**VACATION CARE APRIL 2019 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SWANSEA COMMUNITY COTTAGE (ph: 49711229)**

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| **Hours of activity (per fortnight)** | **Maximum number of hours of subsidy (per fortnight) per child** |
| For families earning up to $66,958Less than 8 hours (work,study,volunteer) | 24 hours |
| For families earning up to $351,248 |  |
| 8-16 hoursMore than 16 up to 48 hoursMore than 48 hours | 36 hours72 hours100 hours |

IMPORTANT!! HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR NEW CHILD CARE ASSESSMENT ON MYGOV? DOUBLE CHECK YOUR ENROLMENT IS STILL CURRENT ON MYGOV – YOU MAY HAVE TO REACCEPT YOUR ENROLMENT SINCE LAST HOLIDAYS. IF NOT FULL FEES WILL APPLY NEW ENROLMENTS EMAIL A COPY OF YOUR ASSESSMENT IF NEW OR CHANGES TO manager@swanseacc.com.au **NB: No Peanut Butter, Nutella or Nut Products please**

**Ages:** School children 4 – 12 years. Any child can attend Vacation Care but if we reach our maximum numbers for the day priority will be given to working parents, parents seeking work or studying. **Times: 7.00am – 5.30pm**. Due to the CCS change over there are a lot of changes happening behind the scenes, so please bare with us as the new system is installed & rolled over. Prices have changed. **Cost:** $9.20 - $47.50 per day including excursions (except where shown) per child. **Before attending Vacation Care ensure you’re eligible for childcare & obtain your current CCS percentage & eligible hours from your MyGov account or by phoning the FAO on 136150. BRING a print out of your Child Care Subsidy letter for our files and reference.** Payments: Should be paid in advance on the first day of attendance each week Attendance: Children may attend as many or as few days as required. Extra hours above approved CCS hours will be at full rates. **DO NOT BRING – MOBILE TELEPHONES, IPODS, THONGS, TOYS, GAMES, CHEWING GUM, OR SWAP CARDS. If you need to contact your children during the day, please ring the Cottage on 0249711229 to pass on message. *PLEASE BRING A DRINK BOTTLE THAT WE CAN REFILL DURING THE DAY* – No cans of drink please. Where possible, provide food in reuseable containers & minimize packaging as we care for our environment. REDUCE – REUSE – RECYCLE. Children must wear sensible shoes and hat – no thongs, scuffs or singlet tops please – shoulders must be covered. Shirts must be worn when swimming in outdoor pools to prevent sun burn.**

***~ Don’t forget to fill out suggestion book with craft activities, feedback or ideas on excursions & new destinations to visit ~***

**CAVES BEACH VACATION CARE*“The Green Shed” at* SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL**

**Mon 15 April – Mon 29 April 2019. PLEASE BOOK IN ASAP AND PAY IN ADVANCE ON THE FIRST DAY OF ATTENDANCE EACH WEEK TO SECURE YOUR POSITION. MONEY WILL ONLY BE REFUNDED IF PARENTS CANCEL THE DAY BEFORE. Private Chartered Buses & our own mini buses \*\*\*CHILDREN MUST BE HERE BY 8.45am\*\*\*
BUS LEAVES AT 9.00AM AND RETURNS BY 4.00PM each day. (Green Shed, Park Avenue, Caves Beach on the grounds of Swansea High School)** Craft / Games before & after excursion each day – children’s choice. Outdoor activities include cricket, basketball, handball, sandpit play. **BRING A HAT & WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY!!**

 **Mon 15 Apr BODY 360 & SWANSEA POOL** fun active games plus swimming. Swimmers & Rash Shirt essential. Bring or buy lunch.

**Tue 16 Apr ICE SKATING** Warners Bay. Music & comps. Bring gloves, jacket beanie, LONG SOCKS. Bring or buy lunch

**Wed 17 Apr SPEERS POINT POOL** swimming & park play. Swimmers & Rash Shirt Essential. Bring lunch.

**Thur 18 Apr “WONDER PARK” MOVIE** Lake Cinema Boolaroo. Bring lunch, hat (for Speers Point park) **No POPCORN No SHOP**

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 **Tues 23 Apr MEGAMANIA** Charlestown. Indoor play centre with ball pit, slides, inflatables & climbing frames. Bring/buy lunch.

**Wed 24 Apr FRISBEE GOLF** Koala Park Doyalson. Frisbees instead of golf balls on course 9 hole course. Bring lunch & hat.

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**Fri 26 Apr WALKABOUT PARK** Peats Ridge. Ochre facepaint, bush tucker, pat pythons & koalas, track bush animals. Bring Lunch **EXTRA $5**

 **Mon 29 Apr SWANSEA SCOUTS** Swansea. Cargo nets commando course, learn some of Scouts favourite arts & craft activities. Bring lunch.

**SWANSEA VACATION CARE - COMMUNITY COTTAGE (Below Library)**

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**\*\*\*CHILDREN MUST BE HERE BY 8.45am\*\*\* BUS LEAVES AT 9.00AM & RETURNS BY 4.00PM each day. Swansea Centre 228-234 Pacific Hwy Swansea (under Library)** *Craft & Games before & after excursion each day – children’s choice. Outdoor activities include soccer, basketball, fixed equipment, dancing, sand pit play.* **BRING A HAT & WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY!!**

**Mon 15 Apr *BODY 360 & SWANSEA POOL*** *fun active games plus swimming. Swimmers & Rash Shirt. Bring or buy lunch.*

**Tue 16 Apr “RED ALERT” LASER TAG**” at Warners Bay. Bring lunch & hat for visit to park. No hot food available. **EXTRA $5**

**Wed 17 Apr SHORTLAND WETLANDS** Join a Dinosaur Dig, search for dinos in wetlands, dino craft, dino hopscotch & more. Bring lunch

**Thurs 18 Apr “WONDER PARK” MOVIE** at Lake Cinema Boolaroo. Bring lunch, hat (for Speers Point park) **No POPCORN No SHOP**

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 **Tues 23 Apr KAHIBAH SPORTS CLUB** Mini golf & short rink lawn bowls. Wear suitable closed in shoes. Bring lunch

**Wed 24 Apr AAA HORSERIDING** Cooranbong. Guided horse rides. Bring helmet if own. Wear closed shoes & bring lunch. **EXTRA $5**

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**Fri 26 Apr AUSTRALIAN REPTILE PARK** Zooperheroes superhero stunt show + reptiles, spiders, koalas. Bring lunch. **EXTRA $5**

 **Mon 29 Apr SWANSEA SCOUTS** Swansea. Cargo nets commando course, learn some of Scouts favourite arts & craft activities. Bring lunch.

**“ARTeas Gallery and Garden” 28 Josephson Street Swansea – 1st Birthday party is Saturday 4th May!
Free event for all of the community! For further information and updates follow ARTea’s Gallery & Garden on Facebook and / or Instagram or visit our website at** [**www.swanseacommunitycottage.com.au**](http://www.swanseacommunitycottage.com.au) **ARTea’s is currently open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays - 10am til 2pm.** This is an initiative of the Cottage and exhibits local artists and crafts. The Community Garden produces vegetables and propagated plants for sale. We need VOLUNTEERS for the kitchen, art gallery and garden. We also need artists & exhibitors wishing to sell on a commission basis. Anyone with art to show can apply as well as homemade crafts, jams and knick knacks.

 **POSITION VACANT – Casual Childcare Workers. Please contact us on 49711229. PLEASE HELP – WE NEED**: Clean, good quality household items for less financial people. **Anything** (including kitchen ware, books, knickknacks, toys, linen, craft items, beads, wool & material, *clean* clothes) you are not using anymore can be useful to someone else. We give all items away free or for a donation.

**SIGN OUR PETITION – The Cottage has been advised that we are losing our EMERGENCY RELIEF funding (food vouchers, chemist vouchers, opal card credit, petrol vouchers & meals on wheels vouchers) for those in urgent need. This will impact greatly on our community as we are the only service in East Lake Macquarie. Please sign our petition in person at the Cottage or Vacaation Care, online on our website or through Change.Org**