



grenfell preschool & long day care centre

newsletter

10th November 2008

Photos and Picture Plates Have Arrived!

The photos and picture plates are ready to be collected from the centre. Everyone who has got their photos already has been delighted with them. We were amazed they came back so quickly.

School Transition

The school transition to the Grenfell Public School and St Joseph's Catholic School is going well. The children all appear to be enjoying their time at "big" school.

Family Fun Day

Our Family Fun Day was held last weekend and was a great success and I would like to thank everyone for coming and helping to make the day the success it was. The children are still talking about the face painting and the jumping castle.

If anyone went to the seafood night they would have enjoyed themselves too. It appeared to be a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Just a Reminder - Wanted

We are running out of hats at the centre. If you have hats at home that you don't need or perhaps belong to the Preschool could we please have them? We are a sun safe centre and children need to wear their hats while outside. We are also after some old sweet spoons or tablespoons that the children can use when cooking in the sandpit.

Lost Property

There are a number of items in the lost property box waiting to be collected.

Parent/Staff Chats

All portfolios will be completed by the end of November. Staff will be available to talk to parents about their child's progress during the week of 1st- 5th December. Please make an appointment with staff.

Enrolments for 2009

If you have not returned your note regarding enrolment for 2009 we ask you to as soon as possible to allow us to set our staffing. All children need to re-enrol for 2009.

End of Year Celebration

Our annual Christmas Party and Graduation Night will be held at the Grenfell Bowling Club on Tuesday 16th December 2008. The children are busy learning songs for the concert.

Website under Construction

Donna Reeves is in the process of building a website for the Centre. We are hoping to have it up and running in the New Year. You will be able to find out information about the centre, such as coming events and policies, as well as read the newsletter online. The address of the new website is www.grenfellpreschool.com.au.

New Email Addresses

Along with the new website we now have new email addresses for the Centre. Emails can now be sent to the following addresses:

General Enquiries - mail@grenfellpreschool.com.au
Director - sharon@grenfellpreschool.com.au
Admin Officer - christine@grenfellpreschool.com.au
Committee - committee@grenfellpreschool.com.au

Staff

There have been a few new staff members about the centre over the last 2 weeks. Leah Troy has been working while Laraine was away and Belinda Stevens and Lyn Hewen have been working as extra staff. The staff have also been going through their staff appraisals. This is a method of communication which provides an opportunity to discuss performance, progress and objectives.

Book Fair

We have a huge display of books that has been set up by Kim Berry for families and friends to purchase. Books make wonderful presents, so why don't you do your Christmas shopping at the Preschool.

Parent Information Booklet

The Parent Information Booklet has been updated and will be printed very soon. Donna has designed a new cover to match in with the website.

General Meeting

The next General Meeting is to be held at the Centre tonight at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Bus Travel

The NSW Government is proposing to charge parents a substantial fee for school travel that is now free. We don't know what the amount would be, but any fee will affect YOU. Our ability to keep running a quality bus service will be affected. They also want the schools to collect the money. We ask you to ring the Premier's office before the mini budget, and urgently request that there be no change to free school travel arrangements. The Premier's office number is 02 9228 5555, fax is 02 9228 3522 and email is thepremier@www.nsw.gov.au.

Lion's Club

The Lion's Club are doing Letters from Santa. If you would like to have a letter sent to your child, please see Sharon and she will arrange it for you. There is a small charge that will go to the Lion's Club.

Treasurer's Tips

Did you know that if you have children in primary or high school, you could now be eligible to receive a 50% refund every year for certain education expenses up to:

\$750 for each child in primary school

\$1,500 for each child in high school

This means that for each primary school child you could receive a refund of up to \$375 and for each high school child you could receive a refund of up to \$750.

Eligible education expenses include:

- laptops
- home computers and associated costs
- home internet connections
- printers
- education software
- trade tools for use at school
- school text books
- stationery

To be eligible you must be receiving a relevant payment from Centrelink, such as Family Tax Benefit (Part A) or Youth Allowance.

The refund applies to any education expenses after 1 July 2008, so make sure you keep all of your receipts so that you can claim the refund in your 2009 Tax Return.

If you do not normally lodge a tax return, you can still claim the refund through the ATO.

Mark your Diary

General Meeting

Tonight 7pm

Christmas Party and Graduation Night

Tuesday 16th December 2008

Annual Closure

Monday 22nd December 2008

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