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SPECIAL EDITION
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CHANGES COMING UP:

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*Special Edition of the
GWC OSHC Newsletter*

Updating you on important
changes for the year ahead!

Child Care Subsidy

When the Child Care Subsidy commences on 2 July 2018, it will:

- replace the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) with a single, means-tested subsidy
- be paid directly to providers to be passed on to families
- be simpler than the current multi-payment system
- be better targeted and provide more assistance to low and middle income families.



A [Family Child Care Subsidy Estimator](#) is available to make it easy for families to estimate their subsidy entitlement. This gives parents and carers an idea of what their new subsidy might be under the New Child Care Package.

The estimator is user-friendly and only takes a few minutes to fill out.

Child Care Subsidy Eligibility

Some basic requirements must be satisfied for an individual to be eligible to receive Child Care Subsidy for a child. These include:

- the age of the child (must be 13 or under and not attending secondary school)
- the child meeting immunisation requirements
- the individual, or their partner, meets the residency requirements.

In addition, to be eligible for Child Care Subsidy the individual must be liable to pay for care provided, the care must be delivered in Australia by an approved child care provider, and not be part of a compulsory education program.

How does it work

There are three factors that will determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy. These are:

1. [Combined Family Income](#)
2. [Activity Test](#) – the activity level of both parents
3. [Service Type](#) – type of child care service

The Child Care Subsidy will be paid directly to providers to be passed on to families as a fee reduction. Families will make a co-contribution to their child care fees and pay to the provider the difference between the fee charged and the subsidy amount.

The New Child Care Package will also provide targeted additional fee assistance for vulnerable families through the [Child Care Safety Net](#).

New Child Care Package – transition for families

In April 2018 all families currently in receipt of Child Care Benefit and/or Child Care Rebate for approved care will receive a Centrelink letter about transitioning to the Child Care Subsidy. You should follow the instructions in your letter and go online to complete your Child Care Subsidy assessment or claim for Child Care Subsidy as soon as possible.

From April 2018

All families currently in receipt of Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate can continue to claim these payments for approved child care used up until 1 July 2018.

If you currently receive:

Child Care Benefit or Child Care Rebate as a fee reduction for approved care

You will need to complete an online Child Care Subsidy assessment by providing your 2018-19 family income estimate, your activity details, child school status and confirming your child's enrolment. These details can be provided through your Centrelink online account via my.gov.au or through the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

Child Care Benefit as a lump sum

You will need to complete a full Child Care Subsidy claim online. If eligible and entitled, your Child Care Subsidy will commence on 2 July 2018 and will be paid directly to your approved child care provider/s to reduce your child care fees. You should complete your claim for Child Care Subsidy online as soon as possible, as from 2 July 2018, new claims can only be backdated up to 28 days. You will need to go to my.gov.au and use your Centrelink online account to claim. If you do not already have a myGov account, you can create one at my.gov.au and link it to your Centrelink online account.

NEW FAMILIES

If your child is starting approved child care from April 2018

You will be able to complete a combined online claim for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Subsidy from April 2018. If assessed as eligible and entitled for both, you will receive Child Care Benefit until 1 July 2018 and then Child Care Subsidy from 2 July 2018.

What happens if I do not complete a Child Care Subsidy assessment or claim before 2 July 2018?

It is important that your family takes action now to prepare for the Child Care Subsidy to ensure your eligibility and entitlement is assessed. You should complete a Child Care Subsidy assessment or claim before 2 July 2018 to ensure you don't miss out on child care fee assistance from 2 July 2018.

The new subsidy cannot be paid to your service on your behalf if you do not take action.

NEW FEE STRUCTURE

GWC Community Services has revised their Outside School Hours Care fee structure, which will come into effect as of Term 2 (Before & After School Care) and July Vacation Care.

Fees will be as follows:

Before School Care - **\$21** booked care **\$23** casual care

After School Care - **\$25** booked care **\$27** casual care

Vacation Care - **\$68** booked care **\$73** casual care

Please note, the increase in our vacation care fees incorporates a daily fee that is inclusive of all incursion and excursion costs. As you are aware the Centre aims to provide activities and excursions that are unique, enjoyable and inclusive for all children attending our services.

If you need any further information or have any concerns, please contact Patricia Doyle, Children's Services Coordinator on 9516 2188 or 0410 505 524 or GWC Programs Manager, Maria Kladis on 9516 2188.

Digital Sign in and Out



As of term 2 both Kingsford and Parramatta OSHC will be introducing simple to use digital sign in and out system called QK Kiosk.

You will now use an iPad for signing your child in and out of the service.

You will use your mobile number to login to the system and then create a 4 number digital pin.

The first time you log in the pin number will be '0000'

You simply click on the 'sign in' button or 'sign out'. It will digitally stamp the time in/out.

If you require someone else to pick up your children who is not on our system (i.e. on the enrolment form), you will need to give us their name and number, and we will create an account for them to be able to use the kiosk.

Staff will be there to assist should you have any problems learning the new system.

Parramatta OSHC Relocation

Term 2 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As of 1st May 2018, the beginning of term 2 we will be moving to Parramatta Public School, 3 Marist Place Parramatta. We will operate from the school hall.

The following information provides details of the dates and details for the relocation of our GWC Parramatta OSHC services.

Before and After School Care Arrangements

Before School Care

Parents will drop off their children at Parramatta Public School via the O'Connell Street pedestrian gate at the bottom of the oval, from **7.00am** each school morning. At **8.30am**, the children will be escorted by our staff to the playground. Staff will remain at the school till 9am to ensure all kindergarten children meet their teachers.

After School Care

At **3.00pm**, all children will meet staff outside the school hall for roll call. Kindergarten children will be collected from their classroom.

For pick-ups in the afternoon, parents must access the pedestrian gate on O'Connell Street at the bottom of the oval to sign their children out. All children need to be **picked up by 6pm**.

If your child/ren has extra-curricular activities after school and require our staff to drop them off or pick them up, please ensure you have filled out a form to notify us in writing of these activities and times.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the

Children's Services Coordinator, 9567 2021, 9687 8955 or direct on 0410 505 521.