



Gosford Children's Services

Term 2 2017

School's Back For Term 2!!

Welcome to all our new and returning families! We hope you had fun, safe easter holidays and are ready to take on Term 2 2017!! Educators at Gosford remain the same for Term 2, Emma Shepherd is our Nominated Supervisor, Debra Bowen is our Certified Supervisor and Educational Leader and Tahni Wilson is also a Certified Supervisor (NQF 7.1.3). We have a few new casuals that joined with us during the holidays which you will meet throughout the term. All **our educators meet the children's service qualification requirements set out in the regulations** as well as first aid, asthma, anaphylaxis, and risk of harm training.

Easter Holidays

We had great holidays. We had alot more children than we were anticipating and as a result had to hire some casual educators to meet our educator-to-child ratio of 1:15 (NQF 4.1.1). **Gosford's** most popular days were Tuesday 11th April when we took 95 children to Hoyts at Erina to see the Lego Batman movie and Friday 21st April we took 78 children to Clip N Climb in Gosford. If you have suggestions for excursions or venues that you think your children would love please let us know. We are always looking for something new and exciting to provide for the children.

Accounts

Please ensure your accounts are two weeks in advance at all times. Also keep in mind that casual bookings must be paid on the day of attendance. If you have any money owing on your account you will be unable to book in any extra days until the amount owing has been paid. A reminder that there is a \$10 term fee applied to accounts each term and in term 3 we have the \$25 annual admin fee.

Vacation Care

Our Vacation Care flyers are in the final stages of editing and show be printed within the next week. Look **out for the flyers in your children's school bags in the coming weeks.**

If you have already completed an enrolment form for 2017 then all you need to book in for Vacation Care is a booking form. This can be found on our website, in service or you can ask Denyelle to email one directly through to you.

Once Emma at Gosford or Loren at Woy Woy receive your booking form they can issue you a quote for the requested days. Vacation Care fees as well as any outstanding term two fees must be paid prior to any attendance.

Our Vacation Care opening hours are 7am to 6:30pm. Fees will apply to anyone picked up after 6:30pm in accordance with our centre policies.

Appessment

We have begun using Appessment to document the children's learning stories. You will have received an email from the service asking you to verify your parent profile that we have linked to your child/ren. Once you have verified yourself, every time we publish a story that involves your child you will receive an email notification. You have the opportunity to view the story and photos and leave comments for the educators and other parents to see.

If you haven't yet returned the permission note and elected a photo preference please do so as soon as possible so we can get this finalised.

Any feedback is appreciated.

Professional Development

We are committed to continuous improvement. A key part of this is that we are continually monitoring and motivating our educators to build on their knowledge and skills through training opportunities (N.Q.F: 7.1.4). On Wednesday 3rd May, educators began the first of six webinar training sessions to extend their **knowledge of the "The Role of the Educational Leader"**. While Sharon is our educational leader here at Point Clare, having our Nominated Supervisor complete the training as well means that Denyelle and Sharon are able collaborate their ideas and knowledge that they get from this training and pass that information and strategies on to other educators at our bimonthly staff meetings. Cooperation is one of the values of Coast Community Connections and we can achieve this by making our knowledge, skills and resources available to others, both within and outside the organisation. Keep an eye on our weekly program to see just how much this training has improved **our educator's ability to enhance children's learning** and development and ensure their safety and wellbeing.

Lost Property

The days are getting colder and the children are rugging up in layers of jumpers, beanies, scarves, gloves and other items. When they come inside and the air conditioning is on they remove the layers and things get lost. To help us make sure your child/ren get their items back please make sure their clothes and belonging are clearly labelled.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

On Thursday 25 May 2017, volunteers and staff from Coast Community Connections Peninsula **Community Centre are holding an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event in support of the Cancer Council**. This year the special event will again be held in the main hall of the Peninsula Community Centre with the first cup to be raised at 10am. It will also be a family friendly event and we will have a dedicated area and activities for pre-schoolers so parents can join in on the activities and be close by. Entry is \$5 which includes a bottomless cuppa, yummy treats, entertainment and lucky door prizes. There will be raffles, giant cup & saucer lucky dips, a dedication wall made by our children from Before & After School Care. You can also enter Sandra's Cup Cake Challenge, named in honour of our friend and volunteer Sandra. Visit our website for information on how to enter the cupcake challenge.

Together, we can help Cancer Council raise much needed funds that go towards vital cancer research, prevention and support.

What - Coast Community Connections Biggest Morning Tea

When - Thursday 25 May 2017

Time - from 10am

Entertainment - **This year's entertainment includes** a performance from Woy Woy South Public **School's Choir and our children** from Occasional Care

Venue - Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Road Woy Woy.

For more information visit www.coastcommunityconnections.com.au or please phone the Centre on 02 4341 9333.