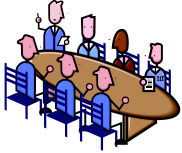




grenfell preschool & long day care centre

newsletter

8th November 2010



Committee Corner

Working Bee

Working Bee date has been set for the 20th November from 9 till noon. We need help to turn the soffall and top it up. We also need help to clean the gutters, do some gardening and fix our fence. Please see Sharon or any of the committee if you can help.

Wanted someone to fill our Management committee position as an Ordinary member

Nominations are being called for the position on the Management Committee as an ordinary member. If you wish to nominate please fill out the nomination form at the office before November 30th.

Sarah Trotter has kindly taken on the position as our Secretary.



School photos

To make the day run smoothly I have asked Foket Photos for their suggestions on how to run the day as they take photos of others centres like ours. They suggested that if we run it this way the day should run a lot quicker and should eliminate any long waiting times for parents & the photographers.

There will be 2 photographers again.

9.00 - 9.30am - any family/sibling photos.

9.30 - 10.00am - ALL GROUPS - (9.30am 0-3's,
9.45am - 3-4's, 10.00am 4-5's)

All the groups to be done at these times (start with the youngest first). With 2 photographers helping to set them up they shouldn't take too long. There will be 2 set ups for the individuals. Once one group is done, those children who need to leave can have their individuals taken first with 1 photographer whilst the other photographer continues with the groups. The children who attend the preschool on that day can go inside to do their normal preschool activities and come out later in the day once everyone else has gone.

Once all the groups have been done, you will have 2 photographers working on taking individuals for the children that don't attend the centre on that day. As the groups have already been done, the parents can then leave and they are not waiting for everyone to finish having individuals to have the groups taken. Once these children and parents have left the centre, then the photographers will take the photographs of the children who attend the centre that day. This procedure has worked well with other centres of our size however to make this work, it is essential for all parents to be on time for the groups for the day to run smoothly.



Who Stole Mother Goose

Come along and see our very own Dean Cawthorne playing the part of the Witch Wobbly Chin in The Grenfell Dramatic Society performance Who Stole Mother Goose on Saturday 13th and 20th November, at the Rose St Theatre. Performances are at 11.00 am and 2.00pm. Cost \$5 per person. Tickets available at C.J.Anderson's Stock and Station Main Street. Contact Darryl Knapp 6343 1284 for more details.

Parent Teacher interview

Monday 22nd November to the 26th November. If you would like to have an interview please place your name on the list that is in the sign on/off books for each room. I urge all families to take advantage and to speak to your Child's teacher about their progress.

Late Fee

The centre is licensed to operate between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm. It is a regulatory requirement that two staff members be present on the premises at all times when children are in attendance. If a parent is late picking up their child this means overtime must be paid to two staff members. Therefore to cover this cost a late fee will be charged.

The charges applied to arriving late to collect your child are

- **Flat rate of \$10 plus \$1 for a minute late per child**

- **Late half day bookings will be charged as a full day**

In the best interest of the child, parents will be contacted if they are late. If parents are unavailable the emergency person listed on the enrolment form will be contacted and the child released to them. If the emergency contact person is unavailable then the Police will be notified and they will take custody of the child. A late fee will still be charged pending on the length of time the above process takes.

Children's Week

To celebrate children week we organised lots of different activities to happen on each day of the week and the people that helped us make it special for the children need to be congratulated and thanked.

For our Zoo The McKinnon family for supplying most of the animals

Lisa Jones for her Dog and Cat

Mark Hewen for putting up and taking down the yards for the animals

The Rural Bush Fire Brigade

The NSW State Emergency Service David Sheen

The Ambulance Service

Karen Brenner from Weddin view honey

Jaclyn Heathcote for her talk on working in a bank

Art Exhibition by Sarah Ryan

Sarah is the artist that painted the mural on the fence at the Quandialla Pre School some years ago and is fantastic



HEALTH ALERT: Whooping Cough in NSW schools (October 2010)

- NSW Health is warning school communities that there has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) cases amongst

children at school, especially in primary schools.

- If your child has a cough it is very important to keep them away from babies.
- In older children, whooping cough starts with a runny nose and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully vaccinated children.
- If your child has symptoms of whooping cough, including a persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, please see your doctor and take this notice with you.
- Antibiotics given early in the illness can prevent spread to others. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Immunisation helps protect everyone

The whooping cough vaccine is given to babies at 2, 4 and 6 months. A booster vaccine should be given at 4 years of age. An adult whooping cough booster is also recommended for all childcare workers. Under the *NSW Public Health Act* childcare centres must maintain a register of the vaccination status of all children. If a child is not up-to-date, remind parents or carers of the importance of vaccination. Parents can check with their GP or the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 if they are unsure



Dates to Remember

The Centre is open 50 weeks of the year. The centre will close on Thursday 23rd December and reopen on the 10th January 2011.

School Photo Day- 25th November 2010

Working bee 20th November 2010

Parent Interview 22nd-26th November

End of year celebrations will be Thursday 16th December 2010 at the Grenfell bowling Club

Notice Given Our policy state that 2 weeks' notice must be given. If you are leaving the centre and you do not give 2 weeks' notice you will be charged as normal rate of \$50 a day as CCB **cannot** be claimed.

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