



grenfell preschool & long day care centre



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newsletter

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Backyard shopping Plaza,

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our shopping plaza. We have counted over \$1,480 so far without our raffle which is great. The generous support of individuals makes this event possible enabling the centre to buy resources to help educate and care for the children of our community.

Positive parenting Solutions

If you are on Face book you might like to find this free webinar. The idea is to get children to listen without yelling, nagging or reminding. Miss Mel was kind enough to tell us about it and says she has signed up to do it.

<https://www.facebook.com/PositiveParentingSolutions/posts/10153665849343006>

Webinars at 10 AM, 1 PM & 9 PM

Sidney Myer Fund

The Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre were advised that the Trustees of the Sidney Myer Fund have approved an amount of \$10,000 to contribute towards our "Book Nook for All" project. A "Book Nook for all" will be a created area where there are books and resources on shelves for children who are interested and keen to borrow. There will be books in all playrooms and our Mobile Service at an age appropriate level as well as having books and resources close by for the staff. This is very exciting news supporting existing programs and enhancing the children's education and care.



Recipe Book

The Centre is compiling a recipe book with everyone's favourite recipe. We are asking for families to contribute to the book by sharing your favourite recipe. Please leave them at the office or email them to: rainbow@grenfellpreschool.com.au



The End of the Year

Celebration

The end of the year celebrations will be held at the Grenfell Bowling Club on Friday 11th December starting at 6:00pm. Each room will perform a short concert followed by the graduation of the children going off to school in 2016. After the graduation there will be a free sausage sizzle for all. Please come and bring your family and friends. The children are getting excited about starting in the concert so bring your camera to capture the moment. Santa is hoping to make an appearance so you can take photos with Santa.

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



Parent Teacher Interviews



Staff will be available to discuss your child's progress from Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December. If you would like to have an interview please place your name on the list that is in the sign in /out books for each room.

I urge all families to take advantage of this opportunity to speak to the people who care for your child while at the centre.

Parent teacher interview for the Mobile Service

Caragabal will be on 4th and 8th December at 10:00 and Quandialla will be on Wednesday 3rd December 10:00 am. Please ring or see Tracey or Kim to say you would like an interview so I can arrange staff to be there to cover the teacher.

Reminder

Please remember to pack a hat clearly labelled with your child's name. We do have some spare hats but run out quickly. It is also important to label your children drink bottles and clothing as there are so many of these items the same.



Healthy Harold- Life Education

Healthy Harold will be at the centre on the 8th December. The Children from the Garden and Star room Room will have the opportunity to meet Healthy Harold. Permission notes have gone home and we ask you to have them back by Friday 4th December. The cost to attend Healthy Harold is \$8

Life Education provides positive programs that develop the social skills and knowledge necessary for effective decision making.

The Program focuses on Five main areas:-

Personal Hygiene:

Through a 'hands on' experience the children are encouraged to identify where someone would use:

- Soap - nailbrush - towel
- Toothpaste - hairbrush - toilet paper
- Toothbrush - shampoo - wet wipes
- Talcum Powder - tissues

Sun Safety:

The children identify where and why one needs to use sun cream, a hat, and protective clothing OR the need to stay out of the sun.

Exercise:

The children are made aware of the benefits of exercise and how exercise helps keep their bodies healthy. The educator then plays a song by Harold and the children do an 'Energy Dance'.

Age Appropriate Nutrition:

The children interact with Harold and the educator in an activity based on packing a healthy lunch for Harold.

Sleep:

The children work through why Harold needs his sleep and what happens to them when they do not get enough sleep.



Enrolments for 2016

Grenfell Pre-School & Long Day Care Centre and the Weddin Mobile Preschool Service are calling for enrolments for 2016

The centre operates from 8.00am to 6.00pm and caters for children aged 0-6 years.

- We provide a Pre-School program with a heavy focus on school readiness.
- Before and after school care is also available.
- We also operate the Weddin Mobile Pre- School Service to Quandialla and Caragabal two days per week to each village.

For further enquiries please contact Sharon Grant (Director) or Lisa Jones (Administration Officer)
35 Forbes Streets, Grenfell
Phone 63431743 email: mail@grenfellpreschool.com.au



Enrolments for 2016

The Weddin Mobile Preschool is calling for Enrolments for 2016. If you are aware of a family that may have children old enough to attend the Weddin Mobile Preschool Service, please tell them about our service.

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Dates to Remember

Parent Teacher Interviews

7th –11th December

Healthy Harold- Life Education

Tuesday 8th December 2015

Raffle Tickets

Due back on the 10th December 2015

End of year Celebrations

6pm, Friday 11th December at the Bowling Club

Last day for Grenfell Preschool Program

Friday 18th December

Centre Close date 24th December 2015 and reopens Tuesday 12th January 2016

Raffle

Our end of year Raffle will be drawn at our End of Year Celebration on the 11th December. We have attached a book of ticket for you to sell. Please return them by the 10th December. We have some great prizes:

\$500 Gift Voucher – Grenfell Furniture and white Goods, \$50 Gift Petrol and a \$150 Gift Voucher Super Cheap Auto.

The money raised will buy resources for the children.



Centre Closure

The Centre's final day for 2015 is Thursday 24th December. The Centre will reopen on Tuesday 12th January 2016. Please check the lost property box before the end of the year to see if there is something your child may have left at the centre. There are some unnamed items that need a home.

Please ensure to have all outstanding fees are paid before your child/ren's last day of attendance. This will ensure all children leaving the service can collect portfolios and families returning will have their accounts up to date for 2016.

For children who have not given notice, it will be assumed that they will be in care the week starting the 12th January, therefore will be charged from that day.

Could you please let the centre know if your children will not be in care at any time so we can arrange staff?

Funding for Preschool

The Minister for Early Childhood Education, Leslie Williams recently announced the 'Preschools for Sustainable Communities' program which provides \$12 million over four years to help maintain viability for community preschools in rural and remote areas.

Mobile preschools that operate in rural and remote areas (those defined as Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote under the Australian Bureau of Statistics endorsed ARIA+ remoteness classification) will be eligible.

What does this mean for my mobile preschool?

Most eligible mobile preschools will therefore receive the same or very similar funding to what they received under their previous funding level, for a period of four years. The Preschools for Sustainable Communities funding will be included in the 'opt in' fixed term contract for mobile preschools that the Department will be offering to eligible mobile preschools from December 2015.

How does it work and when does the program start?

The program replaces existing 2016 transition funding for all eligible services. The funding is calculated based on the difference between a service's previous funding level and the 2016 PFM + mobile contract loading, up to a maximum of \$70,000.

The program will commence in 2016 and run for a period of four years subject to a review beginning in 2018.

We can only hope that these changes mean that the government is listening to the concerns raised by the entire preschool community including our families.



Contact numbers:

Grenfell Pre School and LDC: **63431743**

Mobile Service: **0488 045 584**

Weddin Mobile Preschool runs at Quandialla Mondays and Wednesdays during school terms. Caragabal runs Tuesdays and Fridays.

Session times: 9:15 am- 3:15pm

Please remember to pack a broad brimmed hat as we are a Sun safe centre

Concerns

If you have any concerns please contact the Director Sharon Grant on 0263431743 as she is only too pleased to help you

Caragabal Venue

End of Year Concert and Celebration will be held on Friday 11th December at 2pm.

The Last day of term will be Tuesday 15th December

Quandialla Venue

End of Year Concert and Celebration will be held on Wednesday 9th December at 2pm. Wednesday 16th December will be the last day of preschool for 2016.

Kindergarten transition Program for Quandialla

The transition program end on the 3rd December and there will be a meeting with parents of children who participated in the program, where Anne Dixon will provide parent with advice on enrolling their children in Kindergarten in 2016 and information on the school.

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