



grenfell preschool & long day care centre

newsletter
28th September 2009

AGM

On Monday night a new committee was elected.

President - Sally Metcalf

Vic President- Donna Gibbons

Treasurer- Donna Reeves

Secretary – Sarah Clifton

Ordinary Members - Sarah Trotter, Belinda Wilson and Lindy Frampton.

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

Kelly Nealon - President

Martina Dykhoff - Vice President

Donna Reeves -Treasurer

Sarah Clifton -Secretary

Sarah Hazell, Emma Lander and Sarah Trotter,

President's Message

Another year has passed and what a great year it has been. I thank everyone for allowing me to be President for the past year. I would especially like to thank the other members of the Management Committee: Martina Dykhoff, Sarah Clifton, Donna Reeves, Sarah Hazell, Sarah Trotter and Emma Lander. While the past year has given us many challenges, with the collective effort of us all, I think we can all be very proud of what we have achieved.

I would also like to thank Sharon, Christine, and all of the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. The enrolment numbers at the Centre have continued to grow and I believe this is a reflection of the amazing team of staff. It also shows that the Centre is servicing a need in the community.

I would like to take this opportunity to say personal thanks for the support shown to me in my decision to step down from the committee, and in particular to Sally Metcalfe for taking on the position of President. I am confident Sally will make a wonderful President and with her background in early childhood she will be a valued committee member. I now look forward to stepping down and focusing my time and energy on my family and other commitments. I wish Sally and the new management committee all the best for

the next 12 months and I offer my full support to you all.

I think it is very important to point out that first and foremost, we are all parents of children that attend the Centre, and it is for this reason that we volunteer our time and energy to the Committee. It is a challenging job, it can be quite time consuming, and sometimes when hard decisions have to be made it is difficult and not very rewarding, but we all give our time freely and voluntarily for the good of our children and I think this needs to be acknowledged.

We are all extremely lucky to have such a high quality Centre in Grenfell and I strongly encourage others to take a proactive role by either joining the Management Committee, or simply by just getting involved and participating in the Centre's events and projects.

Thanks again for the support shown to me over the last 12 months in my role as President, and also in my previous years of being a committee member. I have not only met some great people, but I have found it very rewarding and I am grateful to have been part of this fantastic Centre and to have had the opportunity to contribute to my children's education and future.

Kelly Nealon

Profile of our new President and Vic President

Sally Metcalfe – President

I am married to Scott and have 2 sons, Archie and Banjo. I have been associated with the centre on and off for over 9 years, through employment as well as whilst employed in Young would travel to the centre for my work. I have a Bachelor of Teaching in Early Childhood and have worked in many different early childhood settings, including Early Intervention, mobile and preschool. I have also spent time working overseas.

I am looking forward to working on the committee and helping the centre to continue growing. It is a great asset to Grenfell as it offers a wonderful service to the Grenfell community through quality care, staff and resources.

Donna Gibbons - Vice President

I am an Enrolled Nurse, married to Benjamin with 3 girls, Jasmine, Natalie and Kellie. I have lived in Grenfell for 41/2 years but have been visiting a family farm in Canowindra all my life. I am looking forward to meeting other parents associated with the centre and watching our children grow over the next 12 months.

Community Health
Upcoming Clinics for 2009:
21st October - 18th November -16th December



End of Year Celebrations

A survey form was sent out regarding the end of year celebration and the results were taken to the AGM meeting. After a decision a motion was passed to allow the staff to decide what was to happen. The staff meet the first Tuesday of every month and will hopefully come up with something that everyone is happy with.



School Transition for 2010

St Joseph's school and The Public School transition to school is extended to all children. Notes have been sent home with children who will be attending school in 2010. Please return them A S A P so we can notify the schools of numbers. If you have not enrolled your child at school please do, so the school can do their staffing for 2010.

An invitation will be extended to the preschool children and parents to attend a day at the Public school in week 7. Kylie Taylor Kindergarten teacher at the Public School will keep us informed and then I can inform you.

If you know of a child that will be eligible to attend school in 2010 and isn't attending Preschool, please make them know to us so we can get them into a school transition programme and help prepare for school.



Door Bell

Our new door bell has been installed and we apologise for the inconvenience it has caused. The Rainbow Room has a new clock due to it not keeping time. While they were waiting for a new one they had been using the clock the children made which was a little hard to read from a distance. The clock is lovely and the children are very proud of it.

Little Play Ground

The plans have arrived for the little play ground and a copy has been placed on the wall in the foyer. The next stage is to start the construction and the committee are in the process of seeking the best people to complete the work.

Child Safety

NSW Fair Trading, NSW Severe Burn Injury Service and The Children's Hospital at Westmead have created a quick survey for parents and carers to check the effectiveness of a recent campaign on treadmill safety and burn injuries to young children. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and will give us valuable information about parents' perceptions of child safety at home. The survey to parents will be in your next newsletter. The survey can be found at www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au

Human Swine Flu

The Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 vaccination program is expected to commence Wednesday 30th September for people age 10 and over. Anyone who wishes to be protected from Pandemic influenza is eligible for the vaccine. Dr Ishmael advises us that the vaccination is available at his surgery to anyone at no cost.

Dates to Remember

Community Health Centre Immunisation Clinic

Wednesday 21st October 2009

School photos November 4th and 5th November

School Transition dates

Grenfell Public School starts 30th October 2009 for 5 weeks on a Friday
St Joseph's School starts 4th November 2009 for 3 weeks on a Wednesday

Pictureplate orders due back the week of the 18th October or ASP...

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