

# GPAC Newsletter

## Term 3, 2018

### DEAR GPAC FAMILIES,

*Wow, half the year has flown past! This term we have some pretty exciting new things going on at GPAC and are most excited that we can now provide Vacation Care on our premises!*

### CHILD CARE SUBSIDY TRANSITION

From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to thank all families for your patience and support as we transitioned to the Child Care Subsidy. It wasn't an easy process, liaising with Centrelink and negotiating the software for finances and accounts for the roll out and transition. The team at GPAC worked tirelessly to ensure the smoothest transition possible but the support from our families made it much easier so, thank you.

If your circumstances change in regard to your family income or work hours, it is crucial **to update this information with Centrelink**. As the new system takes into account your income & the number of hours each parent is actively engaged in work, study or looking for work you must keep this information up to date.



### 2019 ENROLMENTS – KINDY & NEW FAMS

Enrolments for children starting School at G.P.P.S in 2019 open on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September for siblings of existing GPAC families and new families.

Please go to [www.gpactivitycentre.org](http://www.gpactivitycentre.org) and follow the 3 steps to enrol:

- Step 1 : Register for a My Family Lounge (MFL) account
- Step 2 : Sign in and make a booking request for sessions you require for next year.
- Step 3 : Respond to the offer we will make to you via email in mid November.

Offers will be emailed to **existing GPAC families** who have requested placement for 2019 in Week 4 of Term 4.

Offers will be emailed to **new GPAC families** who have requested placement for 2019 in Week 6 of Term 4.



### VACATION CARE AT GPAC

If you haven't already heard the great news, GPAC will be offering Vacation Care commencing from the October School holidays!

Our Vacation Care program is filled with exciting activities, excursions, theme days and workshops focusing on fun. Our experienced and friendly Educators, (who currently care for the children during the week), provide a safe, caring and exciting environment for School aged children, for the whole day.

Bookings are now open. The Vacation Care Activity Program, information sheet and booking form is now available for download from our website:

<http://www.gpactivitycentre.org/vacation-care>. Please note that we are not using the QKenrol My Family Lounge system for Vacation Care.

Booking forms should be returned to GPAC by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August**. Places are limited and will be allocated in order of date and time the booking form is received. Bookings are only open to students enrolled at Grays Point Public School and GPAC families with an active BSC/ASC booking will have priority over new families.

Offers will be sent to families requesting Vacation Care from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** with a separate invoice.

**Full payment** for Vacation Care is due by **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Only when full payment has been received is your booking confirmed. Once confirmed, your booking is final, and no changes can be made.

For any enquiries please don't hesitate to contact us at GPAC via emailing [admin@gpactivitycentre.org](mailto:admin@gpactivitycentre.org), call us on 9540 2020 or feel free to pop in.

## 2019 RE-ENROLMENTS FOR CURRENT FAMS

The re-enrolment process for current GPAC families will begin in Week 6 of Term 3.

All GPAC families with active BSC/ASC booking will need to log into their My Family Lounge account and resubmit the enrolment forms for all children that will attend GPAC in 2019.

This is an important process that will secure your families placement at GPAC in 2019.

More information regarding the re-enrolment process will be sent to families shortly.



## LOST PROPERTY

With winter comes an increase in 'lost property'. We currently have an overload of jumpers that have been left at the Centre. We always do our best to return lost items to your children, however if you are ever looking for something please take a look in our lost property bucket located just inside the front door. These items miss their owners.....



## ABSENCES

If you know your child will be absent, please text or call 0427 741 779 or leave a message in the communication book located on the sign-in desk. We ask this of you so that time isn't taken away from staff as they try to locate your children if they are expected here.

Failure to do so may result in a \$10 non-notification fee applied to your account.

\*Please note that email is not an acceptable mode to convey absences as the email accounts aren't checked every day.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August – Children's Book Week begins

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Final day for Father's Day gifts donations to be dropped off

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Vacation Care booking form due

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Father's Day

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Vacation Care confirmations and invoices sent out

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 2019 Kindergarten enrolments open

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Vacation Care payment due in full

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Last day of Term 3

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October inc. – Vacation Care throughout School Holidays

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Daylight Savings begins

## COMMITTEE NEWS

As GPAC is a not-for-profit, community-based Centre, the committee is always looking for parents, carers and guardians to join in and support the committee. If you are interested in joining the committee, or have a skill that could assist our Centre please contact our Business Manager Karen at [manager@gpactivitycentre.org](mailto:manager@gpactivitycentre.org)

## STAFF UPDATES



Please welcome Jessica McKenzie-Hicks and Brayden Wall to the GPAC family.

Jessica and Brayden have joined our team of caring and creative casual Educators.

Jessica is currently at University in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Secondary Teaching and Brayden is a freelance graphic designer, volunteered as a soccer coach and currently is also a youth group leader.

As our Centre grows so does the need for great employees and casuals. If you/or you know someone who currently has a Cert III or IV, or is a School teacher looking for casual work please forward us your Resume, suitability and availability.

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Nicole, our former co-ordinator, has been enjoying her holiday around this amazing country so much her original return date of Term 4 has been extended. We miss Nicole as we map out her travels via the road map and her postcards and look forward to her returning in Term 1 2019.

## MUESLI BAR DONATIONS

Grays Point Drive for ONE MEAL - A Community Engagement Project:-

A reminder that August is the month for the donation of MUESLI BARS and GPAC is proudly a drop-off centre for donations (in addition to the School canteen).

## FAMILY INPUT

If you have any announcement, information or achievements you would like us to share in our newsletter, please contact Jacky on [admin@gpactivitycentre.org](mailto:admin@gpactivitycentre.org)



## FATHERS DAY CARE PACKS

GPAC children and carers are looking for **Father's Day gift donations** that we can send to the 46 students that attend the Cumnock Public School. Cumnock is 60kms west of Orange and has been hit hard by the drought.

If you would like to donate please drop off care packs, hygiene products, the usual socks (maybe not jocks 😊), food that won't melt in postage, magazines, books, stationery, can coolers, keyrings, even gift cards or any other thoughtful products that Cumnock PS students can give to a significant male in their life.

If every family could please donate 'something' regifted/upcycled, unused it would be very much appreciated to show how we can partner up with another Community's School.

Last day for donations is the morning of **27th August** as we need to post our thoughts, cards and gifts off prior to Father's Day.

## **DON'T FORGET!**

A friendly reminder that payment for Term 3 invoices for B/ASC are due **in full** on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the balance due on your account or if you are having any concerns meeting these obligations so that we can discuss a payment plan.

## **NEW STATEMENT FORMAT**

You may have noticed the Term 3 statements look different. Please visit the link below for information on how to navigate your new statement.

<http://www.myfamilylounge.com.au/statements>

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