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Well-deserved Long Service Leave

I'm sure you have all noticed Sharon's absence since she headed off on her road trip around Australia with her husband and friends. We wish them all the best for a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break. Sharon will return to work on Monday the 27th June.

If you have any concerns please see the staff in your child's room in the first instance. Tracey and myself are also available. The Management Committee is also here to help in anyway.
Lisa

Weddin Business Awards

The preschool had great success at the Weddin Business Awards evening held recently, winning the *Excellence in Community Contribution by a Community Group* category. Thank you to everyone who voted for us.

Book Club

Issue 3 of Book Club has gone home. Can orders please be returned by the May 18th please? You can also order and pay online any time before this date using the LOOP details that are on the back of the catalogue and searching for Grenfell Preschool. scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Committee Corner

Policies under review

Ethical Conduct, Asthmas Policy
Outdoor policy and Child protection



Nut Products

Grenfell Preschool and LDC is a nut aware service. We ask that families please **do not** send in anything that has nuts (peanuts, almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, pecans, macadamia) as an ingredient. We currently have children attending the service who have severe nut allergies. Any child who does bring in products that contain nuts will be offered alternate items to eat on that day. We will send home the uneaten food.



The Henry Lawson Festival

The Henry Lawson Festival is an annual event held in Grenfell, NSW on the June long weekend. Grenfell is the birthplace of Henry Lawson, one of Australia's best loved poets and writer of short stories. The Festival is one of the longest running arts events in NSW and 2016 sees it celebrate its 59th year. The theme for the 2016 festival is **'THE ROARING DAYS; A Trip through the Decades'**. Each year there is a street procession which 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 school and service clubs

This year we have decided to dress up in the 60's rock and roll and walk behind the Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centres banner. We are asking you all to join in with us dress up in the 60's rock and roll outfits. Start thinking about what to wear and have it all ready for the day.



Museum in a Box

The next Museum in a box has arrived from the Australian Museum containing dinosaur themed resouces. The Star Room and Garden Room are both fully engaged with dinosaur stories and craft. Miss Ashleigh and the Star Room children have made a fantastic volcano and there are some really clever craft creations. This week will continue the dinosaur theme with footprint craft, a video and some internet research.



Star Room children painting the volcano



Rainbow Room storytime



Garden Room children with their decorated library bags



The gorgeous Miss Leila

The Gigalees



The Gigalees are coming to the centre on Monday the 30th May 2016 at 10am. Cost will be \$6.00 per child. Payment in cash before or on the day would be appreciated. Wilma and Daisy (The Gigalees) are two of the most experienced children's entertainers in the country. Someone once described The Gigalees as 'Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis for kids' because the energy and humour of Wilma and Daisy was and is so infectious. Kids of all ages (even the big adult type kids) cannot help but laugh out loud and get drawn into the world of The Gigalees. Wilma and Daisy are the best of friends. They play lots of games and no one is ever left out.



National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Each year we have been invited to take children from the Star Room to the Library and listen to Anne, the Librarian read to the children a book that is being read all over Australia at the same time on the 25th May at 11am. This year's book is called 'I Got this Hat'.

St Joseph's school have also invited us up to the school for the National Simultaneous story time so will be taking some of the older children from the Garden room up there for it. Notes will go home next week asking for permission to attend.

Asthma Plans

It is very important to keep your Asthma plans up to date. If your child has one and it is more than 12 months old this must be updated and a copy given to the centre. Staff will be reminding parents this week.

Covered walk way

Spanline will be at the centre hopefully on Tuesday the 10th May to commence work on the covered walkway. This will provide cover from the front door to the gate and along the path at the front including up the ramp and sheltering the top door. This is very exciting as it has been a long time in planning. All going well it will be completed by the end of this week. Whilst it is being built we ask that families **not** use the Forbes St entrance. Please use the gates on Dagmar St or enter via the carpark. The busses will operate as normal using the alternate Forbes St gate and entering via the Star Room.

Reading and Writing Workshop

Adjunct Professor Kaye Lowe (University of Canberra) will be presenting a parent/carer workshop on how to help children with reading and writing at home. Kaye has worked in many learning contexts including P-12, parent education and adult education. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend this 90-minute workshop which will be held in the library at St Joseph's School on Tuesday the 24th of May at 6:45pm. There will be a sausage sizzle prior to the workshop at 6pm supplied by the St Joseph's P & F. Supervision of children during the workshop will also be provided by school staff to enable parents/carers to attend. Please RSVP for catering purposes. Phone Therese Clancy or Loy Best on 6343 1514 or email office.stjosephsgrenfell@cq.catholic.edu.au

Dates to Remember

28th January - 8th April

Giggles 10 am on the 30th May 2016

National Simultaneous Storytime

25th May at 11am.

Biggest Morning Tea

26th May 2016

Parent Teacher Interviews

27th June -1st July

The centre will close Friday 23rd December and reopen January 10th January 2016



Quandialla runs Mondays and Wednesdays,
Caragabal runs Tuesdays and Fridays.

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

Contact numbers: Mobile Service: **0488 045 584**

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If you have any concerns please contact Tracey McKellar at the Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre on 0263431743 or email mail@grenfellpreschool.com.au

Dates to remember for the Weddin Mobile Preschool Service

Biggest Morning Tea

Quandialla 27th May

Caragabal 29th May

Parent Teacher Interviews

Quandialla 29th June Caragabal 28th June & 1st July