



# grenfell preschool & long day care centre



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## Covered Walkway

The team from Spanline completed the walkway in good time having cleaned up and completed the job by Saturday afternoon. I'm sure you will all agree that it is a very welcome addition to the centre, greatly improving drop off and pick-ups in wet weather. Thank you to the families who without exception were very understanding of the changes to accessibility for the 3 days that they were here. Everything went extremely smoothly.

## Other Changes

This week we have more builders at the centre who are building enclosed book shelves in the Star Room. Please say hello to Glenn and Corey from Lachlan Valley Building if you see them. Once again we will try to ensure that there is as little disruption as possible this week while they are here. The area near the lockers of the Star room will not be accessible until the work is completed. Alternate arrangements for the children's bags will be made so please just see staff in the rooms if you are unsure where to store your children's belongings.

Next week we hope to have Karl Makin here who will be rejuvenating the front yard area. This should not create any inconvenience as he will be working in small yard outside the Star Room. Please also make him feel welcome.

Another future project is a Bush Tucker Garden. Some time ago we received a grant from Weddin Landcare and the Weddin Community Native Nursery. With these funds we plan to landscape the area outside the shed in the big playground, adding a native garden and pebbles, cementing a path and wall art. Hopefully this will be completed within the next 3 weeks.

**Working Bee: Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> June from 10am – morning tea provided.**

Please come along to help us tidy up the yard. We have some weeding and pruning to do, so bring a

spade and gloves if you can. The more helpers the less time it will take.

As you can see there is a lot happening around the centre. As always if you have any issues please see any of the staff in the rooms, Tracey or myself.

Lisa

## Book Club

Books ordered from Issue 3 should be arriving this week. They will be placed in your child's bag when this happens.  
Thank you for your support.

## Committee Corner

**Policies under review**  
Bullying and Harassment



## LABELLING

Please label any items (hats, jumpers, food and drink containers etc.) that your children bring to preschool. It is really hard to return stray items when they are not named.

## JUMPERS

As it is getting colder can you please pack a labelled jumper each day for your child? We still play outside during the middle of the day.

## The Henry Lawson Festival



The Henry Lawson Festival is an annual event held in Grenfell, NSW on the June long weekend. Grenfell is the birthplace of Henry Lawson, one of Australia's best loved poets and writer of short stories. The Festival is one of the longest running arts events in NSW and 2016 sees it celebrate its 59th year. The theme for the 2016 festival is **'THE ROARING DAYS; A Trip through the Decades'**. Each year there is a street procession which is one of the highlights of the festival. A range of floats are prepared in the months leading up to the festival by local organisation including school and service clubs

This year we have decided to dress up in the 60's rock and roll and walk behind the Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centres banner. We are asking you all to join in with us dress up in the 60's rock and roll outfits. Start thinking about what to wear and have it all ready for the day.



## The Gigalees



The Gigalees are coming to the centre on Monday the 30th May 2016 at 10am. Cost will be \$6.00 per child. Payment in cash before or on the day would be appreciated.

Wilma and Daisy (The Gigalees) are two of the most experienced children's entertainers in the country. Someone once described The Gigalees as 'Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis for kids' because the energy and humour of Wilma and Daisy was and is so infectious. Kids of all ages (even the big adult type kids) cannot help but laugh out loud and get drawn into the world of The Gigalees. Wilma and Daisy are the best of friends. They play lots of games and no one is ever left out.

The children from Quandialla preschool and Grenfell Public School kindergarten class will also be joining us on the day.

Children who do not normally attend on a Monday are most welcome to attend accompanied by a carer.



National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Each year we have been invited to take children from the Star Room to the Library and listen to Anne, the Librarian read to the children a book that is being read all over Australia at the same time on the 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. This year's book is called 'I Got this Hat'.

St Joseph's school have also invited us up to the school for the National Simultaneous story time so will be taking all the children from the Garden room to participate.

Notes must be returned as soon as possible please. There are still a quite few outstanding.

**Please if you are able to help with either excursion let us know.**

### Asthma Plans

It is very important to keep your Asthma plans up to date. If your child has one and it is more than 12 months old this must be updated and a copy given to the centre. Staff will continue reminding parents.

### Reading and Writing Workshop

Adjunct Professor Kaye Lowe (University of Canberra) will be presenting a parent/carers workshop on how to help children with reading and writing at home. Kaye has worked in many learning contexts including P-12, parent education and adult education. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend this 90-minute workshop which will be held in the library at St Joseph's School on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May at 6:45pm. There will be a sausage sizzle prior to the workshop at 6pm supplied by the St Joseph's P & F. Supervision of children during the workshop will also be provided by school staff to enable parents/carers to attend. Please RSVP for catering purposes. Phone Therese Clancy or Loy Best on 6343 1514 or email [office.stjosephsgrenfell@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.stjosephsgrenfell@cg.catholic.edu.au)



### Dates to Remember

#### Gigalees

10 am on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016

#### National Simultaneous Storytime

25<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.

#### Biggest Morning Tea

26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 from 8am

#### Working Bee

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 10am

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

27<sup>th</sup> June -1<sup>st</sup> July

The centre will close Friday 23rd December and reopen January 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**The children of Grenfell  
Preschool & LDC are  
hosting  
The Biggest Morning Tea  
2016**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
From 8:00 am onwards  
\$gold coin donation**

**Tea and coffee will be  
served in the foyer from  
8am.**

**Each room will also have  
a special morning tea  
from 10am which  
families are invited to  
attend.**

**Come and join in the fun  
with the children. They  
look forward to your  
company. Feel free to  
bring along your  
favourite cake, slice or  
biscuits to share!**



Quandialla runs Mondays and Wednesdays,  
Caragabal runs Tuesdays and Fridays.  
Session times: 9:15 am- 3:15pm

**Contact numbers:** Mobile Service: 0488 045 584  
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If you have any concerns please contact Tracey  
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Care Centre on 0263431743 or email  
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Dates to remember for the Weddin Mobile Preschool  
Service

#### Biggest Morning Tea

Quandialla 27<sup>th</sup> May

Caragabal 29<sup>th</sup> May

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

Quandialla 29<sup>th</sup> June Caragabal 28<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July