



grenfell preschool & long day care centre



From the Directors Desk

Welcome back everyone I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and had a great start to the New Year. We welcome the new families and hope that while they are at our centre they enjoy their stay.

I enjoyed listening to the children telling us all what they got for Christmas and what they did over Christmas.

Emily was excited to tell us that the chickens she was caring for over the holidays all survived.

Some children will be changing rooms and if you are unsure please do not hesitate to ask a staff member to help you in settling in to the routines

If your child will be attending school in 2012 they will be in the **Star Room** with Emily and Katie.

They have moved the refrigerator to just on the left as you walk in.

Children who are turning three by March will be enrolled in the 3 - 4 years room - **Garden Room** at the commencement of the year. Children turning 3 after March and by the end of June will transition to the garden room when they turn three.



Email Story of the Day to You.

Every day the staff do a story of the day which is extracts about what happens during the day. If you would like to read them they are displayed on the computer in the Garden and Star Room and in a book in the Rainbow Room, however you can have them emailed to you by just giving the staff your email address.

Our centre offers before and after school care which has a bus running to and from both schools during the school term. Please do not hesitate to find out more by asking at the office. We have turned our Pergola area into a great room for the after school care.



Committee Corner

The committee is pleased to announce that they have 2 new committee members.

Amy Wood has taken on the treasurer's position and Emily Nowlan has taken on the position as an ordinary member.



Welcoming Event



Each term the committee likes to hold an event for the families and this term we are holding a Fancy Dress Ball. It is a great way to get to know everyone whilst the children are dancing and doing some fun activities.

When: Saturday 12th February 2010

Where: The Grenfell bowling club

Time: 5pm – 7pm

RSVP: Thursday 10th February

Cost: FREE of charge

Come along and bring your friends and enjoy. There will be a sausage sizzle for all

To help cater for the event please place your name of the sheet in the play room or at the office

Wanted

Do you have any photo frames big or small at home that you are no longer using?

We would also like containers, boxes. Cereal containers cotton reels, paper, plain or coloured wrapping paper, large cardboard cylinders etc to use for construction



THANKYOU

I personally wish to thank Donna Reeves for being the treasurer and agreeing to stay after the AGM until someone could take over. Donna has spent endless unpaid hours at the centre as the treasurer and offered help to everyone who asked or needed it. Our website, logo and setting up all the computers at the centre to make work easier for all who works here are just some of the things that Donna has done for us. Thank you

Enrolments for preschool in 2011

If you know of any children that could benefit from attending preschool please let them know about us. The centre is calling for enrolments for preschool in 2011. If you wish to have your child enrolled in preschool in 2011 please call in at the office.

Weddin Mobile Preschool Service Enrolments

Enrolments are also being called for the Mobile Preschool Service for Quandialla and Caragabal.



DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN IN A CAR UNATTENDED

A recent press release from Linda Burney, Minister for NSW Community Services, acts as a reminder and warning of the dangers of leaving a child unattended in a car. "Heat in cars can kill children three times faster than it would adults," Leaving an unattended child locked in a car under any circumstances is illegal. Parents can be fined up to \$22,000 under the Children and young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998.

"On a typical summer day, the temperature inside a parked car can be 30 to 40 degrees hotter than the outside air temperature, So on a 30 degree day, and the temperature inside a locked car can reach 70 degrees, which could prove fatal for a child.

"About 75 per cent of interior temperature rises occur within five minutes of closing the car doors. Ninety per cent of temperature increases happen within 15 minutes."

In the past 12 months, the NRMA rescued 1,689 children from inside parked cars.

"Even on a cool day the inside of a car can reach high temperatures quickly. This summer we're reminding parents to not leave kids in cars as the result can be disastrous.

"Regardless of whether someone is an NRMA Member or not, NRMA patrols will drop everything to respond to a young child locked in a car.

"Passers-by who see a child locked in a car should immediately call emergency services on 000. If the child is distressed, they should not wait for help to arrive but smash the window and remove the child."

PALS Social Skills Program

The Centre has purchased the Pals Social Skills Program - Playing and learning to socialise for ages 3-6. It consists of ten sessions, each focusing on a particular skill. One skill builds on another so the programme gradually progresses to the more complex skill required for competent social interaction. The Star Room will start the programme week starting 4th February and will run for 10 weeks. If you have any questions about the programme please see Katie or Emily

Please label all your child belongings.

First Aid Course

On the 5th March 2010 there is a course aimed at first aid treatment for kids in the 0-5 year age group, it takes about 3 hours. This course will be run at The Grenfell Pre-school and Long Day Care Centre. The fee per person is \$65 and \$5 per person will be donated to our centre.

If you would like more information visit www.kitsfirstaid.com.au or phone Vanessa Gibson on 0263431866.

2011 Enrolment Forms

Please complete a new enrolment form for 2011, this will ensure the centre has updated information and a current immunisation record.



Dates to Remember

Fancy Dress Ball

Saturday 12th February 2011

Please let the centre know so they can cater for the numbers

First Aid Course - Treatment of 0-5 age group

Date: 5th March

Cost: \$65.00

Venue: Here at the Centre Time: TBA

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 the normal rate of \$50 a day as CCB **cannot** be claimed.

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