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## Vacation Care Program

### April 2019

**Sun Safety:** CHOOSH Care endorses the Cancer Council's 'Sun Safe OOSH' Policy. Under this policy, a daily UV check is conducted, and at times where the UV level is above 3, SPF 50 sunscreen is applied every 2-3 hours. Children are also required to wear sun safe clothing, including a broad brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire hat, and clothing which covers their shoulders. Singlets and caps are not sun safe clothing. If your child attends Vacation Care without appropriate sun safe clothing, they will be provided with a hat/shirt. Children must also wear sensible shoes for walking and playing (i.e. enclosed shoes or strap-on sandals), and bring a jumper or a jacket and drink bottle each day. Thongs and slip-on style shoes are not permitted. **Caps are not permitted at CHOOSH Care**



**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:** 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 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. 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.

**Child Care Subsidy (CCS):** CCS is available to registered parents for Vacation Care. Please contact Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 136 150 to be CCS assessed.

**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).

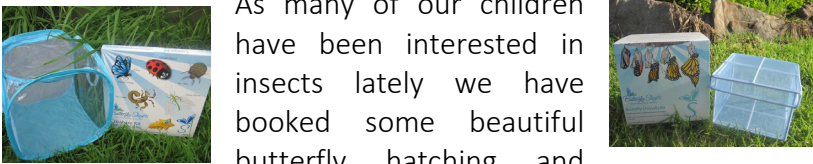



**Nut policy:** CHOOSH Care endeavours to be a 'nut free' centre, as per policy, for the safety of all children. Please do not send any nuts or food products containing nuts to CHOOSH Care.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Date	Activity	Please Bring
<p>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p><b>Life Cycles</b> (Incursion)</p>	 <p>As many of our children have been interested in insects lately we have booked some beautiful butterfly hatching and another beetle. The children will be able to watch them hatch and grow. We will also be doing some gardening and planting some vegetables, herbs and flowers so we can watch them grow too!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sun safe hat</li> <li>✓ Morning tea</li> <li>✓ Lunch</li> <li>✓ Drink bottle</li> </ul>
<p>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p><b>Building day</b> (Incursion)</p>	<p>Today will all be about building! Bring out the hammers and nails for our wood work station.</p> <p>Then we are having bricks for kids coming to help make some awesome Lego displays! We are also having Perler beads for the children to create some beautiful craft.</p> <p><b>Bricks 4 Kidz Incursion will occur 2:00pm-4:00pm</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sun safe hat</li> <li>✓ Morning tea</li> <li>✓ Lunch</li> <li>✓ Drink Bottle</li> </ul>
<p>Weds 17<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p><b>Easter Celebrations</b> (Centre)</p>	<p>I hear that the Easter bunny might be delivering some eggs around our school through the night for a big egg hunt. Today we will also be making Easter hat and doing our own CHOOSH Care hat parade. There will be many prizes today for the most effort displayed in their hats. There will be chocolate making and other Easter cooking plus loads of craft for the children to take part in!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sun safe hat</li> <li>✓ Morning tea</li> <li>✓ Lunch</li> <li>✓ Drink bottle</li> </ul>
<p>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p><b>Art Plaster Barn</b> (Excursion)</p>	 <p>Get our painting clothes on as today we head to the plaster barn and let our creative side run wild. Each child will be given \$10 to spend however they can bring an extra \$10 for larger plaster if they wish. Then when we are finished we will be heading to the park for lunch and a play.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> Staff Vehicles <b>Max no of chn:</b> 30  <b>Leave CHOOSH:</b> 9:30am <b>Return to CHOOSH:</b> 4:00pm  <b>Address:</b> 11 Kirrawee Rd, Gosford NSW 2250</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sun Safe Hat</li> <li>✓ Morning tea</li> <li>✓ Lunch</li> <li>✓ Drink bottle</li> </ul> 
<p>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></p>	<p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>CENTRE CLOSED</b></p>	

**CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care – Week 2**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Date	Activity	Please bring
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April  <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	 <p><b>EASTER MONDAY CENTRE CLOSED</b></p>	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April  <b>Hoyts</b> (Excursion)	<p>We are off to Hoyts Erina Fair Wonder Park. After the movie we will head into Erina Fair to participate in the activities around the centre.</p> <p><b>Children may bring \$2 for a drink and popcorn</b></p> <p><b>Transport: Staff Vehicles Max no of chn: 30</b>  <b>Leave CHOOSH: 9:30am Return to CHOOSH: 4:00pm</b>  <b>Address: Erina Fair, 419 Terrigal Dr, Erina NSW 2250</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sun safe hat</li> <li>✓ Morning tea</li> <li>✓ Drink bottle</li> <li>✓ Enclosed shoes</li> <li>✓ \$2 for popcorn and drink</li> </ul>
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> April  <b>CHOOSH has Talent Quest</b> (Centre)	 <p>Today is all about Talent! Everyone has a different talent so we are very excited to have the children perform for us. They can spend the day perfecting their performance to show off in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to join us at 2pm for the show.</p> <p>For those who are not interested in performing, we will also have a jumping castle.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sun Safe Hat</li> <li>✓ Morning tea</li> <li>✓ Lunch</li> <li>✓ Drink bottle</li> </ul> 
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April  <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<p><b>ANZAC DAY CENTRE CLOSED</b></p>	
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April  <b>Gosford City Bowl</b> (Excursion)	 <p>Join us today for a trip to Gosford City Bowl, where we will have 2 games of bowling. We will then head to Gosford Water Front for some lunch and some fishing.</p> <p><b>Cost for this excursion is full Fee = \$67 (Casual = \$71)</b>  <b>Transport: Staff Vehicles Max no of chn: 30</b>  <b>Leave CHOOSH: 9:30am Return to CHOOSH: 4:00pm</b>  <b>Address: 10 Brooks Ave, Wyoming NSW 2250</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sun Safe Hat</li> <li>✓ Morning tea</li> <li>✓ Lunch</li> <li>✓ Drink bottle</li> <li>✓ Socks</li> </ul> 

CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care – Pupil Free Day  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Please Bring</b>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April  <b>Colour Run</b> (Incursion)	Wear your white clothes today for a day of colourful fun. We will participate in the CHOOSH Colour Run obstacle course followed by lots of colourful craft. Let's finish the holidays off with an explosion of colour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Sun Safe Hat</li><li>✓ Morning tea</li><li>✓ Lunch</li><li>✓ Drink bottle</li><li>✓ <b>White Clothes</b></li><li>✓ <b>Enclosed shoes</b></li></ul>

## CHOOSH Care - Vacation Care Booking Form - April 2019

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 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Life Cycles	<i>IncurSION: Full Fee = \$63 (Casual \$67)</i>	N/A
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Building	<i>IncurSION: Full Fee = \$63 (Casual = \$67)</i>	N/A
	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Celebrations	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$53 (Casual = \$57)</i>	N/A
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Plaster Barn	<i>Excursion: Full Fee = \$63 (Casual = \$67)</i>	
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday	<i>Centre Closed</i>	

✓	Date	Activity	Cost	Parent permission for excursion – please sign
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Monday	<i>Centre Closed</i>	N/A
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Hoyts	<i>Excursion: Full Fee = \$63 (Casual = \$67)</i>	
	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Talent Quest	<i>Centre: Full Fee = \$53 (Casual = \$57)</i>	N/A
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day	<i>Centre Closed</i>	N/A
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Gosford City Bowl	<i>Excursion: Full Fee = \$67 (Casual = \$71)</i>	

	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Colour Run	<i>IncurSION: Full Fee = \$63 (Casual \$67)</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 2019

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_