



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.

We also welcome back Katie Ryan. Katie has been on maternity leave and will be working in the Garden Room with Lyn and Zovi on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and Miss Jenny will work Tuesday and Friday

Emily Harris a student from Charles Sturt University in Bathurst will be at the centre for 5 weeks. Emily is in her fourth Year of University doing a Bachelor of Education. She will be working alongside Miss Ashleigh and Miss Mel in the Star Room Miss Jenny will be at the Weddin Mobile Preschool Quandialla venue while Miss Tracey is on leave.

If you have any concerns please see Sharon



Chicken Pox

There have been two confirmed cases of chicken pox reported to us of children that attend the centre Chickenpox is a viral illness that comes on suddenly and is highly contagious. Chickenpox usually starts with one spot, but more quickly appear, with fever, headache, runny nose, a cough and feeling very tired. The rash starts on the chest and back and spreads to the face, scalp, arms and legs. The rash can develop all over the body, inside the ears, on the eyelids, inside the nose and within the vagina, everywhere. The rash continues to spread for three or four days. It is usually very itchy. Within a few hours after each spot appears, a blister forms. It may appear full of yellow fluid. After a day or so, the fluid turns cloudy. These spots are easily broken and form a scab. The spots heal at different stages, some faster than others, so it is possible the child may have the rash in several stages at once. Some children appear to 'breeze' through chickenpox with just a few spots. Others have a terrible time with hundreds of itchy

spots. Chickenpox is more severe in adults and can cause serious and even fatal illness in people who are immunosuppressed. It is spread by coughing and contact with the fluid from the blisters.

Incubation period

The average incubation period is 14 to 15 days, but may range from 10 to 21 days.

Infectious period

From two days before the rash appears (that is, during the coughing, runny nose stage) and until all blisters have dried and formed a crust.

Exclusion period

Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared in unimmunised children and less in immunised children.



Steps Eye screening at Weddin Mobile Preschool

Steps Eye screening will be visiting the Weddin Mobile Preschool Service. Screening children at Caragabal on Friday 22nd July at 9:30am and Quandialla August 3rd at 10:00am

The Steps Eyesight Preschool Screening program is an initiative of the NSW Ministry of Health and offers all 4 year old children a free vision screening assessment.



School Dental Clinic

The Cowra School Dental Clinic visits the Grenfell Community Health Service every 2nd Thursday. This is free service for all children under 18 years. For appointments please call 1300 55 26 26.

Committee Corner

Policies passed by the committee are

- 5.18 Mobile Phone
- 5.1.2 Staff Handbook
- 5.3 Confidentially
 - 5.1.1 Employee Induction Checklist
- 5.1- Staff Induction



School Information Night

Representatives from the Grenfell Public School and St Joseph's Primary school will be at the centre on Wednesday 3rd August at 6:30pm to share information about their school. All parents who have children starting school in 2017 are encouraged to attend.

The children in the Star Room will be performing a small concert for you at 6pm before the information session followed by a sausage sizzle. Staff will be there to care for your children during the information session.



Free child car seat
Checking Day
Date: Monday, 1st
August 2016
Time: 9:00 am –
12:00pm
Where: Grenfell Public
School
Sullivan Street Grenfell

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON:
68611681 or 68611487**

Annual General Meeting

If you are interested in being part of our Committee, please come along to the AGM Monday 19th September 2016 at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome! Nominations and elections take place at the AGM.

Written nominations will be accepted prior to the AGM.

We invite all parents to come along to the AGM and to become more involved in the running of the centre.

Background

The Management Committee of the Grenfell Preschool & Long Day Care Centre is the Approved Provider of the Children's Service and is responsible for the direction of the Centre and its effectiveness and works to ensure that the Centre is conducted within all relevant legal requirements

There are 7 members

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 3 ordinary members

If we do not have a Management Committee our centre cannot operate

Nomination forms are available at the office. Please see Lisa for the form.



Dates to Remember

Parent Information Night
Wednesday 3rd August 6:30pm

School Dental Clinic Visit
Thursday 4th August 10am

AGM
Monday 19th September 7pm.

Young Eyes vision screening
Tuesday 18th October from 9am

Art Show
26th – 28th October

Photo Day
Tuesday 15th November

The centre will close Friday 23rd December and reopen January 10th January 2016



Quandialla runs Mondays and Wednesdays,
Caragabal runs Tuesdays and Fridays.
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 too

Miss Tracey is on leave for 6 weeks and Jenny Daley will be taking her place.

Book Club

Issue 5 of Book Club is now available. Orders are due back by 5th August please. The best way to order is via the online Book Club loop ordering system. Visit www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and search for the Grenfell Preschool.

Please remember to pack a hat for your child. Even during the winter months we still ask all children to wear a hat for outside play