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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS  
**STORYTIME 2013**  
22 May  
**THE BOOK** by Nick Bland

National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 13th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes

The Star Room children that attend Preschool on Wednesday May the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be going on an excursion to the Library to participate in the Simultaneous Storytime. If your child does not attend that day you are welcome to take your children to the Library at 11am and join in.

In addition the procession includes street performers, vintage cars, motorbikes and classic machinery. Entry is free in the procession and various prizes are awarded. The procession runs the whole length of Main Street and any vantage point on the street will provide excellent viewing.

Please join us in walking down Main Street in support of the Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre.

The festival committee have announced that the theme is Vikings. The staff and children in the Star and Garden rooms have started to make shields and swords for the children and I have purchased some Viking helmets for \$3.50.

## Committee Corner



### Biggest morning Tea Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013



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. Come and enjoy a cuppa and a muffin with us between 8am and 10am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Tim Woods will be once again making coffee



The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables early learning centers throughout Australia to earn 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 center will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

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

We also have a box set up in Woolworths at Young to place your Earn & Learn points.

## Dental Care

It is the Centre's policy to promote healthy practices to care for children's teeth. After lunch all children will have a drink of water. The children will be encouraged to swill and swallow



## The Henry Lawson Festival 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> June

The Henry Lawson Festival is one of the biggest events in Grenfell and you have to be there to enjoy it. Every year the parents, children and staff of the Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Centre get involved and join in the street procession.

This is one of the highlights of the festival. A range of floats are prepared in the months leading up to the festival by local organisation including schools and service clubs.



Principals of St Joseph's Primary School, Mr Peter Stephens and Mr Andrew Hooper from Grenfell Public School will be at our centre on the 24th June at 7.30pm to share information about their schools. All parents who have children starting school in 2014 are encouraged to attend to hear information about the schools. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Afternoon Tea

If your child is staying after 3.00pm, please pack afternoon tea, eg. Fruit, crackers, biscuits, cheese or yoghurt.

### New Cleaner

We welcome Kylie Ireland as our new cleaner. Kylie will be replacing Donna Smith who has left due to her health. I would like to thank Patricia Brown for filling in until the position could be filled.

### Important Things to Remember!

- I remind all parents not to park in the Bus Zone outside the centre between 8:30 and 9:30am and 3:00 to 4:00pm.
- Fees for the Grenfell Preschool and the Weddin Mobile Preschool service for Term 2 are due by Friday the 31st May.

**Coat/Jacket:** Please remember to pack a coat/jacket for your child. Children still go outside on cooler days.

**Hats:** It is very important that sun safe hats be worn all year, so even though it is winter please ensure a sun safe hat is packed. (If a beanie is sent a hat should still also be sent to meet our policy).

**Labelling:** Please label all of your children's belongings. Lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats, coats, bags all items should have names on them.

We have a few items in our lost property with no names on them. Please look as there may be something that belongs to you

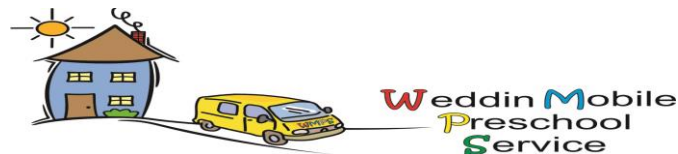
**Pockets in the Foyer:** Please check your pockets when dropping off or picking up your child. All newsletters, accounts and information for families are placed in them.

**Sign In/Out Sheets:** Signing your child in and out of the Centre is a regulatory requirement. Please help us by signing your child in and out each day.

**Spare Clothes:** Please send a spare set of clothes with your children

### Students

From time to time we have students doing work placement at the centre. Last Wednesday two students, Vanessa Dawes and Tiara DeValk were at the centre completing part of their prac. They spent time in the Garden and Star Room. They hope to be back in June for another day as part of their Tafe Course



Welcome to everyone on our mobile service.

The service operates from 9:15am to 3:15pm.

Recently Kathy Cooper who is an itinerant Hearing Support Teacher, spent time with the children at Caragabal and Quandialla talking to them about healthy little ears. The children were shown how to blow their noses. She talked to them about the spread of germs from coughing and the importance of washing our hands.



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

Miss Ashleigh is on Maternity Leave and will not be back until January 2014. Zovi Armstrong is taking her position until her return. If you have concerns please see Dean and Zovi as they will be only too pleased to help you.

We all wish Ashleigh all the best and will be looking forward to her return with her new baby

### ACECQA

In your family pockets you will find information on the National Quality Framework (NQF). It gives you a website to go to for more information

There is also information on helping you with the cost of childcare. Please read them and if you have any questions please see Lisa or Sharon.