



grenfell preschool & long day care centre

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Increase to Child Care Benefit from July 2014

Australian families will receive more Government child care fee assistance following the indexation of the child care rates. Overall, the Australian Government is increasing child care assistance to \$28.5 billion from 2014-15 to 2017-18 to help around a million Australian families each year with the costs of child care. This includes \$14.9 billion in Child Care Rebate and \$13.6 billion in Child Care Benefit over the next four years.

Health Care Cards

We have been advised by the Department of Education and Care that we are now required to provide evidence of Health Care Cards holders. Previously, on our Enrolment Forms, families were only required to tick yes or no. We now require a photocopy of the card. Please help us by supplying a copy, or bringing your card into the office and we can photocopy it for you.

Immunisation History Statement

A reminder to all parents that they must provide our service with a copy of their child's immunisation certificate showing up to date immunisation dates. Families can get a copy of their child's immunisation details by calling **1800 653 809** or emailing: acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au.

Lisa can also order a copy to be mailed to your home address if you prefer. Thankyou to those families who have brought in their childrens up to date details. Reminders will be sent out to those families who are still to bring in Immunisation History Statements. It is a requirement for continuing enrolment that the service has your child's current immunisation history.

An Owl's Tale concert by Barry Peters

Barry Peters will be at the centre on Thursday 4th September at 10am to present a concert called "An Owl's Tale" – a true story about a bird that saved an entire forest. The concert will be \$8 and everyone is invited. Barry has sent us a sample of his CD for us

to listen to and some of the songs on the CD will be in his concert. It sounds wonderful and I am sure the children will enjoy it, as will the parents.

Picture Products Fundraising Project:

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

Flyers and order forms for Picture Products will be going out to all families soon.



Lost Property

It is important that you label all of your child's clothing and 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. We currently have some items in it.

Healthy Little Ears

Conductive Hearing Loss is a fluctuating hearing loss that affects many young children. It limits the conduction of sounds to the inner ear and is usually due to Otitis Media which is an infection of the middle ear. Around 30% - 40% of children under 6 years can have Otitis Media or suffer a conductive hearing loss at any given time, which can have a profound impact on their education and socialisation. An important preventative measure is to teach correct nose blowing procedures.

Marianne Garriock, an Itinerant Support Teacher for the Hearing from Parkes, will be at the centre on Wednesday, 03/09/14 at 10.00am to give ear health lessons. These lessons will involve showing the children a model of the ear, what happens when Otitis Media occurs and how to blow their nose correctly to help keep their nose and ears clear. Lessons run for approximately 50 minutes. Her target audience is children who are about to start school.

Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Club Book Fair will be running from Monday 18th August 2014 to Friday 22nd August 2014. Books will be on display in the foyer and will be available for purchase from the reception desk. Books cater for ages from birth to 6 years. Limited stock will be available so don't miss out.



Committee Corner

AGM:
22nd September 2014 at 7pm

Children starting school in 2015

Do you have a child starting school in 2015?

Families are invited to a Morning Tea on Wednesday 23 July at **Grenfell Public School** at 10:00am

Come and see what Grenfell Public School can offer you and your child. You will have the opportunity to tour their classrooms and grounds, meet other students and staff and enjoy morning tea with other new Kindy parents. During the information session you will have the opportunity to ask questions and have them answered. For more information contact the school on 6343 2122.

St Joseph's School

Open Day- Showcase Please join them in celebrating the learning opportunities at St Joseph's School. The Showcase is open to visitors, parents, friends and community members. They hope to see you there

Where: St Joseph's School Library when: Friday 1st August – from 12.30pm

R.S.V.P. Friday 25th July

office.stjosephsgrenfell@cg.catholic.edu

Roster for Art Show 12th- 15th August

For our Art Exhibition to be successful we need your help!

If there is anyone that could help out at our Art Exhibition by taking money at the door and money from the sales of paintings please let us know.

Hand Foot and Mouth

There has been a confirmed case in Grenfell. Hand, foot and mouth virus causes blisters on the hands and feet, in the mouth and often in the 'nappy' area. It is generally only a mild disease that lasts seven to ten days. Children with hand foot and mouth must be excluded from childcare until all of the blisters have dried. Can you please let the centre know if your child becomes ill with this virus?



Dates to Remember

Book Fair

Week of the August 18th -22nd August

Little Picasso Art Show

Week starting 12th – 15th August 2014

An Owl's Tale concert by Barry Peters

Thursday 4th September at 10am

AGM

22nd September 2014 at 7pm

School Photos

11th November 2014

End of year closure: Friday 19th December

Reopen: Monday 5th January 2015

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Little Picasso Exhibition

Art Work

by Children of the Weddin Shire

Tuesday 12th - 15th August

from 10am- 4pm

at the Grenfell Community Hub

Main Street, Grenfell 2810

Entry – gold coin donation

Please come along and be impressed by what the children of the Weddin Shire have done. You may even like to buy a painting.

You are also invited to the official opening of the Little Picasso Exhibition on Tuesday 12th August at 6pm at the Grenfell Community Hub

Cost \$5 which includes Drinks, appetizers and entry to any other day of the exhibition.



Weddin Mobile
Preschool
Service

Preschool resumes

Quandialla Monday 14th July

Caragabal Tuesday 15th July

We look forward to seeing you all for term 3.