



grenfell preschool & long day care centre

newsletter

30th March 2009

Family Fun Day

I hope everyone that came had a great time at the Family fun day. The weather was great; the sausages were yummy and the children very happy.

5 Year Plan

Have you contributed to our 5 Year Plan?

The Management Committee of the Grenfell Preschool & Long Day Care Centre are currently constructing our 5 Year Plan. Please make your contribution to help see the centre make the right discussions

How can you make a contribution?

Parents and staff can vote at the Centre for the things that they would most like to see included as part of the 5 year plan. Just collect your 10 sticker dots from the office and place them on the charts on displayed in the foyer next to each of the things you would like to see included.

Voting will be collated and the plan finalised by the Management Committee and presented at the General Meeting.

Accreditation

Parents, Staff, Committee Members and the Director are required to fill out surveys as the next step in Accreditation. Attached to the newsletter is the letter and survey for parents to complete. The centre is required to have 40% of the surveys returned so please help by filling them in and sending them back as soon as possible.

Accounts

As from this week you will notice the accounts have a different format. The centre has changed the program it uses to submit attendances to the Government for calculation of CCBs, from CentreCalc to Hubworks. Christine and Donna have worked hard over the last month to get it up and running. If you have any concerns about your account please see us and let us explain it to you.

Hubworks is an online system that has the facility for families to access and pay their accounts online. We will shortly be sending out more information to all families on how to access this facility.

Policies

The following policies are currently being reviewed by the Management Committee.

Cancellation, Fees, Accident, Incident & Accident Reports, Area of Cleaning, Bike, Bus, Staff, Child Custody, Complaints, Confidentiality, Emergency Evacuation, Excursions, Fire, Hand Washing, Toilet, Toy Washing, Television, Sun Protection, Shoes, Hat Routine, Record Retention, Quiet Time and Rest Time, Quandialla, Responding to a Storm

Health News

Parents are reminded to have 18 month olds immunised for chicken pox and that immunisations before school are now given at age 4yrs. We seem to have a pattern where parents are diligent with the 2mth - 12mths, but forget about 18mth & 4yrs.

Immunisation days are currently the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Community Health 63431811 by appointment & available at the GP's or Cowra and Young Medical Centres. Cowra has a drop-in clinic on Tuesdays. With chicken pox & whooping cough on the rise we need parents to be diligent about immunisation

FREE PERTUSSIS (Whooping cough) VACCINE FOR NEW PARENTS IN NSW

3 Key points to note:

1. The pertussis epidemic continues in NSW. Babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated are most at risk.
2. For a limited time dTpa vaccine will be provided free for all new parents and carers, grandparents and any other adults who regularly care for infants. This is available now from GPs and Community Health Centres.
3. DTPa (Infanrix-hexa) can be given to babies from 6 weeks of age.

The pertussis outbreak is continuing in NSW with more than 3000 cases already reported this year.

Timely immunisation of infants is important because unvaccinated infants are at highest risk of infection and are also at high risk of complications. Because pertussis immunity wanes over time, many older children and adults are susceptible to infection and can be the source of new infections in infants.

For a limited time, *FREE* dTpa vaccine will be available for all new parents, grandparents and any other adults who will regularly care for infants less than 12 months of age.

*Who is eligible for the *FREE* dTpa vaccine?*

- Couples who are planning a pregnancy (both parents).
- New parents (mothers should be vaccinated as soon as possible after childbirth).
- Grandparents and other adults who will regularly care for the infant.

*How do new parents and carers get their *FREE* dTpa vaccine?*

- The vaccine is available from general practitioners and Community Health Nurses for a limited time.

Please contact Jen Napier at Grenfell Community Health, 63431811 or your local GP to find out if you are eligible. Dr Ismael has also informed us that he is available to give the injections at the **Grenfell Medical Centre phone 63432494**

In the meantime, parents need to vaccinate their baby on time and keep them away from anyone with a cough.

There has been a real buzz in Garden and Star Room knowing the fire truck was arriving on Friday.



Grenfell is very lucky to have dedicated and caring people to think of the children at our centre. Firemen Zippy and Paul gave up their time to see the children who were informed about fires and what they should do in case there was one. Every term at the centre we practice fire drills with the children.

Grenfell Kids

Congratulation Rebecca and Martin Squires on your new venture - Grenfell Kids.

Grenfell Kids is for children sized 000 to 14. They have a big range of clothing, with new stock arriving weekly. Hand painted bedroom accessories and an in-store cake ordering service. For any enquiries please call Rebecca 0488 073 733 or drop in to 115 Main Street (next to Tammy's Hair Design).

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Dates to Remember

Last Day of Term 1

Thursday 9th April 2009

School Holidays

Two weeks' notice must be given if you wish to cancel your child's position during school holidays. If notice is not given, fees will still be payable.

Musical Quiz Night

Friday 1st May 2009 at 7pm

Start getting your tables of 10 ready for a fun filled night.

More information soon ...

Next General Meeting

Monday 11th May 2009 at 7pm