



TERM 2 2026

GBOOSH NEWS



Updates from GBOOSH

Welcome to Term 2, 2026: After a busy vacation care program, GBOOSH is looking forward to seeing everyone back at BSC and ASC for another term of fun and engaging activities!

Staffing updates: You may have noticed some new faces at GBOOSH with more to come over the next few weeks. Larisa, Sarah and Sharon are all new casual Educators with GBOOSH. Please welcome them as they get to know all the families and routines.

Absences from Care: It is the responsibility of each parent to advise GBOOSH when their child will be absent from care. Advice can be in an email info@gymeabayoosh.com.au or via SMS 0408210705, failure to advise the service in advance may result in your account being charged a non-notification fee.

CCS reminders: As we approach end of financial year it's a good time for families to login to their MyGov to ensure that income estimates and work hour information is correct and up to date. This prevents any pauses in CCS after 30 June. Please note after 30 June, it will also be important to complete your annual tax returns to confirm this information.

Medical and family information: As we commence a new term please let us know if there have been any changes to your child's health and medical needs or your family circumstances. As part of your ongoing enrolment agreement with GBOOSH, families are responsible for keeping GBOOSH informed of any changes that may impact your child's care needs or safety. This can be anything from a change in medication, to a new address or significant changes to your family routine. Please advise us of any changes in writing to info@gymeabayoosh.com.au

GBOOSH Management Committee & AGM

The GBOOSH Management Committee is a volunteer group of parents who meet online for about 1 hour each month to discuss the centre's financial and operational matters. As a not-for-profit parent run service, GBOOSH management will be working towards a merger with the school's P&C Committee. This is a requirement of the Department of Education and once completed GBOOSH will be issued with an 8 year licence.

In order to continue with this process, it is critical that GBOOSH continues to maintain an active group of committee members, if you are interested in getting involved in supporting our service please email Corinne Bochkareff, director@gymeabayoosh.com.au.

On Wednesday 20 May 2026 from 6.30pm, GBOOSH will hold its Annual General Meeting, onsite at the service. During the AGM all current positions on the Committee are made vacant and new members may be appointed by nomination. Positions for nomination include- President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary/Public Officer, Assistant Secretary and up to 6 general members. This will form our GBOOSH Management Committee for 2026/2027.

A HUGE **THANK YOU** to our outgoing members, some who have been active members of the committee for over 5 years. A special mention goes to Craig Manwarring who has held the position of Treasurer and PMC since 2020. Craig has worked closely with Corinne and the Committee to assist GBOOSH to recover financially from the impacts of COVID, as well as document our financial processes which will greatly assist GBOOSH in maintaining a stable financial future.

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April 2026 Vacation Care



Thank you to those families who supported our April vacation care program.

This holiday period the GBOOSH team put together another fantastic program consisting of the sustainability activities, visits from the gaming truck, 9D cinema, african drumming, Nick the Stockman and two busy excursion days to Wollongong Science Centre and Zone Bowling. Each day Educators display the daily story in the main room, which outlines the activities completed that day and includes a few photos of both indoor and outdoor experiences.

The team aims to provide a varied program each holidays based on the interests and needs of children, feedback from families and staff on previous programs, as well as meeting the requirements of the *National Quality Standard* and school aged learning framework *My Time Our Place*. Many hours of work goes into planning and booking each day. It is very rewarding to see the children engaged in the program and to receive feedback from families.

If you would like to provide feedback our survey is open for one more week:
<https://forms.gle/iBQtC35nybxTA4V6>

It is important to note, that as the program runs over 11 hours each day and GBOOSH is licensed for smaller numbers, care places are limited. As a result GBOOSH often has waitlisted families who may need additional care to support their work or other family commitments. If your child is unable to attend their booked days, please advise GBOOSH asap so that the place can be offered to another family.

A big thank you to Cheryl, Kristin and Marjia for leading the team through a very busy and enjoyable holiday program!



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Behaviour expectations at GBOOSH

While GBOOSH runs a program based on recreation, children's interests and developing independence, there are a number of behaviour expectations to ensure the safety of all children and GBOOSH staff.

If your child is not following the behaviour expectations you may be contacted by telephone, email or the Responsible Person on Duty will chat with you upon pick up. This is to ensure that GBOOSH is able to provide an environment where all children, families and staff feel safe and comfortable.

Please talk openly with children at home about behaviour expectations to support their time at GBOOSH and help ensure that GBOOSH is a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone:

- **Respect-** is an important value to teach children when it comes to building friendships and connections. It is equally important to have respect for our friends, GBOOSH educators, and GBOOSH equipment, as this helps to ensure all children feel safe at GBOOSH and have access to quality and enjoyable experiences. For this reason, GBOOSH encourages positive behaviour management where disrespectful behaviour must be addressed immediately.
- **Making safe choices-** GBOOSH allows children the freedom to make decisions about their activities, whether they would like to play indoors or outdoors, whether they might like to engage in loud and energetic activities or retreat to quiet spaces to relax and unwind. Children are supported by educators to ensure that they make safe choices, such as using equipment as intended, resolving conflict or emotional responses to a situation, or following directions to ensure any risks are managed appropriately.
- **Boundaries-** witches' hats mark physical play areas, and children should stay within these boundaries to ensure educators are able to visually see them at all times. Intentionally running out of bounds or attempting to leave marked boundaries can be a serious safety risk; therefore, in some instances, this becomes a reportable incident to the department.
- **Bullying, aggressive, or threatening behavior** - GBOOSH has a zero-tolerance policy for behaviour that causes others to feel threatened or compromises safety. This includes physical behaviour and attempts to harm others, including throwing objects, lashing out, using hurtful language, or making threats to harm.

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Behaviour Management

Educators role model positive behaviour strategies when supporting children to resolve conflict, set boundaries for play and through positive interactions, guidance and language. Positive behaviour is reinforced by praise and simple rewards, we enjoy sharing 'good news' stories about positive behaviour with families at pick up. When this is followed through at home, it helps to build confidence and reinforce that there is ongoing recognition and reward for staying safe, making good choices, following directions or meeting group expectations.

If your child requires additional behaviour support, it is essential that behaviour support plans, diagnostic reports or strategies are provided by specialist practitioners working with your family. This greatly assists GBOOSH to support challenges in the OOSH environment and ensure safety for everyone.

Strategies and support plans should be tailored to the OOSH environment, as this is very different to strategies you would implement in a school based or long day care environment. Remember to consider some of the environmental and physical barriers in an OOSH setting, such as open spaces, access to public places as well as limitations for supervision, child safety and child protection considerations. Please note that child protection and child safety laws, do not allow educators to physically restrain or hold a child. Therefore educators are unable to implement any strategies which require physical restraint or physical touch between a child and educator.

Similarly, if you are trialling a new medication or dosage of medication which may impact your child's health, wellbeing or behaviour, please speak to the Responsible Person on Duty as this can have a big impact on their day and how they interact with others during the session.

Behaviour incidents may be documented to assist staff in developing strategies for managing ongoing behaviour concerns. Should regular patterns of unsafe behaviour be recorded, families will be contacted to attend a meeting and/or participate in developing risk assessment or behaviour management plans.

Significant incidents of unsafe behaviour may result in temporary suspension of placement, as it is important that risks are addressed quickly to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

Safety is paramount above all else, so we thank families for their support in implementing these important policies to ensure our time at GBOOSH is enjoyable and where possible risks are minimised.

If you have any questions about the GBOOSH Behaviour Management Policy or would like to obtain a copy of the policy, please visit the resource shelf in the foyer, speak to the GBOOSH office or email the service info@gymeabayoosh.com.au.

