



grenfell preschool & long day care centre

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Change in Program

Welcome to Term Two which it is the beginning of our winter program. We stay inside for table top and craft activities at the start of the day and go outside after morning tea. The days should be getting cooler so remember to pack jumpers and please label all clothing.

Star Room

To help prepare the children for school please encourage them to unpack their backpacks and be responsible for their belonging by putting their bags in the lockers. If you are rushed in the morning please just say and the staff will be only too happy help you.

Garden Room

This term the Garden Room will be starting the Pals Social Skills programme which consists of ten sessions. The skills taught are:

1. Greeting others
2. Taking turns talking and listening
3. Taking turns at play
4. Sharing
5. Asking for Help
6. Identifying feelings
7. Empathy
8. Overcoming fear and anxiety
9. Managing frustration
10. Calming down and speaking up



Library Books

We like to encourage the children to borrow books from our library. Please send in a library bag to take the books home in. Just let the staff know so they can help your child choose a book. All children in all rooms including the mobile service are able to borrow.

Preschool Fees for 2013

In March 2013, the NSW Minister for Education announced a \$20 million funding initiative to reduce fees for families with a 4 or 5 year child attending community based preschool in 2013. The funding is aimed at increasing preschool participation in the year prior to school. As both the Grenfell Preschool and the Weddin Mobile Preschool receive NSW

Government funding to run a preschool program we qualify for additional funding. This funding will be passed on to families as reduced fees for the remainder of 2013 starting in Term 2.

All children who could attend school in 2014, i.e. who will be 4 or 5 on or before 31.07.13 are eligible for the fee reduction. Please note that this is only for children enrolled in the preschool program in either the Garden or Star Room and at the Weddin Mobile Service, not in Long Day Care.

So that we are able to use the funding to benefit as many children as possible we will offer 2 additional preschool places per day to Star Room children only, making a total of 12 preschool places per day. No additional preschool places will be offered to Garden Room children unless your intention is to send your child to school in 2014. Preschool places are only from 8:30am to 3:30pm at Grenfell and 9:15am to 3:15pm at the Weddin Mobile service during school terms.

For all children currently enrolled at either Grenfell Preschool or the Weddin Mobile Preschool, their booked places will not change and the fees will be adjusted for children of eligible age.

At this stage, priority of additional places for Grenfell Preschool will be given to children attending only one or two days per week on either a Long Day Care place or Preschool place in the Star Room. Subsequent priority will be given to any child attending school in 2014 so long as vacancies exist.

New fees for children who will be 4 or 5 on or before 31.07.13

Grenfell Preschool: \$14.00 per session
Weddin Mobile Preschool: \$8.00 per session
Effective from the 29th April 2013

Please note that the NSW Preschool Fee Reduction Initiative is only for the rest of 2013. The fees for preschool places in 2014 have not yet been determined. Please contact Lisa or Sharon if you have any questions.

Committee Corner



Review Policy—Philosophy

Biggest morning Tea

Hosting a morning tea is fun, rewarding and a great way for you to help people whose lives have been affected by cancer. Once again the Grenfell Preschool and Long day Care Centre will be hosting a morning tea in May so keep an eye on this space for the date and come along and have morning tea with us.



The Henry Lawson Festival

The Henry Lawson Festival is an annual event held in Grenfell on the June long weekend. Grenfell is the birthplace of Henry Lawson, one of Australia's best loved poets and writer of short stories. This year, 2013 is the 56th year of the festival, and promises to be one of our best yet.

The festival kicks off on the evening of Thursday June 6, with a special event at the Grenfell Art Gallery, and from there, through to Monday June 10 a wide array of exhibitions, events and entertainment will be on show for all tastes and ages. A variety of exhibitions, events and entertainment, colourful street procession, children's rides, street entertainment including busking and live music, and a car show are just a few of the wonderful events taking place over the festival weekend.

If you've never been to the Henry Lawson Festival, or if you're looking for something different to do over the June long weekend 2013, then this is the perfect weekend to be in Grenfell and experience all that the town and surrounding areas have to offer.

The Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre children, parents and staff participate in the street parade. This year the parade has no set theme. We would welcome any ideas as to a fantastic theme for our procession down the main street.



2013 BUSKING COMPETITION

Saturday 8th June 9am – 12noon

Free entry!

Prize money & trophies to be won!

To register, contact:

Belinda Day, Busking Co-ordinator
belindadaymusic@bigpond.com



Get ready to Earn & Learn

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables early learning centres throughout Australia to gain educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths. From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and our centre will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

You can leave your Earn & Learn points in the box in the foyer at the centre.



Weddin Mobile
Preschool
Service

Preschool times: We have a licence to operate the service from 9:15am -3:15pm.

Welcome back for Term 2 to everyone at our mobile service.

Quandialla Venue

Preschool restarts on Monday the 29th of April.

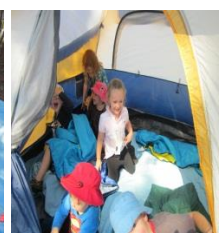
The preschool children at Quandialla have been having lots of fun.



Caragabal Venue

Preschool will restart on Tuesday the 30th of April.

On the last day of term the Caragabal Preschool children went camping and had a wonderful time.



Phone Numbers

Mobile Service **0488 045 584** or Grenfell Pre School and Long Day Care Centre on **0263431743**

