



YMCA of Sydney

11th November 2011

Parents and Families
 YMCA Children's Services
 Via email and mail

RE: Parent Information – Details of YMCA Information Sessions

Dear Parents and Families,

Further to our recent communications, we would like to extend an invitation to the parents and families of YMCA Children's Services to attend one of a series of information sessions in your local area.

Three sessions will take place in the week commencing 21st November with the aim being to inform our parents and families about YMCA child protection policies and procedures and the Y's commitment to providing industry-leading, safe and quality Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) facilities.

As you are probably aware, a second court hearing took place at Sutherland Local Court on Thursday 10th November, 2011, where the decision was made to adjourn proceedings until Tuesday 29th November, 2011. The suppression and non-publication orders put in place to protect the identity of affected children and families were also upheld and will extend to the 29th November.

Given the nature of the suppression order, we are legally restricted to what we can publically say on this matter. However we realise the concern of our local parents and families and have organised the information sessions to address these. Specifically, the sessions will cover:

1. **Current YMCA policies and procedures for Children's Services**
2. **Discussing child protection with your family**

Please note there are different sessions depending on which OSHC service your children attend.

Session 1

Date: Monday 21st November, 2011
Who: YMCA Caringbah Public School OSHC
 YMCA Lilli Pilli Public School OSHC
Venue: Girl Guides Hall (adjacent Caringbah YMCA, Jacaranda Rd, Caringbah)
Time: 6pm-7pm

Session 2

Date: Wednesday 23rd November, 2011
Who: YMCA Laguna St Public School OSHC and Vacation Care
 YMCA Caringbah Vacation Care
Venue: Girl Guides Hall (adjacent Caringbah YMCA, Jacaranda Rd, Caringbah)
Time: 6pm-7pm



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Session 3

Date: Thursday 24th November, 2011

Who: YMCA Our Lady of Fatima OSHC
YMCA St Patrick's OSHC

YMCA families unable to attend other sessions

Venue: Child Care Room (Caringbah YMCA, Jacaranda Rd, Caringbah)

Time: 6pm-7pm

Free childcare will be available at each session at Caringbah YMCA and light refreshments will be served.

Please confirm your attendance by Friday 18th November, 2011, to Adam Blatch at the YMCA of Sydney at [REDACTED] or address your RSVP to Level 5, 91 George St Parramatta NSW 2150.

Again, these sessions will only cover general information about YMCA policies and procedures and child protection. We will not be able to discuss any matters currently before the court.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liam Whitley', written over a faint rectangular box.

Liam Whitley
General Manager
Children's Services