

GPAC Newsletter

Term 3, 2019

DEAR GPAC FAMILIES,

Wow, half the year has flown past! This term we have some pretty exciting new things going on at GPAC as we prepare for the year ahead.

RE-ENROLMENTS FOR CURRENT FAMILIES

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

All GPAC families with active BSC/ASC bookings will need to log into their My Family Lounge account and resubmit the enrolment forms for all children that will attend GPAC in 2020.

This is an important process that will secure your families placement at GPAC in 2020.

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

2020 ENROLMENTS – KINDY & NEW FAMS

Registrations for care at Activity Centre for Kindergarten students starting school at Grays Point P.S. in 2020 will open on **Monday 2nd September**.

Please go to www.gpactivitycentre.org/enrolments and follow the 3 steps to enrol:

- Step 1: Register for a My Family Lounge (MFL) account (new families).
- 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 2020 in **Week 4 of Term 4**.

Offers will be emailed to new GPAC families who have requested placement for 2020 in **Week 6 of Term 4**.

Please visit www.gpactivitycenter.org/enrolments for more information or don't hesitate to contact Jacky in the Office.



VACATION CARE

The July school holidays saw another wildly successful Vacation Care program filled with adventure, mystery, learning and fun! Check it out...



The program for the October school holiday program will be released on our website and bookings will open from **Monday 19th August – Friday 30th August**. Book in early to avoid disappointment.

www.gpactivitycentre.org/vacation-care

GPAC will be closed for the Labour Day Public Holiday on Monday 7th October and there is no Pupil Free Day at the commencement of Term 4.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SOCIAL

A huge thank you to everyone who braved the rain for GPAC's Christmas in July party held last term and a special thanks to our beautiful staff and volunteers who helped make the night a success. We hope to hold more events like this in the future so stay posted, and maybe another Snow Gear Sell off next year!



EARLY DROP OFFS

Another friendly reminder that children cannot be dropped off before the Centre's opening hours:

- 7am during school term
- 7:30am during Vacation Care and Pupil Free Days

Parents will have to wait with their child/ren until the Centre opens, staff are available, and their children can be legally signed in and safe.

BOOSHIES ADVENTURES

Following the success of the 'Let's Go Camping' day during Vacation Care, we have decided to run a 3 week trial - Booshies Adventures Excursion Program.

As part of our After School Care program, children in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity join us on a mini excursion to our natural surroundings to engage in free play in nature and learn about local flora and fauna.

The excursions will be limited to 12 children and will take place on various afternoons over the 3 week period. We will leave GPAC at 3:30pm and return no later than 5pm. If your child is interested, you will need to sign the permission form at the sign-in desk.

Our next excursion will take place on Wednesday 14th August.



SORRY, NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

A friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted in NSW Department of Education school grounds. This still applies after school hours. If you are picking up your child/ren from Activity Centre and have your pup in tow, they must wait outside the school gate.



ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated blankets and food to Kirrawee Vet Hospital who were caring for our furry feline friends after the Sutherland Animal Shelter was affected by fire.



BOOTS 4 AFRICA

GPAC is a proud a collection point for Boots4Africa!

Donate your old football boots and sports equipment (eg. head gear, shin pads, witches hats, balls, etc) to the people of Africa to help build communities and social understandings through the power of the game.

POLICY AMENDMENTS

We have recently amended the following policies:

- Acceptance and Refusal of Authorisation
- Staffing
- Governance and Management
- Priority of Access
- Parental Leave Policy
- Recruitment and Selection Procedure
- Management of Complaints
- Client Protection Policy
- Delivery and Collection of Children
- Social Media Policy
- Policy Development and Review

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.



COMMITTEE NEWS

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 looking for parents, carers and guardians to join in and support the committee by shadowing each role. If you're interested joining the management committee or would like to shadow a current role, please contact Karen at manager@gpactivitycentre.org or come along to the next meeting.

Do you enjoy working as a team and have a professional skill you would like to volunteer to utilise at GPAC? We're always looking for savvy parents to assist us on a project-by-project basis. This may include, but is definitely not limited to; I.T., human resources, advertising, graphic design, tradespeople etc.

The next committee meeting will be held at GPAC on **Wednesday 11th September at 7pm.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please remember that without a management committee, there is no GPAC.



STAFF NEWS



Teri Criticos

Gemma Snowball

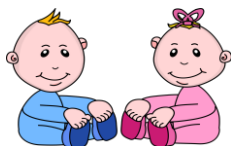
We would like to extend a warm GPAC welcome to our newest team members Teri and Gemma!

Gemma is our newest recruit and is a casual educator.

Teri has filled our Team Leader role, backfilling Kiara's role whilst Kiara is on maternity leave.

We're happy to report that Kiara and baby Heath are doing really well. The new Mum and Dad are such proud parents.

In other baby news, our Office Administrator Jacky is currently expecting Baby #2, due in January.



IMPORTANT DATES

19th August – Vacation care bookings open

26th August – Re-enrolments for current families begin

30th August – Vacation Care bookings close

1st September – Father's Day

2nd September – 2020 Kindergarten enrolments open

11th September – Committee meeting at GPAC all welcome

13th September – Term 3 and Vacation Care invoices due

27th September – Last day of Term 3

30th September – Vacation Care program begins!

6th October – Daylight Savings starts

7th October – Labour Day Public Holiday – Centre closed

14th October – Term 4 begins

4th November – Offers for care in 2020 sent to existing families

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