



Barnabas Summer Family Weeks - 2023 Date Changes

Barnabas is changing the start and finish dates for summer family retreats in 2023.

We have done this after much thought and feedback from both guests and staff. The aim of this document is to explain what changes we have made and why we have made them.

WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU MADE?

We have changed the start and end dates of our summer weeks in 2023.

- ➔ Family week 1 - Saturday June 24th to Thursday June 29th, 2023
- ➔ Family week 2 - Saturday July 1st to Thursday July 6th, 2023
- ➔ Family week 3 - Saturday July 8th to Thursday July 13th, 2023
- ➔ Family week 4 - Saturday July 15th to Thursday July 20th, 2023
- ➔ Family week 5 - Saturday July 22nd to Thursday July 27th, 2023

[Mid Summer Staff break - Friday July 28th - Monday July 31st]

- ➔ Family week 6 - Tuesday August 1st to Sunday August 6th, 2023
- ➔ Family week 7 - Tuesday August 8th to Sunday August 13th, 2023
- ➔ Family week 8 - Tuesday August 15th to Sunday August 20th, 2023
- ➔ Family week 9 - Tuesday August 22nd to Sunday August 27th, 2023

WHY HAVE YOU MADE THESE CHANGES?

First, we want to invest in our team. Having a midsummer break allows our team the chance to rest and revitalise. We will also use this break time to provide our team with the chance to receive some ongoing training and ministry too. We believe this will help us better serve and minister to all our guests throughout the summer.

Second, we want to recognise the importance of our General Store's ministry to day visitors. Weekends through the summer are the busiest times for our General Store, with many day visitors arriving from Keats and from the Sunshine Coast. That's why our General Store team have had to work Saturdays when the rest of the team were off. Our new schedule allows all our staff team to have a rest day together on a Friday (Weeks 1 - 5) and a Monday (Weeks 6 - 9). This ensures our General Store team are always available to serve on weekends.

Third, our guests can avoid travelling on the days when BC Ferries are busiest and ferry reservations are in short supply. Our new schedule avoids travel on Fridays (a notoriously busy day for BC Ferries on the Sunshine Coast). Instead, our guests on weeks 1 - 5 will arrive on a Saturday and depart on a Thursday. Our guests on weeks 6 - 9 will arrive on a Tuesday and depart on a Sunday.

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WHAT HASN'T CHANGED?

You will still get to enjoy a full 5 day/night Barnabas experience. Although our Summer 2023 weeks will start and end on different days to previous years, they remain the same length as before.

You still only need to book 1 week off work to come. We have ensured that Barnabas Family weeks do not extend into a second week.

Our summer program will continue to feel “reassuringly Barnabas”, retaining the experiences loved by our summer guests.

WHEN CAN I REGISTER FOR SUMMER 2023?

Registration for Summer 2023 Family weeks will open in February 2023. We will provide more information about summer registration nearer that time.

I HAVE QUESTIONS - WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

Please email barnabas@barnabaslanding.com and we will be delighted to help you further.
