



# grenfell preschool & long day care centre

newsletter

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## Happy Mother's Day

Last week was wonderful listening to the children tell us why they liked their mums and where they were going to hide the cards they made their mothers. I smiled when I listened to Ben and Joe say they were going to hide them under their Dad's clothes in his drawers and under the bed because Mum never looks there.

## Validator's Visit

At long last we have had our validator's visit as part of the steps to Accreditation. For two days the valuator observed and interviewed to obtain evidence that our Centre is following the 7 Quality areas and 33 principals of accreditation. I am pleased to report that the Grenfell Preschool & Long Day Care Centre did extremely well, however we will have to wait another 6 weeks for the moderator to send the final decision.

## Staffing

The committee has employed another early childhood teacher, Emily Riley from Orange, to cope with the high number of children attending our centre. With the numbers being so high in the Star Room, this will be a great opportunity to add Emily to that room to assist with the care and running of the room. Emily and Belinda will work together taking turns with the music program and the greeting in the morning. The children will be divided into 2 language groups where each teacher will be able to do more one on one work with the children to prepare them for school in 2010. Both teachers will be working towards the same goals. Each teacher will have 21 portfolios and will be available to meet with the families to discuss their children.

Leanne Walsh is away and Lisa Jones and Zovi Armstrong have been working in the Rainbow Room. Both Lisa and Zovi are qualified child care workers who take pride in their work and the children adore them. Belinda Stevens has also been at the Centre helping us out. This week Tracey McKellar will also be working in the Rainbow room.

## Health and Safety

There has been a suspected case of the measles reported to the Centre however it has not yet been confirmed.

**Measles** is a highly infectious and serious viral illness. It begins with fever, tiredness, a cough, a runny nose and inflamed eyes. These symptoms usually worsen over 3 days. The cough tends to be worse at night. The child may avoid light because the eyes are inflamed. At this stage, there may be small white spots on a red base present in the mouth on the inside of the cheek. Between days 3 and 7, a rash begins at the hair line. The fever will still be present when the rash begins. In 24–48 hours, this will spread over the entire body. When the rash reaches the legs, the rash on the head and face begins to fade. The rash usually disappears after 6 days. Measles lasts about 10 days. The cough may be the last symptom to disappear. A child with measles usually feels very ill. In a fairly high number of cases, the measles virus causes serious complications, such as pneumonia or

inflammation of the brain. That is why there is so much concern about the disease. Measles is not a simple childhood disease. The number of cases in Australia has fallen dramatically over the past 10 years as a result of immunisation programmes and other public health measures.

### Incubation period

8–14 days, usually 10 days.

### Infectious period

About 4–5 days before the rash begins until the fourth day after the rash appears.

### Exclusion period

Exclude for at least 4 days after the appearance of the rash.

### Responsibilities of parents

Observe the exclusion period. If the child feels unwell, keep them home until they are feeling better.

Advise any friends, family or social contacts that your child has measles. These contacts may need to seek medical advice if they are pregnant, unimmunised or have a medical condition which compromises their immune system.

## Controlling the spread of infection in the centre

Measles is best prevented through immunisation with the MMR vaccine.

Children should be immunised at 12 months of age and again at 4 years of age. The vaccine gives lasting immunity. All childcare staff born during or since 1966, either without vaccination records or are negative on blood test should be vaccinated both for their own protection and to avoid the risk of infecting their pregnant colleagues.

## Policies under Review

The following policies are currently being reviewed by the management committee: Cancellations, Fees, Staff Children at the Centre.



## Biggest Morning Tea

We are having a Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser for the Cancer Council from 10am on Thursday 28th May 2009.

Please come along and have a cuppa with the staff and share morning tea with your children. Families are also asked to make a gold coin donation.



## Eye Screening

Free eye screening for 3 to 5 yr olds

Young Eyes will be visiting Grenfell Preschool on Tuesday 19th May 2009 at 9am to conduct eye screenings. We urge all parents to have their child's eyes checked before they start school. If your child does not attend on the Tuesday they are still very welcome to attend the eye screening service but need to be accompanied by an adult. Parents wishing to have their children's eyes checked must complete a permission note I apologise for putting the wrong date in an early newsletter. If your child is not book in that day please bring your child from 9am. They should finish screening around 12pm.



## Information Night

Please Come along and Show Support for Your Children's Future Education

The Principal of St Joseph's Catholic School, Mr Peter Stephens, and Mr Andrew Hooper, the Principal of The Grenfell Public School will be at our centre on the evening of Monday 25th May 2009 at 7.30pm to share information about their schools. All parents who have children starting school in 2010 are encouraged to attend to hear information about the two schools. Belinda Wilson will also be at the centre to speak too. Everyone is welcome.



## gigalees crazy circus show

will be at the Centre on Friday 22nd May starting at 2pm. If your child attends that day you will need to sign a permission note for them to attend. If your child dose not attend that day ,you and your child as most welcome to come. The cost is \$5 per person. If your child dose not attend that day please leave your names at the office or with a staff member as we need to know how many will be attending.



## Music Quiz Night

We invite you all to come and support the Grenfell Pre school & Long Day Care Centre function to raise money for our Festival King Entrant Dean Cawthorne on Friday 22nd May at 7.30pm at the Country Club. The cost is \$10 a head and tables of 10 are available. There will be extra points for tables that come dressed in a musical theme/ or as a music group. If you can't make up a table and would like to come, please see us and join one of our tables. We would like to have all of you there. You can get your tickets at Tammy's Hair Design or at the front office.



## Birth Notice

Sarah and Mark Loader have a new baby daughter born on Saturday 9th May 2009.

**Marley Jane Loader**

## Car Park

The Centre received a letter from the Weddin Shire Council advising us that they are going to seal our car park as part of a Grant they had received. The surface of the car park will need to be prepared and David Troth will be doing that early this week.



## The Star Room

The Star Room children have taken a real interest in the tadpoles they have in their room. Rhys in the Garden Room enjoys coming into the Star Room and feeding them. When his grandmother came to collect him he showed them to her. She appeared to take a real interest in them so perhaps when they turn into frogs she might like one. There are lots of tadpoles and I can see us arriving at the centre one day and all these frogs jumping around the room.

Emma Lander came to our Centre and along with the children planted some seeds. Lisa Jones arrived at work with vegetables plants for the children to plant. The children had fun planting them and over the months they will be able to watch them grow.



## The Garden Room

The Garden Room has been given a crayfish for their room and they have called him snapper. He is in a big fish tank so our fingers will be safe. Rochelle walked into the centre dressed as a beetle. Her hair was purple and the children thought that was great. The night before she and Dean had set up an area where there were lots of insect for the children to discover and learn about. I told the children in the Star room about all the ants in the room and two by two Rochelle and Dean let the children in to see them. The children returned to tell us all about what they had seen.



## The Rainbow Room

The Rainbow room is alive with all the children. The children have been divided in two groups 0-1 and 2-3 year olds. When they are outside the younger ones are taken to a different area to play. It has been working well and Kim Nicole, Leanne, Lyn, Janine and Lisa are doing a wonderful job caring for them. The staff gets excited when one of the children archives a goal especially when they say their name or use news words for the first time. Janine our special needs worker has been making at home some new resources for all to use alongside the different culture they have been introducing to the children.

## New Camera

On behalf of the centre we would like to thank the Frampton family for the new camera they donated to the centre for the staff to use to capture moments with the children. As you are aware the staff had their money stolen they were saving to purchase a new one when the Centre was broken into.

## Quandialla

Quandialla is now a SunSmart preschool. This means they follow the guidelines recommended by the Cancer Council. The preschool were able to hang their new sign on the new fence which was built with the Seeds of Renewal grant they received last year.



## Dates to Remember

### Next General Meeting

Monday 11th May 2009 at 7pm

### Eye Screening

Tuesday 19th May 2009 at 9am

### Gigalees Crazy Circus Show

Friday 22nd May 2009 at 2pm

### Musical Quiz Night

Friday 22nd May 2009 at 7pm

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

### Information night

Monday 25th May 2009 at 7.30pm

### Biggest Morning Tea

Thursday 28th May 2009 at 10am

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