



grenfell preschool & long day care centre

newsletter

11th October 2010



Committee Corner

AGM

A new Committee was elected at our AGM

President: Sarah Clifton

Vice President - Marine Moore

Treasurer - Donna Reeves

Secretary- Kim Berry

Ordinary members: Sarah Trotter, Sally Metcalfe
Kirsty Pockley

I personally thank the past committee for all the hard work they put into seeing that the centre ran well.

President - Sally Metcalfe

Vice President- Donna Gibbons

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Ordinary Members - Sarah Trotter, Belinda Wilson
and Lindy Frampton



School Transition

Change of dates for the school transition days

The Grenfell Public School have organised their school transition. They will be held on Tuesday and run from 12.00pm – 3.10pm for five weeks. The dates for the visits are; October 19th, 26th, November 2th, 9th and 16th

St Joseph's transition programme for the children will be scheduled over five weeks on Wednesday – 27th October, 3rd, 10th, 17th November from 9am - 11.30am and on November 24th 9am – 2pm.

If your child attends preschool on those days you will be asked to sign a permission note for them to attend the programme

If you know of a child that will be eligible to attend school in 2011 and isn't attending Preschool, please make them known to us so we can get them into a school transition programme and help prepare for school.

**Octoberfest at Quandialla
This Saturday 5pm -9pm**

Children with Asthma

If a child has asthma parents will be need to provide an Asthma Care Plan for the child. Staff will be asking parents for them if they do not have one.

Please help us to help your child.



WANTED- Hats

Please remember to pack your child a hat. If you have any hats that belong to the preschool could they be returned or if you have any spare hats that your child is no longer using we would be grateful for them.



Grenfell Show Art Awards

Congratulations to all the children that received a prize at the Grenfell School. We have some up and coming artist that attend the centre

Nude Food Day 13th October 2010

Nude Food Day is all about encouraging kids, families and workplaces to pack their lunch and snacks without the use of any wrapping, while also promoting healthy eating habits and an understanding of 'everyday foods' and 'sometimes foods'.

Did you know that, on average, each Australian household produces 1.14 tonnes of waste per year? Packing rubbish-free lunches is an excellent way to reduce that! Nude Food Day is an opportunity to empower your children about their food choices. It's all about what they put into their lunch box and how they pack it to minimise waste. By celebrating Nude Food Day with your kids, you can encourage healthy eating habits and an understanding of the importance of having a healthy body and lifestyle. The staff at the centre will continue to talk to the children about healthy eating



Little play ground

The centre was hoping that the work would start once again on the little play ground however due to all the wet weather the landscapers have fallen behind in their work. They have been contacted however we are still waiting for a reply. The children

from the Rainbow room still have the opportunity to play outside. The older children have been going to the big yard and the younger children have been playing in the play yards at the front. Provisions have been added to the play area for the child's interest.

Summer Routine

This term the routine will be changed around so that the children are not out in the sun during the hottest part of the day, 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Please remember to pack your child hat



Chicken Coop

Our chicken coop has arrived and the chicken will be at the centre on Monday. The children are excited about them arriving. I am sure for the first few weeks they may be over fed a little with all the children wanting to feed them. Thank you to Gemma Ryan for the chickens.



Vegetable garden

Janine has started a vegetable garden with the children. It will be wonderful for the children to care for the plants and watch them grow as well as harvest and eat them.



Congratulations Dean

Dean has just received word that he has completed his Diploma of Children's Services. We are all very proud of Dean and of his achievement. It is not easy to study and work full time

TOY FUNDRAISING CATALOGUES

Toys are starting to arrive from the orders placed from the toy catalogues. If you have ordered some and not received them just require at the office.

GRENFELL JUNIOR CRICKET NEWS

Cricket will commence after the school holidays. Grenfell will be offering Milo In2Cricket, Under 10s, Under 12s, fewer than 14s & under 16s. If you wish to play please ring Megan 6343 7159.

Fees for 2010/11 are

Milo In2Cricket	\$40
U10-U16	\$45 per player
	\$80 2 players
	\$110 3 or more players

PINK NIGHT OUT

October is internationally known as Breast Cancer Month and **Pink Ribbon Day** is Monday 25 October. Kim Berry has once again organised a Pink night to support the fight against breast cancer. Come along this Saturday 16th October at the Grenfell Bowling Club tickets only \$20 which includes a meal and a ticket in the lucky door prize! Tickets are available here at the centre.



Dates to Remember

The Centre is open 50 weeks of the year. The centre will close on Thursday 23rd December and reopen on the 10th January 2011.

Change of Date

Our end of year celebrations will be Thursday 16th December 2010

Notice Given Our policy states that 2 weeks' notice must be given. If you are leaving the centre and you do not give 2 weeks' notice you will be charged at the normal rate of \$50 a day as CCB **cannot** be claimed.

Information from Family Assistance Office to parents

Parents are sometimes given information by the Family Assistance Office (FAO) that is misunderstood, misleading or incomplete and this can cause arguments with their child care service about what is the correct situation. When this happens, we need details about the source of the information so that we can do something about it.

Please tell us:

- How and when was the information given?
- If by phone, what was the receipt number for the call?
- If at a Centrelink or Medicare office, where was it and who did the family speak to?
- What questions did the family ask?
- What advice did the FAO give the family?

Armed with these details, we can work with the FAO to ensure staff learn more about CCB and improve the quality of advice they give to people in the future.

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