



# Grenfell Preschool & Long Day Care Centre



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Newsletter

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## The Henry Lawson Festival Parade

I would like to thank Greg Bowerman for all the work he did to create a Slouch Hat for the festival. Thanks to Laraine Bland and her son Jaxon for helping me papier-mache and paint the hat. Thank to John Grant who moved the hat from shed to shed and did all the reversing for Laraine and I. Ross Greenaway for the use of his shed to store the hat so we could work on it at night and to Scott Metcalfe for the use of his trailer and driving the van in the Parade.

Thank you to all the families and Staff that paraded with us all. It was a great day which I'm sure everyone enjoyed.

## Long Day Care fees

For attendance from the week commencing Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July the daily fee for Long Day Care places will increase to \$72.00 per day. An increase of \$2. Rates for a half day will be \$36 and the hourly care rate will remain at \$7.50 per hour. Most families will only notice a small change in their out of pocket expenses due to an increase in the rate of child Care Benefit from the 1<sup>st</sup> July.



## Recipe Book

### Recipe Book- Don't forget to send in your recipes

The Centre is compiling a recipe book with everyone's favourite recipe in it. So we are asking for families to contribute to the book by sharing your favourite recipe. Please leave them at the office or email them to:

[rainbow@grenfellpreschool.com.au](mailto:rainbow@grenfellpreschool.com.au)

## Kids Creative Corner

A huge thanks has to go to Amy Milne and all her helpers with the Kids Creative Corner. Amy put a lot of work into seeing the children have a place to go that is fun and affordable for families. Not only did the children enjoy the puppets and play dough, I believe the parents did too. Face painting was also very popular with the children. Thank you to Ashleigh, Emily, Holly and Katie, Lorraine and Lisa, and staff from the Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre as well as Mia and Kirushanthi. We would also like to thank Martina Dykhoff for the use of her shop.

## Early Childhood Educator - Maternity Leave (6-12mths) - Grenfell

Applications are invited for the following position. Starting August 2015 for 2 days a week Thursdays and Fridays

### Essential:

- Bachelor of Teaching/Education (Early Childhood),

### Salary

- Modern Award long Day Care

Please forward your application to:

### The Management Committee

Grenfell Preschool & Long Day Care Centre

PO Box 35, Grenfell NSW 2810 - (02) 6343 1743

## Committee Corner



### Policies being reviewed

Staff Grievance Policy, Asthma and Medication Policy

## Healthy Ears



Dear Parents,

Kristy Collins a Hearing Support Teacher, from the Department of Education, working in the Lachlan Area visited the centre to teach about 'Healthy Ears' on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June.

A major focus of the lesson was to teach the children the importance of blowing their nose to help them hear clearly.

If you have any concerns about your child's hearing please contact your child's teacher or a member of the Hearing Support Team.

Yours sincerely,

Kristy Collins 68621844 and Di Agustin 63424147.

(Itinerant Support Teacher - Hearing)

### Hearing Tests are available at the following places:

#### Free Hearing Tests

Grenfell Community Health - (02) 6349 1777

(Grenfell Community Health also holds Hearing clinics at Canowindra & Cowra)

Forbes Community Health - (02) 6850 2233

Dubbo Community Health - (02) 6885 8999

Aboriginal Medical Service Centres - Yoorana Gunya Forbes - (02) 6850 1222

#### Hearing Tests also available at

Hearing Life - Dubbo - (02)6882 0807

Orange Audiology - (02) 6360 1884

(Tests are available at a cost of approximately \$ 40)

#### Private Practices

Connect Hearing - Orange - (02) 6362 1800

Dr Houghton's Practice with Margaret Deans - Orange - (02) 6361 0055

### Common names.....Conductive Hearing Loss, 'Glue Ear', Ear Infection

Otitis Media refers to fluid in and infection of the middle ear. The infection causes the Eustachian tube to become blocked and stops the air flow that keeps the middle ear healthy.

Otitis Media can be fluctuating, may have no obvious outward signs and can often be difficult to identify.

**IF** the middle ear is full of fluid, a conductive hearing loss can occur. This type of hearing loss can be here one week and gone the next or can last for months. It can also lead to a permanent hearing loss.

Here are some things to look for that may indicate Otitis Media:

#### GENERAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING

- Sore, red or runny ears. Children who have had constant ear problems from a toddler become immune to the pain, as they think it is normal, so often will not complain)

- May have frequent colds and a frequent/constant runny nose.
- Sensitive to loud noise and be upset by loud group work.
- May appear to have blocked nose and breathe through their mouth >>> a good indicator is to get your child to chew a lolly and keep their mouths shut when eating it. Those who cannot keep their mouth shut may have Glue Ear. Mouth breathers often have blocked Eustachian tubes and or Glue Ear.
- Poor balance or appear to be uncoordinated (due to fluid in the middle ear).
- Unhappy at school. May lack confidence, be quiet and withdrawn.

#### SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

- Speech maybe unclear - have to ask the child to repeat.
- Child may be reluctant to chat and have an overly loud or soft voice.
- Language is slow to develop. Says 'what' a lot.

#### BEHAVIOUR

- Short concentration span and often stares out the window and go into their own 'little world' a lot.
- 'Off task' in school activities and may be reluctant to participate in classroom activities.
- Disrupts others and copies others' behaviour and work.
- Very noisy and can be frustrated - bursts of aggression.
- 'Disobedient' - doing the wrong thing - doing their own thing - doing nothing!
- Frustration, anxiety and avoidance - As a general rule, people with hearing loss tend to experience more frustration and anxiety than other people do, in comparable situations.



#### Lost Property

It is important that you label all belongings as there are often children who have the same lunch boxes, drink bottles and jumpers etc. It can be very confusing for staff, and no doubt frustrating for parents, when the items do not come home. If you have items of clothing or containers missing please check the lost property box as there are items there with no names. In the Foyer there are some hats that belong to children. Please look at them in case they belong to your child.

## Pictureproducts

Turn your child's treasured memories into durable, high-quality melamine products that will last a lifetime!

Flyers and order forms for Pictureproducts will be going out to all families this week. You will be able to do them at home or at the centre, however there will be a strict return date when they must be returned so we can have them back in time for Christmas.



Weddin Mobile Preschool runs at Quandialla Mondays and Wednesdays during school terms. Caragabal runs Tuesdays and Fridays.

Session times: 9:15 am- 3:15pm

### Dates to Remember

#### Caragabal News

- Each term we write a list of goals for the room, some are for us and some for the children. This week's room goal is relationships and diversity.
- 15<sup>th</sup> September School Photo. More information to follow.
- Movie Day on the last day of term. We'll be cooking lunch and popcorn. The children can come dressed up if they want. We haven't chosen a movie yet so if you have any ideas, let us know!

#### Quandialla News

**Wednesday 17th June** a meeting will be held in the library after drop off to discuss fundraising for our mobile preschool. All are welcome to attend and the more people who attend there may be more ideas.

#### Wednesday 24th June

Pyjama Day - children invited to wear PJ's for the day but please remember to pack a jumper and sturdy shoes as we will play outside if weather permits.

**At 2:30 pm** - families and friends are invited to attend our Mini Drama Production of Wombat Stew. The children have been busy rehearsing and are quite excited. All welcome. This is also the last day of preschool for term 2. **Preschool will resume on Monday 13th July.**



## Dates to Remember

**School Photos**  
10<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**The Barry Peter show**  
**Off We Go – free concert**  
1st September 2015

**Little Picasso Art Show**  
24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**Centre Close date 24th December**

**Photos from the Henry Lawson Festival Parade**

