sausage sizzles served up by our staff and GBOOSH President Mark. We hope you had a chance to chat with the GBOOSH staff and mingle with other GBOOSH families.

SIGNING IN/OUT: In order to comply with the Regulations and CCS law families **MUST** sign children in/out each session of care.

- Missed sign ins have to be counter signed by the parent on their next visit before CCS will be paid.
- If another person is collecting your child do NOT give them your sign out details, additional contacts can either be set up if they will be visiting GBOOSH regularly or GBOOSH staff will sign in/out on your behalf.
- **Please ensure you complete the sign in/out process IN FULL every session to avoid follow up phone calls from GBOOSH or non payment of CCS. If you need assistance with signing in/out please see the GBOOSH Office.**

ABSENCES: Please remember that if your child will be absent from GBOOSH or was collected directly from school you need to let GBOOSH know - either by text 0408 210 705 or email info@gymeabayoosh.com.au. Your assistance with this is appreciated as GBOOSH MUST account for all children booked into care each afternoon.

STAFF NEWS: This month GBOOSH will have 2 new staff joining our team. Maya and Bec will be joining us as casual educators, please make them feel welcome.

CAN YOU HELP GBOOSH:

- We are looking for donations of old magazines that children can use for craft experiences.
- Share your Skills and Expertise - we are looking for parents, grandparents, friends of GBOOSH that can share their skills, expertise or hobby with the children. Are you great at art or craft? Are you in the fire brigade, police force, health or another profession that you can talk about?

If you have a skill you can share please let us know.

We would love to have you visit and share it with the children.



VACATION CARE UPDATE

GBOOSH is again ready to provide a fantastic variety of excursions, incursions and centre based activities for the children during April. Please remember to check the theme days prior to arriving at GBOOSH so you can ensure your child has the equipment needed for the day.

The program is released in week 7 of Term and if you need care for the holidays it is important to get your forms in ASAP. Vacation Care numbers are often limited by the activities we are doing or the staff available to work over each day.

GBOOSH conducts thorough risk assessments for each activity, all external providers are also required to provide their Working With Children Check, Risk Assessment and Certificate of Currency. If you have any questions or concerns about the program do not hesitate to ask one of the Leaders.

We look forward to providing a fun and engaging program this holidays!

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)

Did you know that GBOOSH is assessed under the same Quality Standards as long day care/preschool?

GBOOSH is currently rated as Meeting the National Quality Standard.



Recently GBOOSH received a compliance spot check from the Department of Education who deemed GBOOSH as compliant with the Quality Standards. Spot Checks are unannounced and GBOOSH had to produce multiple documents and evidence, including medical action plans and medication.

It is important that families assist GBOOSH in meeting these requirements by providing accurate enrolment information, medical plans and medication on request. Missing or outdated plans and medication will affect GBOOSH's compliance.

We are pleased to advise that on this visit the Assessors provided GBOOSH with some positive feedback and praise for the way staff worked together and communicated on the day. This feedback will help inform our quality improvement and self assessment process!

GBOOSH is always looking for feedback from our families. Currently we are seeking feedback via surveys on our philosophy to help inform our Self Assessment Process. Please get involved either online or at the sign in/out desk.

CCS REMINDERS

AS WE APPROACH END OF FINANCIAL YEAR:

Please remember to keep your details up to date with Centrelink in regards to changes to your family income, work hours or other changes in circumstances. Every year families **MUST** login to update their Estimated Income for the coming financial year.

GBOOSH is also unable to report on changes to family circumstances or access additional funding for families without an active CCS approval.

Centrelink/Services Australia has direct access to your GBOOSH account and can therefore cancel or vary your rate of CCS at anytime. This includes retracting money paid on previous attendances. GBOOSH can not stop or investigate any deductions made by Centrelink.

It is also worth noting that CCS is not payable on absences during the notice period, when cancelling permanent care or when commencing a new booking.

All enquiries regarding CCS must be made by the individual parent. If you can not resolve the issue via your MyGov account, you will need to contact **Services Australia on 136 150.**