



# grenfell preschool & long day care centre

newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> August 2011



The State-wide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) program is an initiative of the NSW Department of Health and offers all 4 year old children a free vision screening assessment

It is **highly recommended** all 4-year-old children participate in the vision-screening program, as many vision problems remain undetected unless a trained vision screener screens a child's vision.

StEPS were at the centre in February and will be back on the 2nd September to screen the children that they missed. A consent note for the screening has been placed in the family pockets of these children and must be filled out and returned.

## Positive Parenting Program – Triple P

Being a parent can be tough work - but you're not alone. If you have children aged 3 to 8 years, an Australian designed parenting program can help you learn how simple routines and small changes can make a big difference to your family. Triple P, or the Positive Parenting Program, is a well regarded program, developed in Australia that has been implemented internationally.

If you are interested in attending the programme that will run for 2 hour over 6 weeks, please see Lisa and Sharon.

Please indicate if you would like a night course or a day course and depending on numbers, I will have the programme up and running very soon.



## End of Year Closure

The Centre is open 50 weeks of the year. It is shut down for two weeks at Christmas time to enable staff to take their annual leave. The centre will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and reopen on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January



## School Transition

Transition to the Grenfell Public School will start on Tuesday 25th October and run for 5 weeks. We are still waiting on the date for St Joseph's School and as soon as we have them, we will send home note informing family about the Transition Programme

I remind all parents that if you have a child that will be attending school in 2012 to enrol them at the school of your choice as soon as possible. Like us, it helps with staffing for the year.



## Sick Children

We have had a few reported cases of vomiting and diarrhoea and we are being vigilant with washing toys and keeping a clean environment. If your child has been sick they need to stay away from the centre for at least 24 hours, this will help minimise cross infection.

I also remind parents that there is still whooping cough about in the community. If your child has been coughing, please have it checked out to be sure they do not have it.



## Rainbow Room

The children in the Rainbow Room are doing road safety. They are talking about holding hands when they cross the road making sure

that their seat belts are on when in the car and wearing helmets when riding their bikes.

The staff have also been talking to the children about what they should do when they leave the centre, that is, hold mum or dads hand when you walk out the gate

**I remind parents it is an offence to leave your children in the car by themself.**

### The Grenfell Show

The Grenfell show is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

The children have been busy painting so we can have their work displayed in the show.

Put those dates in your calendar so you remember to go and look for your child's painting



### Painters/ Artist

We are looking for people to help paint our mural on the wall of our little yard.

If you can help please let us know, as we would appreciate your help

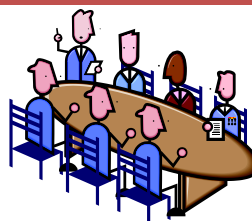
### Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child is going well and we thank all who have contributed to filling a box to send to children in poverty. If you are having trouble, thinking of something to put in a box you could leave a small donation to go toward the postage of the boxes.



### Book Fair

Book Fair at the centre is 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We hope to have a great selection of books for sale that week



### Committee Corner

**AGM 26<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**End of year Closure 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Reopen 9<sup>th</sup> January**

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### Dates to Remember

StEPS eye screening  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011

### Young Eyes Eye Screening

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011 starting 9am

### School Photos

Grenfell Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011

### AGM

26<sup>th</sup> September 2011