



# grenfell preschool & long day care centre

newsletter  
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## Welcome Back

Welcome back from holidays Miss Ashleigh and Miss Melinda. We are pleased to see them both back at the centre. Sally Dun will be replacing Jamie Miles while she is on maternity leave.



## NBN.

The centre will start to move over to the NBN starting 4<sup>th</sup> March, with another appointment on 8<sup>th</sup> March, and final one on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. We hope it will all run smoothly. We have a Mobile phone at the centre. If you can't get through on those days. The **Phone No is 0498002531**



STEPS Eye Screening will be at the centre on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to screen the Star Room children's eyes. Notes have been sent home for the children that were not done last year. If your child does not attend that day, please bring them to the centre at 10am and they will be done first. It is a free service so please take advantage of it.



## HATS

There are lots of children coming without hats and our supply of hats is low. Please ensure that there is a hat for your child labelled with their name



## Drink Bottles

The Garden room are asking that you send a drink bottle with your child. Even though there is water and cups in the room the children are asking for their drink bottles, but they haven't brought them.

## Welcoming BBQ

I hope those that came, enjoyed the BBQ on Friday night. Trevor Hinde did a fantastic job cooking all of the sausages. There was a wide variety of salads for everyone to enjoy too.

In the Directors' Report given at the BBQ, Sharon spoke about the high number of children attending, and that the centre is filling on Wednesdays and Thursdays, so if you need a placement to get in early and get them.

She announced that the centre got word to say the application for the **2018 Quality Learning Environment Program** was successful, and that the centre will be receiving \$10,210.29 for resources

On Friday we received word that the NSW Government had announced an additional Drought Relief Payment, to provide further support to community preschools in regional and remote areas classified as "**Intense Drought**" and "**Drought**". Our service, and the Weddin Mobile Preschool Service will automatically be allocated funding based on enrolment numbers at the August 2018 census. There are conditions applied and as soon as we get them, we will pass on the money to our families

The Star Room children will be going on an excursion on Wednesday to look at the art work on the Silo. They have also been invited to go to see the Easter Hat Parade at the Grenfell Public School on April 12<sup>th</sup>

Taronga Zoo will be at the Centre on 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30 and there is a cost of \$5 per person

## Harmony Day Breakfast

The centre will be hosting a Harmony Day Breakfast on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the centre starting at 8am

## Strategic Planning

The centre will be holding a Strategic Planning morning at the centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. What we want to know is how we can improve the centre. Strategic Planning is important to our centre because it provides a sense of direction and outlines measurable goals. Strategic planning is a tool that is useful for guiding day-to-day decisions and also for evaluating progress and changing approaches when moving forward. We are always looking for ideas to improve our service so please come along and put your idea forward big or small

## Circle of Security Parents' Group

Have you ever wondered why your kids do some of the things they do? Circle of Security is an easy to understand and common-sense parenting group designed to help parents and carers recognise and respond to the needs and behaviour of all children 0-12. This programme will help you feel more confident about meeting your child's emotional needs and setting limits for them

The programme will run at the centre starting 1<sup>st</sup> May to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 9:30 am – 12 noon for 7 weeks.

### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

The course is free and to book call the centre on 0263421743 or Kirstin @Home -Start 0428450399

There are some casual childcare spots available at the centre for \$11 an hour.

## Cowra Information & Neighbourhood Centre Family Support Service -Grenfell Outreach

Family support services are provided to help families increase their capacity to take care of their children and strengthen family relationships. Support services are there to help families to build on things that are going well and to get what they need (e.g. information, skills) to address issues.

Different levels of health are available, according to families' situation. They can provide information and aim to help prevent problems happening (ego family breakdown, child abuse) Generally, service is available to anyone, or are available to anyone from certain groups (e.g. young parents, fathers) programs provided by support services come in a various form, for example;

- Parent education programs
- Supported playgroups
- Home visiting programs

They can help you access the services and support that you need for your family parenting, family violence, housing support managing children, Family relationships, meeting new people, links to other services. managing your money, access to information. connect you to your community Their staff are trained in delivering a range of courses. For further information please contact Nat Rush on (02) 63431100

## ACCOUNTS

HubWorks now have new statements which have been developed in line with the specifications and requirement given them by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education. This morning the usual invoices were emailed to you as well as a full Statement for the last month showing all CCS details. We have been informed by HubWorks that these Statements did not include CCS payments for last week, so the amount owing is incorrect.

The normal invoices, however, do include the CCS payments, so the amount due on your normal Monday invoice is the amount due.

We apologise for any confusion or inconvenience and please do not hesitate to call the centre if you have any questions.



Contact numbers Mobile Service: **0488 045 584**  
Grenfell Pre School and Long Day Care Centre:  
on **63431743**.

**Remember to bring a hat**  
**STEPS EYE SCREENING Caragabal 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**MARCH -afternoon**

**WE NEED MORE CHILDREN TO ATTEND THE MOBILE SERVICE. IF YOU ARE AWARE OF CHILDREN THAT DO NOT ATTEND PLEASE TELL THEM ABOUT OUR SERVICE.**



### Dates to Remember

#### STEPS EYE SCREENING

5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 AT 10:00AM

#### Taronga Zoo mobile

29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 10:30am – 11:45am

Harmony Day Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Easter Hat Parade Thursday 18<sup>TH</sup> April 2019

Circle of security 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY -17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 (:30 – 12:00

Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 Public Holiday

Easter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 Public holiday