



# grenfell preschool & long day care centre

newsletter

16th November 2009

## School Photos.

We apologise to all the families waiting to have school photos done on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. It was a very long day and the photos took longer than was expected. The people taking the photos arrived at 8am and finished at 3.15pm. They did not stop all day not even for a drink or lunch. Taking family photos took the longest, as they wanted the best photo of the children that they could get. We hope to have the photos back before the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## KEEPING KIDS SAFE IN THE BACK SEAT

### News release from the Premier

Premier Nathan Rees announced new safety regulations to target the high rate of injuries from children travelling in cars.

The rules to that will be in place from next year will see children up to the age of seven required to travel in approved seats or wear restraints.

"We needed to act on the high numbers of children being injured and even killed when travelling in cars," Mr Rees said.

"In NSW there have been around 10 deaths of children under seven and around 480 injuries from cars annually.

"National statistics are horrific with up to 80 children killed and almost 4,000 injured each year.

"Currently it is only compulsory for children up to the age of one to travel in approved baby capsules or seats which contain their own restraints.

"Research shows that younger children using adult seat belts greatly increase their risk of injury.

"For around \$100 for a booster seat, families can reduce the risks and even save lives.

"The changes will come into effect on 1 March 2010 to allow parents time to learn the new rules and purchase restraints such as booster seats," Mr Rees said.

The new regulations are part of national safety reforms and include:

- Children younger than six months secured in rearward facing restraints
- Children between six months and four years secured in either a rear or forward facing restraint
- Children between four and seven years secured in forward facing child restraint or booster seat.
- Children younger than four years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows

- Children between four and less than seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child restraint or booster seat

Transport Minister David Campbell said that to give parents time to prepare for the change there will be an amnesty on enforcement of the new regulations for the first

four months. "Too many children are being hurt on our roads and these regulations will ensure that all children are protected every time they travel in a car," Mr Campbell said. "Before the regulations come into effect there will be an extensive education campaign so every parent will know what type of restraint they will need for their child."

Mr Campbell said there is information available for parents with the recently released 2009 Safer Child Restraints Guide from the RTA.

"This brochure provides guidelines for parents to follow when buying a restraint and information about the level of safety and ease of use," Mr Campbell said.

"It also includes a list of approved restraints as well as information on the ease of use of infant, young child restraints and booster seats."

The RTA offers expert fitting services and has more than 190 authorised restraint fitting stations across NSW.

The guide is available from motor registries, RTA Customer Service Enquiry on 13 22 13 or

[www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

## Exploring the jungle of school

An Invitation is extended to preschool age children and their family to go to Exploring the jungle of school on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Grenfell Public School from 9.00 - 3.00. The Grenfell Public school has offered to send a bus to the centre for the children attending preschool on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Notes have been placed in the family pockets and you may return them to the school or us by the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Fees are on a 14-day account.** Fees are to be paid in full before the end of the 14-day period,

unless a previous arrangement has been made with the Administrative Officer/ Director/ Treasurer

Wednesdays 25/11/09 9/12/09 and 23/12/09 at 10.30.am – 11.30am

### Calling for Enrolments for 2010

Please fill out your enrolment forms for 2010 so we can do our staffing and roster  
The centre will closed for 2 weeks from Monday 21st December and will reopen on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

### Holding Fees and Accounts:

Please ensure to have all outstanding fees paid before your child/rens last day of attendance, this will ensure all children leaving the centre can collect portfolios and families returning will have their accounts up to date for 2010. The 2009 holding fee will be reimbursed for children leaving the centre. For children who will be re-enrolling, the holding fee will be carried over and adjusted to new attendance pattern. The holding fee is based on a 2 week fee payment.  
A Holding fee must be paid before your child will be given a permanent position

### Can Assist Raffle

Congratulations to Angela Heathcote for having the winning ticket in the Can –Assist raffle. We raised \$77.50

### Parent/Staff Interviews:

Staff will be available to talk to parents about their child's progress during the week of 30<sup>th</sup> November-4th December. Please make an appointment with staff or adding your name to the class list at the front of the sign in/out book.

### Head Lice

We have had a case of head lice at the centre and we are asking you all to check your children's hair. If your child has head lice they are to be excluded from the centre until their hair has been treated with anti lice shampoo or lotion and hair is free from lice. Dead Eggs will probably still be attached.

### Dental

If you are concerned about your children's teeth you can access the Cowra Dental Service on 63423368 or 1300552208. It is a free service and your child is never too young to have their teeth checked

### Policy under review

Occupational Health & Safety

### Grenfell Story time

Come along to the Grenfell Library with your children and listen to the stories being read. Join in and sing songs and do craft activities with them on

### Footwear and Clothing

In order to ensure the safety of all children playing outdoors it is recommended that children wear lace up or buckled shoes with a textured sole to prevent slipping. Slip on type shoes or thongs are not recommended as they do not provide adequate support or protection for outdoor activities. Children will be provided with an opportunity to play without shoes as well.

**Clothing** Clothing should be easy for your child to manage. We encourage self help skills so overalls or clothing with fiddly buttons and buckles should be avoided. When outdoors all children will wear Sun Smart clothing that protects as much of the skin as possible, especially the shoulders, back and stomach. Midriff and singlet tops are not appropriate.



### Dates to remember

**The Centre will be closed for 2 weeks**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December and reopen on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Community Health Centre – Immunisation Clinic**

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 16th December

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

30<sup>th</sup> November- 4th December.

**End of Year celebrations**

15th December 2009 at the Grenfell Bowling Club from 5pm

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