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Vacation Care Program

July 2018

Child Care Subsidy (CCS): The new CCS will be effective from Monday 2nd July 2018. Parents who have not registered for CCS will be charged full fees. You can complete a Centrelink Child Care Subsidy Assessment through myGov using your Centrelink online account, or through the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

Sun Safety: **Children are not required to wear sun safe clothing during July Vacation Care due to low UV levels.** In the rare case that sun protection is required, the program will be adapted to ensure that children are playing in undercover areas during this time. Children must also wear sensible shoes for walking and playing (i.e. enclosed shoes or joggers) and bring a jumper or a jacket and drink bottle each day. Thongs and slip-on style shoes are not permitted.

Hand-held video games: Children are permitted to bring their hand-held games during Vacation Care, but specific times will be allocated for playing their games so that they spend some time participating in other activities. All games, including iPod games, must be G or PG rated as per centre policy. Any games above this classification (M, MA15+) will be confiscated and returned to the child's parent/guardian at the completion of the day. CHOOSH Care is not responsible for any breakages or lost property. Children are not permitted to use mobile phones at CHOOSH Care at any time.

Hours of operation: CHOOSH Care is open from 6.30am till 6.00pm Monday to Friday during the school holidays and Pupil Free Days (excludes public holidays). Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Supervision: CHOOSH Care is approved for a maximum of 40 school age children per day, however limitations may be placed on maximum number of enrolments due to staffing or transport requirements. Staff to child ratios of 1:15 are maintained during centre days, with increased supervision on excursions. A *Risk Assessment* is conducted prior to each excursion and are available for parents to view upon request. A *Responsible Person* holding their Apply First Aid, Child Protection, Asthma & Anaphylaxis certificate will be rostered on at all times throughout the day. A photograph of the Responsible Person on duty is displayed at the sign in desk.

Payment: **Payment:** **Please note: There has been a fee increase of \$1 per day for Vacation Care as per our annual increment.** The cost per day for in-centre activities is \$53 per child for permanent enrolments, and \$57 for casual enrolments. The cost per day for excursions is \$63 for permanent enrolments, and \$67 for casual enrolments. Please note that additional costs may apply to some 'in centre' activities and excursions, particularly swimming excursions to cover increased staffing costs. (Please see the program for these additional charges). Note: Permanent enrolments are those families who attend before and/or after school care, and have paid a bond and registration fee.

Bookings: Bookings can be returned to CHOOSH Care via email or in person. *Please note: Verbal bookings will not be accepted.* Bookings must be received by Friday 29th June 2018. In the case that a day becomes booked out, a waiting list will be prepared and parents will be notified if a place becomes available.

Cancellations: Please notify the Centre of any cancellations as soon as possible. There are no refunds once a booking is made, but it may be possible to swap places for another day within the same week as long as there is a vacancy on the desired day.

Red Hat/ Shirt surcharge: During excursions, children are provided with red shirts to ensure children are easily identifiable. Children are also provided with sun safe red hats if they do not have an appropriate hat on any day. To cover cost of purchasing, embroidering and laundering these shirts, a surcharge of \$5 per child per Vacation Care will be added to your Family Statement.

CHOOSH Care's Vacation Care Program: We are aware that sometimes programmed activities will not appeal to all children. Be assured that wherever possible we try to provide alternative activities such as craft, games or movies. There are also opportunities for children to assist with activities even if they do not wish to take part in the actual activity.

Program variations: The Vacation Care program is subject to change without notice if it is deemed in the best interests of children. E.g. changes to program on wet weather days. Should an excursion change, parents will be required to sign their permission for the new excursion prior to child attending.

Medication: If your child requires medication an *Administration of Medication* form must be completed on each day that the medication is to be administered. Please note that no over-the-counter medication will be given (except Panadol - see booking form). Medication must be provided in original packaging with the child's correct name and will be administered as per dosage instructions.

Food: Please pack a nutritious morning tea, lunch and some snacks for your children on all days. Afternoon tea is provided and **lunch is provided only on some days** (see program for days where lunch is provided). Water will be freely available at the Centre, but please supply a drink bottle for excursions as these can be refilled as required. Please ensure that your child has adequate food, as Vacation Care days are active and long and the children do get quite hungry.

Refrigeration: Please inform staff if any of your child's food requires refrigeration (e.g. dairy products).






Nut policy: CHOOSH Care endeavours to be a 'nut free' centre, as per policy, for the safety of all children. Please do not send any nuts or food products containing nuts to CHOOSH Care.

Breakfast: Breakfast is provided between 6:30am – 7:30am during Vacation Care. Breakfast options include wholemeal toast, weetbix, cheerios, cornflakes, rice bubbles and plain milk or milo.




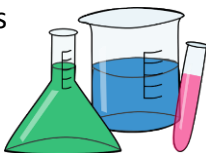



Special diets: If children are on restricted diets due to food allergies etc. parents are advised to provide alternatives food for their child as we cannot guarantee that the foods available will be suitable for your child's needs.

Spending money: Children are not permitted to bring money for an excursion unless the program indicates otherwise as there is no opportunity for them to spend it.

CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care – Week 1
Monday 9th July - Friday 13th July 2018

Date	Activity	Please Bring
<p>Monday 9th July</p> <p>Chicken Hatching, Gaming & Craft Day (Centre Day)</p>	 <p>Cheep Cheep! We will have some adorable baby chickens here at CHOOSH Care all week! Watch them hatch and learn how to hold and care for the baby chickens. You may even get to name one! While you're not watching the chickens hatch you can enjoy some gaming time or get crafty. You may bring your own devices today and games today, but must be rated G or PG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Closed in shoes ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle 
<p>Tuesday 10th July</p> <p>Monkey Mania (Excursion) + Optional extra: Laser Tag</p>	<p>Swing in to Monkey Mania! Explore and climb through the maze, dig through the ball pit and shoot your friends with the ball cannon.</p> <p>Laser Tag - Optional Extra \$18: Double the fun by including 3 games of Laser Tag! Please tick on booking form if your child would like to participate in laser tag 😊 (Children need to be 6yrs or older to participate in Laser Tag)</p> <p>Transport: Staff Vehicle Max no of chn: 30</p> <p>Leave CHOOSH: 10:00am Return to CHOOSH: 3:30pm</p> <p>Address: Central Coast Leagues Club, 1 Dane Drive, Gosford</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning tea ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Enclosed shoes 
<p>Wed 11th July</p> <p>NAIDOC Celebrations (Centre Day)</p>	<p>Come dressed in red, black or yellow today as we learn all about local Aboriginal culture. Enjoy some damper cooked in the camp fire, get creative with some Aboriginal painting and listen to some Dreamtime stories. You can even have a go at making and playing the Didgeridoo.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Come dressed in red, black or yellow
<p>Thursday 12th July</p> <p>Edogawa Commemorative Garden (Excursion)</p>	<p>Today we will head to the Japanese Tea Gardens in East Gosford. Whilst there we will explore the gardens, feed the Koi and go for a walk on the trail outside the gardens. We will then enjoy a picnic lunch and a play in the Webb Street playground, enjoying the flying fox, sandpit, swings and slides.</p> <p>Transport: Staff Vehicles Max no of chn: 30</p> <p>Leave CHOOSH: 9:30am Return to CHOOSH: 4:00pm</p> <p>Address: 36 Webb Street, East Gosford, NSW, 2250</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning tea ✓ Sun safe hat ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Lunch
<p>Friday 13th July</p> <p>Bricks 4 Kidz (Inursion)</p>	<p>The Team from Bricks 4 Kidz will be joining us today for some Lego building fun. Each child will be given the opportunity to create their own Lego masterpiece and then receive a gift to take home. <i>Cost for this incursion is \$63 (Casual \$67)</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning tea ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Lunch

CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care – Week 2
Monday 16th July – Monday 20th July 2018

	Activity	Please bring
Monday 16 th July Niagara Park Sports Centre (Excursion)	We're going to Central Coast Youth Club at Niagara Park for lots of fun games including trampolining, wheelchair basketball, soccer and everybody's favourite, jumping in the foam pit! We will have a sausage sizzle lunch today and a special ice block for everyone. Transport: Busways Bus Max no of chn: 40 Leave CHOOSH: 9:30am Return to CHOOSH: 3:30pm Address: 18 Washington Ave, Niagara Park, 2250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle 
Tuesday 17 th July Wheels Day (Centre Day)	It's time to race around the school on our bikes and scooters, with some fun games and races 😊 Don't worry if you can't ride, we will have other activities to do! Don't forget to bring your helmet – No helmet, no ride! <i>**Bikes must be in working order – we will not be able to repair bikes on the day**</i>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning Tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Bike or scooter ✓ Helmet ✓ Enclosed shoes
Wed 18 th July Science & Photography Day (Incursion)	Fizz! Pop! Bang! Make sure you wear old clothes today just in case something explodes on you. Visit the liquids lab and see what concoctions you can brew! In the afternoon, Paula will be back for the next instalment of Click & Create, Crazy About Composition <i>Cost for this incursion is \$63 (Casual \$67)</i>	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Clothes that can get messy ✓ Camera or Device
Thursday 19 th July Garden Gurus (Centre Day)	 Today we will be getting our Green Thumbs out and redesigning our Veggie Garden. Joanne from Cleanaway will also be visiting to talk with us about recycling and to help set up our own worm farm. Bring your gardening gloves and tools for this day of clearing, planting and growing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Garden gloves and tools
Friday 20 th July Hoyts Erina (Excursion)	We are off to Hoyts Erina Fair to see the newest release. (movie will be decided closer to the date) After the movie we will head into Erina Fair to participate in the activities around the centre. Children may bring \$2 for a popper and popcorn Transport: Staff Vehicles Max no of chn: 30 Leave CHOOSH: 9:30am Return to CHOOSH: 4:00pm Address: Erina Fair, 419 Terrigal Dr, Erina NSW 2250	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle ✓ Enclosed shoes
Monday 23 rd July Pupil Free Day PJ & Pamper Day (Centre Day)	 Today we will be enjoying the winter weather by keeping warm in our PJs and watching some movies on the big screen in the hall. We will also make our own organic face masks to relax with while have our nails done. Bring a pillow or bean bag for a really relaxing day of movies and pampering.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Morning tea ✓ Lunch ✓ Drink bottle

CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care Booking Form – July 2018

Parent's name (please print): _____ Contact number: _____

Child/children's name: _____ Age: _____

My child/children will be attending on the following days (please tick and sign for permission)

✓	Date	Activity	Cost	Parent permission for excursion – please sign
	Monday 9 th July	Henny Penny Hatching	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$53 (Casual = \$57)</i>	N/A
	Tuesday 10 th July	Monkey Mania	<i>Excursion: Full Fee = \$63 (Casual = \$67)</i>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> My child would like to play Laser Tag (Extra \$18) (please tick)		
	Wed 11 th July	NAIDOC Celebrations	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$53 (Casual = \$57)</i>	N/A
	Thursday 12 th July	Edogawa Garden	<i>Excursion: Full Fee = \$63 (Casual = \$67)</i>	
	Friday 13 th July	Bricks 4 Kidz	<i>Incursion: Full Fee = \$63 (Casual \$67)</i>	N/A

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	Tuesday 17 th July	Wheels Day	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$53 (Casual = \$57)</i>	N/A
	Wed 18 th July	Science & Photography	<i>Incursion: Full Fee = \$63 (Casual \$67)</i>	N/A
	Thursday 19 th July	Garden Gurus	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$53 (Casual = \$57)</i>	N/A
	Friday 20 th July	Movies at Hoyts Erina	<i>Excursion: Full Fee = \$63 (Casual = \$67)</i>	

	Monday 23 rd July	PJ Pamper Day	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$53 (Casual = \$57)</i>	N/A
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Please provide consent for the following;

- I give permission for my child to attend/take part in the above activities and excursions. I understand that the children will either be catching a bus, travelling in staff vehicles or walking to the excursions, and that the program may change without notice.
- I have read the *Information Book* and am aware of the *Vacation Care Cancellation Policy*. There are no refunds once a booking is made, although bookings may be swapped within the same week, as long as there is a vacancy on the desired day.
- I have read the *Vacation Care Program* and understand that CHOOSH Care holds no responsibility for any property that is lost or broken during Vacation Care.

The following questions are applicable to enrolments who attend Vacation Care only:

- I elect to pay the Annual Registration Fee of \$60 for the reduced daily fee; or
- I elect to pay the full Casual Vacation Care rate (no Annual Registration Fee) or
- I have already paid the Annual Registration fee for 2018

Parent's signature _____ Date: _____