



grenfell preschool & long day care centre

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to all who have been on holidays. This year has flown by and I would like to take this opportunity to remind our families that the centre will close for 2 weeks in December. We will close for the year on Friday 20th December at 6:00 pm and reopen for 2014 on Monday the 6th January at 8:00 am.

We would also like to welcome back Rochelle Cawthorne from maternity leave. Rochelle will be working Thursdays and Fridays in the Rainbow room.



Friendly reminder:

Please make sure your child's immunisation details are up to date by supplying any updated information to the office.

Long Day Care fees

For attendance from the week commencing 1/7/13 the daily fee for Long Day Care places will increase to \$58.00 per day. An increase of \$1. Rates for a half day will remain the same at \$30 and the hourly care rate will remain at \$6.50 per hour. Most families will only notice a small change in their out of pocket expenses due to an increase in the rate of Child Care Benefit from the 1st July.



Lost Property

It is important that you label all belongings as there are often children who have the same lunch boxes, drink bottles and jumpers etc. It can be very confusing for staff, and no doubt frustrating for parents, when the items do not come home. If you have items of clothing or containers missing please check the lost property box.

Holiday Activities

The centre was a buzz in the holidays with all the activities that were taking place. There was a Science

Day, Talent Show, a day of camping experiences, bring your pet to preschool day and the movies.



Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Club Book Fair will be running from Monday 19th August Friday 23rd August 2013. Books will be on display in the foyer and available for purchase from the reception desk. Books cater for ages from birth to 6 years. Limited stock available so don't miss out

Pictureproducts Fundraising Project:

Turn your child's treasured memories into durable, high-quality melamine products that will last a lifetime!

This week flyers and order forms for Pictureproducts will be going out to all families. Please have completed order forms and payment returned to the centre by the 26th of July.

Lots of little Sea Creatures

On Wednesday 21st August 2013 Barry Peters will present his show *Lots of Little Sea Creatures* at the centre for the children. It is a delightful musical adventure that starts in the rock pools and ends deep below the waves. With giant puppets and beautiful songs. *Lots of Little Sea Creatures* is a profound educational experience. It is also as funny as it is visual.

Date Wednesday 21st August 2013

Time 10:15 am

Venue: At the centre

Cost: \$6.50

Art Show

The Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre's Art Show will run from Tuesday 13th August until Friday 16th August 2013.



Eye Screening

Young Eyes will be at the centre conducting 4-5 years eye screening on Wednesday 9th October 2013.



Committee Corner

Polies Reviewed

Developmental Records
End of Day procedure

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project for Samaritan's Purse which is a non-profit Christian organisation providing emergency relief and development assistance to suffering people around the world. Samaritan's Purse is meeting the physical needs of victims of war, famine, natural disaster, poverty and disease

Through the power of a small simple gift, you open a whole new life for children caught in the midst of war, famine, natural disaster and extreme poverty. What you do is;

- Find a shoe box cover it with colourful paper
- Determine if the gift is for a boy or a girl.
- Fill it with simple gifts

You could leave a donation for the postage of the box. They say each box is \$9 to post.

You might even prefer to add something to the boxes at the centre.

Boxes are due back in October.

Grenfell Public School

Do you have a child starting school in 2014?

If so, you are invited to morning tea on Tuesday 23rd July at the Grenfell Public School at 10:00am.

Come and see what Grenfell Public School can offer you and your child. Parents will tour the grounds and meet the staff and students working in their classrooms. Morning tea is provided and it will be a great opportunity to meet and chat with other Kindy parents. Feel free to talk to staff and ask any questions you have about your child starting school. For information contact the school on 63432122

Contact Phone Numbers

If you have changed your home, mobile or emergency contact numbers, can you please let the office know. It can be frustrating for staff and distressing for the child if we cannot contact carers quickly in cases of illness or accident.

Our Philosophy

Research has shown that the most rapid phase of a child's development occurs in their first five years of life. Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre aims to provide the foundation for children's future health, academic success, and social and emotional well-being by supporting children in learning and play. As a professional service we aim to provide the best possible environment for positive brain development by employing professional early childhood educators, respecting children, providing educational programs and forming partnerships with families and the wider community. Our Educators recognise the importance of play as one of the main ways in which children learn and develop. Educators will strive to create an environment where the children feel safe, happy, nurtured and stimulated so that they feel comfortable and empowered to try new activities and experiences and also to nurture relationships with others. Each educator is seen as a valuable resource to the service and their personalities and beliefs contribute to making a successful Centre. We will actively support a child's ability abilities to develop and maintain relationships by carefully observing and facilitating interactions between peers. Children's relationships are instrumental in facilitating their understandings, theories and ideas about their world and their own behaviour within it. We strongly believe in supporting children in their transition to school. We will establish links with families and local schools to assist with a smooth transition to school. We will make efforts to see the world through the child's eyes, to take their perspective in order to discover the child's meaning rather than imposing our own meaning. We will identify and respond to each child's strengths to contribute to lifelong confidence and competence. Our team will place careful thought in planning for the whole child's development. Parents and families are the most important people in children's lives. They know their child better than anyone else and have the biggest influence upon their learning. A relationship of mutual respect, trust and empathy will be established with parents and educators to promote the child's wellbeing and will be built on open, honest, respectful communication. Parents and families are made welcome at the Centre at all times and their involvement will be greatly encouraged. We aim to support children in developing life skills that will help them to be effective members of the broader community in which they now live and will live in the future. Our community is made up of people who are diverse in many ways; cultural, language, socio-economic levels, abilities, beliefs and values. Grenfell Preschool and Long Day Care Centre will honour and embrace diversity.



Welcome to everyone attending our mobile service.

Photos for the Quandialla venue will be on Monday 22nd July by Cliff Dykes School Photography.

We are a Nut Free Service

Please Do Not put **Peanut Butter or Nutella** on your child's sandwiches **or send nuts to school**

Contact numbers

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Dates to Remember

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