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Little Picasso Exhibition

Don't forget this Tuesday at 6pm the opening of the Little Picasso Exhibition.

The Art Work is all done by the Children of the Weddin shire and is once again on display from the 24th October -28th October at the

Grenfell Community Hub Main Street, Grenfell.

Entry – gold coin donation

Please come along and be impressed by what the Children of the Weddin Shire have done. There will be art work on sale.

You are also invited to the official opening by Denise Yates on Tuesday 25th October 2016 at 6pm in the Grenfell Community Hub

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

The children from the Star Room will be performing at the opening so please come along to hear and support them.

We look forward to seeing you all there



Child Protection

Community Health Centre staff (Carrie Cox – Sexual Assault Counsellor & Elly Schiller – Social Worker) recently came

to our Preschool to provide the staff with some education about keeping children safe and talking to them about their bodies. Parents will notice some of this information trickling down to the children at the school as we learn more about our bodies, friendships and safety in class. Some of the important points discussed in this education session that we wanted to share for parents to perhaps introduce at home are detailed below.

- Teach children the anatomically correct names for all of their body parts – just as a hand is a hand and a foot is a foot so is a penis a penis and a vagina a vagina. Teaching Children the anatomically correct names means that there is no confusion for adults about which part of the body is being referred to – it is not just when children have

been abused that they need to speak about their bodies but also when they are unwell or have an injury.

- Let children know what their body parts are for and talk about 'touching rules' or 'OK vs. not OK touching' Rhymes like 'my private parts are just for me. No-one else to touch no one else to see' can be helpful for children to remember. Generally their private parts are their penis or vagina, chest and mouth.
- If your children express that they are uncomfortable about particular things (holding hands, tight hugs, kisses goodbye) it is good for them to know that safe adults that they can trust will respect their feelings and not force them to do something they don't want to do. This will make them more likely to tell you if someone does try to make them do something they are not comfortable with.
- Try not to encourage children to keep 'secrets' as this is often something that an unsafe person will do. Instead children can keep a surprise – where it is always eventually OK to tell the surprise.

- If children would like to talk about their private parts it is great for you to talk to them – children are often told that it is rude to talk about their bodies but this often means that if someone has hurt them they will not tell as they think that they are being rude. Remember children take things very very literally! If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any of these tips further please do not hesitate to contact Carrie Cox (Sexual Assault Counsellor) at Grenfell Community Health Centre (6349 1777).



Street Stall

Don't forget our street stall on the 11th and 12th November. Lorene Hazell will be the coordinator for the street stall.

We will need some helpers on the stall over Friday and Saturday. We are also after donations of home cooking for us to sell? Perhaps you have some extra eggs, fruit or even books that you no longer need we could sell. All money raised will go to resources for the children.

We have at the centre containers to put your cooking in. Please see Lisa at the office.



Living Safely with Dogs Program.

The NSW Government's Responsible Pet Education program will visit our Preschool on Thursday 3rd November 2016. Parents are invited to attend a 30 minute called session on DOG SAFETY commencing at 10:00 am

After the parents session the children from the Star and Garden room will attend a session to help them understand the importance of living with dogs.

There will be 2 sessions of 20 children

This program is all free and we urge you to bring your children in that day to listen to Kellie Scott the trained educator with her dog Dozer.

Session 1 10:45 - 11:30

Session 2 11:35 - 12:10

Photos Day



Photo Day will be Tuesday 15th November.

A photo order package will be given out to your child by the staff in the room, so you can order. Each package is for your child only as it has an individual *shoot key*. All children attending on the day will have their photo taken plus room groups and a graduation photo. If your child does not attend on the 15th you are welcome to bring them along on the day. Please complete the envelope to order and pay for your child's photos and return by the 11th November.

Please remember that this is a very busy day and can often take a little time to complete all the individual and group photos, so please be patient with the staff and photographers.

We would like to do a graduation photo of the children going off to school in 2017. Could you please have your child at the centre at 9:30am for the photo?



School Transition

The School Transition to St Josephs started last week and on Tuesday 25th the transition to the

Grenfell Public school starts. I had the pleasure of being with the children last week at the transition to St Josephs and they were wonderful and eager to learn

The school transition dates are:

The Grenfell Public School will be Tuesday 25th October from 12pm – 3 pm for 5 weeks.

St Joseph's Primary School will be Wednesday 19th and 26th October and 2nd and 9th November.

Transition to rooms

This term we will be transitioning children to different room. If your child is in the Rainbow Room or Garden Room they will have some time in either the Garden or Star Room in preparation for 2017.



Christmas Toy Orders

Toy orders are due back by 28th October 2016



The End of the Year Celebration

The end of the year celebrations will be at the Grenfell Public School Hall on Friday 9th December starting at 6:00pm. Each room will put on a short concert followed by the graduation of the children going off to school in 2017. After the graduation there will be a free sausage sizzle for all. Please come and bring your family and friends

To help us with catering we ask that you place your name on the list at the office.



Committee Corner Policies up for review

Snakes spiders and insects
Leave without pay



Footy for Fun

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help at the footy day. The morning excursion for the children from the Star and Garden room was so successful with all of them enjoying their time with the football player.



Reminders

Please remember to send a hat with your child. We also ask that you label your children belongings. There are items in the lost property box but we have no idea who owns them

Stuck on you labels

In your family pockets you will find a notice on Stuckonyou labels that you can get by ordering online .



Bus Stop

Please remember that if you are dropping off or picking up your children at the centre DO NOT park in the bus zone between 8.30 am - 9.30am & 3.00pm.-4pm .It is a traffic offence and very hard for the bus drivers parking their buses



The Grenfell MPS

Halloween Disco

Warning

It might be scary It might be full of fright

But you'll never know

If you don't show on the night



Fancy dress

Lots of games and fun

Drinks and snakes provided

Fully supervises, parents welcome to stay

\$5 per child

Friday 28th October

At the Grenfell Bowling Club

3-6 year olds 5:30 -7:00pm

7-12 year olds 7:30 pm -930 pm



Dates to Remember

Art Show

24th – 28th October

Opening of the Art Show Tuesday night at 6pm
Children from the Star Room will be performing at the opening

Living Safely with Dogs

3rd November

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Preschool Program'

Thursday 3rd November 2016.

Street Stall

November 11th& 12th November

Photo Day

Tuesday 15th November

School Dental Clinic

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

Preschool dates

October 10th – December 16th

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.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR PHOTOS FOR QUANDIALLA VENUE OF THE MOBILE SERVICE TO MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER AND CARAGABAL VENUE SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL BE ON TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2016.

The Little Picasso Art Exhibition is on this week.

Please come and see your child's art work displayed at the Grenfell Community Hub