

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE!

Vacation Care bookings are open via the My Family Lounge app. Confirmed bookings will be notified via email, please ensure all accounts are 2 weeks in advance to be eligible for Vacation Care.

Please report all absences via the My Family Lounge app as soon as they are known, so other families requiring care can book them. It is frustrating for waiting families to see that there were vacancies that could have been utilised if known. Also a reminder that failure to notify fees are charged if notification is not received.

## Special Offer

Easter and the school holidays are almost upon us, and we have a family friendly offer from Majestic Cinemas Singleton. On presentation of the voucher attached, families are able to get \$9.90 movie tickets to watch all the films across the school holidays (Not limited to those advertised on the voucher).

## Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn is starting again from Wednesday 1 May 2019. Anyone can collect stickers to support schools and childcare services when they shop at Woolworths, whether they are staff, parents or friends. With every \$10 spent\* at Woolworths, one sticker is collected. These are placed onto the Earn & Learn sticker sheets and dropped into collection boxes located at each service or your local Woolworths.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### Easter Hat Parade

Wednesday 11 April 2019  
Colleen Gale - 11am

Join us for our Easter parade. Get creative and help your child to make a hat for the day.

### Easter & ANZAC Closing

Closed	Friday 19 April.
Closed	Monday 22 April.
Closed	Thursday 25 April.

### African Drumming Incursion

Thursday 18 April 2019  
Colleen Gale

Additional cost (approximately \$15, added to each child's account).





## Long Daycare Update

Thank you to all families who attended our Parent Information Night.

Parents enjoyed looking through their child's portfolios and experiencing some of the amazing activities that the Educators provide every day.

Portfolios are added to throughout the year and are located in each child's room for your perusal. Please ensure confidentiality and only read your own child's portfolio. An information sheet from the night is now available for all families.

## Long Daycare Update Continued

### Parent input

Family input in to our programs is important to children's learning. Together with staff, you can set achievable goals for your child, share information about children's development and bring home/community into our services. Families can partake within the program by providing feedback on daily experiences; discussing learning goals for your child; sending photos or special objects for 'show-n-tell'.

We encourage you to pop into your child's room and read a storybook, talk about your job and/or share a hobby or skill that you have with the children.



## Long Daycare Update Continued

### Brain Gym

Brain Gym is a movement based learning program, which helps improve neurological function so that areas of the brain are more strongly connected.

The program encompasses 26 exercise movements, which enhance ability to learn and process information. Skills such as hand eye co-ordination; balance and body awareness; processing symbols and crossing the mid-line. These are necessary for concentration, relaxation, attention, communication, memory, reading and writing, just to name a few. There is a poster of these exercises up in the preschool room.



## OOSH Update

Welcome back Kim after her amazing holiday, we have missed her and cannot wait to hear all of her wonderful stories.

Some children have been learning about galaxies at school. This has extended in to OOSH and after researching further, an activity of "Galaxy in a Bottle" was decided on. Children made a list of materials needed and the children started the process. Using cotton balls, glitter paint and glass jars, the creativity began with older children assisting younger children to complete the task. These were turned into necklaces for the children to wear their Galaxy or carry them with them.



## Mobile Preschool Update

Children have been exploring their creative side, with the introduction of a self-help creativity table. Children have been creating books, presents, pictures, and other resources to use in their play. We are continue to add inspirational pieces to spark their imaginations; currently it is Easter themed pictures.

At Broke, we have been watching the watermelons grow in anticipation. We recently found some ladybugs on the leaves, which led to research on how ladybugs can help plants as they eat other bad insects.

At Mount Olive, children are engaged in cooking role-play in the sandpit. The children have been cooking some wonderful "foodtastic creations" for the group to enjoy.

At both venues, we have noticed an increasing amount of toys brought from home. Although it is wonderful that the children want to share a piece of their home lives with their peers, Please limit the items from home to be one comfort item.



Throughout 23,24 & 26 April Educators will provide experiences for the children to learn about environmental protection at CGCC

**HAPPY  
EARTH DAY  
22 APRIL**





# Recipes from your childcare kitchen

**SAVOURY BAKED BEANS  
WITH PASTA**  
One of the children's favourite  
recipes from the kitchen (modified for  
a family of four):

Ingredients

- 2 cups of wholemeal pasta
- 1 420g can of Baked Beans
- ½ 420g can of brown lentils
- 1 onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 zucchini
- Grated cheese

Method:

Cook the pasta

Grate or blend vegetables

While pasta is cooking, combine  
beans, lentils, onion, carrot and  
zucchini in an electric fry pan or large  
saucepan and bring to the boil. Turn  
heat down and simmer gently for 10  
minutes

Drain cooked Pasta

Serve bean and vegetable sauce  
over pasta and sprinkle with grated  
cheese.



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THIS VOUCHER!**

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