



# grenfell preschool & long day care centre



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newsletter

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## Welcome back for term 3

It is great to have the preschool children back after the school holidays as well as the before and after school children. The school holiday programme was great hit with the children. They had a wonder time at Ben Halls Cave and the Crafty Kids workshops. The children also loved the bus ride to the MPS to see the residents



## STRONG START FUNDING

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that all children in New South Wales can participate in 600 hours of quality preschool education in the year before school, no matter where they live or what their circumstances are.

Research shows that children who participate in a quality early childhood education program for at least 600 hours in the year before school are more likely to arrive at school equipped with the social, cognitive and emotional skills they need to engage in learning.

The benefits endure well beyond primary school. Higher levels of educational attainments, economic participation and family wellbeing have all been linked to moderate levels of participation in early childhood education.

Making early childhood education more affordable To ensure that affordability is not a barrier for families with young children the NSW Government has allocated an additional \$115 million in funding to support universal access to early childhood education.

The funding package includes \$85 million for community preschool, targeted at increasing 600 hours enrolments and reducing fees \$30 million to support all children in the year before school in Long Day Care Centres.

The extra funding, which adds to the \$150 million that has already been allocated under the current Preschool Funding Model, is designed to significantly reduce preschool fees, making

600hours of early childhood education more affordable for all families

## Grenfell Preschool Fee reduction

Preschool providers will be required to pass on the bulk of the additional funding to families through fee reduction.

**The Grenfell Preschool fees commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July will be as follows:-**

\*Equity children i.e. families holding a low income Health care card and /or is Aboriginal: \$16 session  
**You must supply the centre with a current copy of your health care card to be eligible for this fee reduction.**

\*Children eligible for school the following year: \$20 a session

\*Children NOT eligible for school the following year: \$30 a session

If you wish to take advantage of the new fee and place your child into a preschool session or have any concerns please see Lisa or Sharon.

## **Fundraising for Macey**

Macey is in Westmead hospital Westmead Children's Hospital with her recovery expected to take many months including numerous surgeries. There is a long road ahead for her mum and dad, Kacie and Andrew, and her older sisters Dana and Sienna. There is a fundraising appeal happening and if you can support this family please donate to the following account. There will be significant medical, travel and accommodation costs incurred by the family over the coming months and years

If you can help please do

Account Name: Macey Yerbury Fundraising  
Account BSB: 802-367 A/c No :100005693

Congratulation to Grenfell Meat Barn for your kind donation of a dressed lamb to raise money for Macey. We hope everyone has their tickets and if not, you can purchase them at the Grenfell Meat Barn before the 6<sup>th</sup> August.



### We are here to help

if you are in a hurry in the morning and need some help with unpacking bags or settling your child please do not hesitate to ask as we are only too pleased to help.



### Committee Corner

**Policies review**  
**Social Media policy**  
**Fees policy**



### Bus travel

If your child is travelling on the bus home please let us know early in the day and tell your child. We are having children upset as they are telling us they are on the bus but we have not been notified. It is always best if the same bus schedule is kept each week.



### Group Exercise Classes

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 am in the old CWA rooms  
Tuesday 9-10:00 am in the old CWA rooms  
\$10 pp (Bring Healthy Back vouchers welcome during the program)  
Please bring water bottle, towel and yoga mat if you have one.  
Classes suitable for all fitness levels.  
Part of the active farmers network sponsored by Delta Ag, these group classes are not only for farmers, **we welcome everyone in Grenfell's community.**  
A wonderful way to start your day and add some fun, group activity to your weekly program.  
Enquiries to Kim Broomy 0427472152  
FB: Quandialla Fitness group

### Star Room News

Just a reminder to the parents of children in the Star Room that they are no longer sharing fruit at morning tea in preparation for school next year. Please continue to send in a piece of fruit each day but it is to be left in their lunch boxes.



Quandialla runs Mondays and Wednesdays, Term 3 starts Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Caragabal runs Tuesdays and Fridays. Term 3 Starts Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.  
Session times: 9:15 am- 3:15pm  
**Contact numbers:** Mobile Service: **0488 045 584**  
Grenfell Pre-School and LDC: **63431743.**  
**If you have any concerns, please contact the Director Sharon Grant at the Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre on 0263431743**  
Tracey and Kim are always there to help in any way they can.

### Hand and Foot Scrub

The Garden Room and Star Room children made foot scrub and hand scrub during the holidays. We have had many requests for the recipes.

#### Peppermint foot scrub

1-2 cups of sugar, the coarsest available  
½ cup of warmed coconut oil  
10-15 drops of peppermint essential oil  
2 drops of green food colouring  
Mix them all together and pour into a jar

#### Hand Scrub

1 tbsp. coconut oil  
2 tables raw honey  
¼ cup cooking salt  
1/4 cup of sugar  
1 tbsp. lemon juice  
Stir together the honey and coconut oil in a medium bowl.  
In another small bowl, blend the salt, sugar and lemon juice until it becomes crumbly.  
Pour the salt mixture over the honey mixture and stir until smooth  
Store in a small glass container

### Dates to Remember

#### PLANT A TREE DAY

28<sup>th</sup> July

#### Jeans for Jeans Day

4<sup>th</sup> August 2017

#### Steps eye screening

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

#### Barry Peters Show

21<sup>st</sup> August 2018

#### Young Eyes

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### School Dental Clinic

Grenfell Community Health Service  
For appointments please call 1300 55 26 26

**The centre will close for 2017 on Friday 22nd December @6pm**



# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL GRENFELL

*Caring for Your Children*

Wednesday July 19, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

***Come along and work with Kaye Lowe, find out about how you can work on...***



## **Reading and writing with children at home.**

Kaye worked with students and staff at St Joseph's last year, and is coming back to work with students and staff next week.

During the visit, Kaye will host a session with parents, designed to reduce the stress and anxiety that parents and carers may experience when assisting their children at home with reading and writing.

The emphasis is on bringing joy and love to reading and writing.

Parents are introduced to the best and most effective ways of assisting their children to become independent and confident readers.

Parents will be provided with strategies that encourage their children to discover the pleasure of reading and writing.

This workshop will be presented by:

Professor Kaye Lowe. Kaye has worked in many learning contexts including K-12, parent education, adult education, jails and juvenile justice and is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Canberra.



**Venue: St Joseph's School Library**

**Date: Tuesday July 25**

**Time: 6.30 pm**

Please RSVP by Friday July 21

Phone: Therese or Loy on 6343 1514

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Thank you,  
Therese Clancy