

Gladesville Putney Before and After School Care Inc – Term 2 Update

26 April 2011

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope everyone has had a safe and relaxing break.

Staffing

Following the resignations of Jodie and Natalie, your Parent Committee have been working with recruitment firm Ranstad Education to recruit temporary replacement Centre Co-ordinator and Assistant Co-ordinator, pending a formal decision on the future direction of the Gladesville standalone facility by a separate working committee.

We have subsequently made two appointments to meet the Centre's needs during this transitional period:

- Marilyn will join us from Thursday 28 April as Assistant Co-ordinator initially for a two week contract period.
- Lisa will join us for a four week contract commencing Monday 2 May as Acting Centre Co-ordinator. Lisa has a teaching degree and has worked in child care in both the Netherlands (her home country) and Australia.

Please make Marilyn and Lisa feel welcome, as they work with our existing team of Wanda, Amanda, Sam and Nick.

As highlighted previously, as parents of the centre, we understand how important it is to feel comfortable with the staff caring for your children. We also know that staff changes cause uncertainty, particularly when we have had little change in staff for many years. We ask for your support and patience as we work through these staff changes, and we will keep you informed of the staffing at both GPBASC, and our new Putney centre at Putney as the recruitment process continues to progress.

We need your help

Terms 2 and 3 are generally peak times for absences from BASC due to sickness and/or winter sports training. We understand that when your child is ill, particularly if they have taken ill at school, the last thing on your mind is informing BASC that your child won't be there. However, every week, Centre staff spend time contacting a parent whose child has not turned up to the Centre or to catch the bus from Putney. This takes the staff member away from looking after other children, and can delay transport from Putney to Gladesville.

How you can help:

- If you know in advance that your child will not be attending their usual morning or afternoon booking, please complete the yellow cancellation sheet at the sign in desk and hand it to a staff member.
- If your child is not attending the centre on the day, please contact the team on 9817 3977 as soon as possible.
- If your child is going to be picked up by another parent for sports training please complete the necessary form as you need to provide permission for another person to collect your child.

Your advanced cancellation will also help other families who are on the waiting list for a casual place.

Putney Centre (POOSH)

The building work began during the Easter break and thanks to the good weather, is almost complete. Before we can open the doors we need to complete the internal set up with equipment etc, finalise the necessary paperwork for the Incorporated Association, and meet the Centre's staffing requirements. We expect to have a further update within the next two weeks on the opening date for the Centre.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

In the last communication issued by the centre on 8 April, the AGM date was **incorrectly** noted as 4 May.

As discussed at the Parent Forum update on 5 April, it was deemed appropriate to defer the AGM to end May / early June 2011 to enable alignment with the anticipated establishment of Putney, and thus the formal separation of the existing joint facility. At this time we expect to be positioned to establish a new Gladesville BASC Parent Management Committee, with Putney to formalise its Associated Incorporation and nominate a Parent Management Committee at its inaugural AGM shortly thereafter.

All positions will be vacated at the AGM. We will provide all Members with an outline of the available positions, which are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, plus general committee members. A formal agenda will be issued shortly to all Members including the confirmed date and location. We encourage you to participate in your AGM.

We apologise for the error in the Centre Newsletter communication and confusion caused.

If you have any questions or comments you would like to send the Parent Committee, please email us at committee@gpschoolcare.org.au

Regards
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On behalf of your Parent Management Committee