

13 November, 2011

Dear Child Protection Organisation,

We wish to inform that there has been 14 alleged counts of aggravated indecent assault on children in our Sutherland Shire community by a child care worker, a number of which allegedly occurred during before and after school care and vacation care. A suppression order is in place until 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Google "Sutherland Local Court child care worker" for more information.

We invite you to attend a meeting organised by parents who have formed the Shire Before After School Care Parent Forum which will address the significant number of concerns parents have with Child Protection practices in BASC.

The first meeting will be held at 8p.m. Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 20011 at Cronulla Central Hall, 30-60 Croydon Street, Cronulla. Off Cronulla Mall

Details about the structure of this Parent Forum are listed below.

- i. Public Notice /Advertisement of Parent Forum in Leader Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, (see attachment Leader ad 1)  
Parents/ community members are asked to express concerns/ suggestions about BASC child protection issues to our email address  
[REDACTED]
- ii. Meeting 1: 8p.m. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at Cronulla Central Hall for parents and concerned members of the community. To present a summary of expressed concerns, facilitate a group discussion of these concerns and add any other identified issues.
- iii. Meeting 2: TBA To present suggestions to address identified concerns and discuss these.
- iv. Meeting 3: TBA To present a document asking for timely changes to address our concerns in the way we have suggested. Parents will endorse this document which will then be presented to YMCA executive.

Note: We will invite a representative of the Police to enforce the court suppression order. We in no way wish to undermine court orders or jeopardise the criminal investigation.

Perhaps you can provide some materials which we can distribute to parents. Perhaps you can present a short (5 min presentation )on preventing child sex abuse or in any other way that you can help.

Currently, there are a number of parents who are unsure about whether their child may have been a victim. They have been directed to see their school counsellors but at the same time schools claim that their counsellors are not experts in the assessment of child abuse. The child care provider communicated a list of questions to ask their children 15 days after their first notification of the initial charges . Parents are confused as to what procedure to follow. Would you be able to advise about the best procedure to follow?

I would appreciate discussing any ways that you can assist us. Our aim is to work collaboratively with the child care provider and feeder schools to prevent child abuse.

Yours Faithfully

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On behalf of the Shire Before and After School Care Parent Forum

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