

# GPAC Newsletter

## Term 2, 2019

### DEAR GPAC FAMILIES,

*Almost halfway through the year! We've already done so much at Activity Centre. We've loads of exciting activities and events planned and we look forward to sharing them with our families.*

### GPAC'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA 23.05.19

This Thursday 23rd May GPAC will be hosting morning tea as part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, to support the Cancer Council.

The children will be baking loaves of banana bread and bacon and cheese muffins to sell from 7am until 9.30am. For \$5 you will get a reusable cup together with a T2 bag or coffee satchel and one of the baked treats. All GPPS families are welcome to purchase on the day however if you cannot make it and would like to donate, please follow the link below:

<http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/GraysPointActivityCentre1>

We look forward to seeing you!

### INVOICING MESSAGE

When making your term or vacation care payment, please refer to the amount in the **DUE NOW** box on the top, right hand corner of your statement. This includes additional fees such as the annual membership fee and excursion fees in addition to the child care gap amount. Please see the example below.



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### STATEMENT of Entitlement

#### General Account

Statement Issued: Thursday, 9 May 2019  
Statement Begins: Monday, 28 January 2019  
Statement Ends: Sunday, 14 April 2019

**Due Now: \$50.20**

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families that we rely on prompt payment of invoices. As we are a not-for-profit organisation, we rely on your fees to be able to provide activities, food and staff to care for your children. If you ever encounter any difficulty paying an invoice, please don't hesitate to speak to our Business Manager, Karen.



### VACATION CARE & PUPIL FREE DAY

April saw our busiest vacation care program yet! Loaded with exciting activities, it's no wonder GPAC vacation care is becoming so popular. Check out some fun photos below.



The program for the July school holiday program will be released next week, with vacation care bookings opening **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

We will be running Vacation Care in **both weeks** of the July school holidays, so don't forget to book in early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings for the school's planned **Pupil Free Day 22.07.19** will be included in the July Vacation Care booking form available on our website shortly but will be billed to your Term 3 statement.

[www.gpactivitycentre.org/vacation-care](http://www.gpactivitycentre.org/vacation-care)

## COMMITTEE NEWS

The GPAC Management Committee held their 2019 AGM on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March and we would like to welcome back our committee members for 2019:

- President: Tim Robinson
- Vice President: open
- Secretary & Public Officer: Justine Williams
- Treasurer: Kate Foster
- HR Director: Laura Applebee-Jones

Non-office bearing members:

- Karen Graham
- Nicole Giezekamp
- Jonathan Elcombe

As you're aware, GPAC is a not-for profit, community-based service that relies on volunteers to form the Management Committee. This is a requirement to meet the licensing requirements of Fair Trading and the Department of Education and Communities. The committee is always looking for parents, carers and guardians to join in and support the committee.

**The next committee meeting will be held at GPAC on Wednesday 7th August 2019.**

If you are unable to attend meetings, however, feel you have a skill or could assist us with project-based work please let us know. Or if you could shadow one of the assigned committee roles it would be appreciated.

**Please remember that without a Management Committee, there is no GPAC.**

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Save the date – **4th July** (with more details to come).

As we know the end of the year becomes very busy so we are bringing a mid year social night to GPAC by hosting a Christmas in July 2019.

We will invite all GPAC families to join us in welcoming our new kindergarten parents with a friendly BBQ and Snow Gear Sale.

GPAC greatly values sustainability, so just in time for families that will holiday in the snow and need to change up sizes of gear, GPAC will be hosting a Snow Gear - Swap, Sell or Donate on this night.

Families can bring in unneeded ski gear to sell or donate or purchase some upcycled snow gear. What a great community initiative!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We're looking for volunteers to help on the BBQ. If you're available, please speak to Nicole or email her at [program@gpactivitycentre.org](mailto:program@gpactivitycentre.org)



## B.Y.O.D. AGREEMENT

Children in years 5 & 6 wishing to use their iPad, smart phone, tablet or portable electronic device whilst in care at GPAC will need to read and sign a BYOD Agreement. If your child has not yet signed an Agreement, please see staff to arrange a copy of the Agreement.

Without a signed Agreement, children will not be able to use their personal devices at GPAC.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY FORM

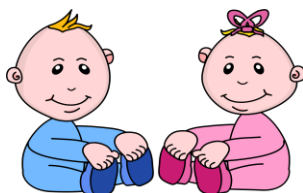
If your children are participating in any extra-curricular activities that requires them to be signed out of Activity Centre early, such as dancing or sports, please complete and return the 2019 Extra-curricular Activities form available at the Kiosk sign-in desk and on the website:

[www.gpactivitycentre.org/enrolments](http://www.gpactivitycentre.org/enrolments)



## STAFF NEWS

Kiara will be going on maternity leave at the conclusion of this term. We will be thinking of her as she becomes a mum and we all can't wait to meet the little baby!



## HOMEWORK HUB

We have officially opened the Homework Hub! Children will have access to a table and supplies to complete homework independently and at their own leisure.

This will encourage children to take responsibility for their own homework.

We are introducing a buddy system whereby older children may be able to assist younger ones with home readers, however we will not be able to have one Educator assigned specifically to assist with homework. Overall responsibility will still lie with families ensuring homework, accuracy and readers have been done.



## POLICY AMENDMENTS

We have recently amended the following policies:

Client Protection Policy, BYOD Device student agreement and an Ambulance Risk Assessment

Some of the policies we are hoping to amend and establish this Term are:

Delivery and Collection of Children, Management of Complaints, Parental Leave Policy, Social Media, and Recruitment and Selection Procedure

Some of our policies are available on our website.

Alternatively, policies are available to you at the Centre or we can arrange to have them emailed to you.

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY (CCS)

It is a good time to check in on your family income estimate. Make sure it is up to date and reflects your and your partner's income for the whole financial year.

If your estimate is lower than your actual income, you may get a debt, which you will have to pay back. It is also a good time to check and update your activity test if your circumstances have changed.

For more information or to apply for the Child Care Subsidy, please visit <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy>

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – GPAC's biggest morning tea

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Vacation Care booking open

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Vacation Care bookings close

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Queens birthday public holiday.  
GPAC not operating.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Term 2 fees due

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Vacation care fees due

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Christmas in July BBQ

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July – NAIDOC Week begins

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Vacation Care begins

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Pupil Free Day (open)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Term 3 GPPS begins

