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Principal's Report...

School Cross Country

Our School Cross Country Carnival will be held this Friday, 3rd April, at the Grenfell Racecourse. Students will be bussed out to the racecourse from 10:00am. We will be starting at 10:15am with the senior boys and girls 3000m, followed by the 11yrs 3000m, 10yrs 2000m and 8/9yrs 2000m. Stage One students will run their 800m a little after 12:00noon, depending on other races.



A canteen will be in operation at the racecourse for students and parents to buy snacks and lunch. We need parents to help run the Carnival and to help with the Canteen. Please let us know if you can help in some way.

Easter Activities

We will be running our normal Easter activities again this year. The P&C will be running an Easter Egg Raffle which will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade. Donations of eggs for our raffle are very much appreciated and students can continue to bring these in to the office. Raffle tickets were attached to last week's newsletter. All tickets need to be returned, sold or unsold, to the office by Thursday 9th April. More tickets are available from the school office if you require them. Our Easter Hat Parade will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday 9th April under the Cola. Students will be making Easter hats next Monday at school so if you can send in material for this it would be very much appreciated.



Heritage Week

Next week is Heritage week at school. We will be visiting the new Library complex and looking at Heritage buildings in our main street.

Memorabilia Evening

Our Sporting Memorabilia evening will be held on Saturday 2nd May. Its time you started to think about booking your table to support the school and your children. The cost is \$25 per person which includes a smorgasbord meal, lucky prizes and a chance to purchase some outstanding pieces of memorabilia. Bookings can be made at the school office. The money raised will go towards purchasing 2 Interactive whiteboards. It will be a fun night and I hope everyone can come along and support this evening as all proceeds are directed towards your child's education. If you want to check out the pieces of memorabilia you are welcome to come and have a look at school or they will be displayed on a digital photo frame at Grenfell IGA.



Waste to Art

Congratulations to all our students who put in art works in the Waste to Art display last week. Well done to the following students who won awards:

**Vanessa Knight, Annie Matthews,
Ebony Meier, Aaron MaWhinney,
Abbey Joyce, Jarrad Wilson,
Kye Sanderson, Dominic Fowler &
Clare Hunt.**



Thank you to Mrs Livingstone for taking all the art works to the railway station.

Town ANZAC March

The town ANZAC March will be held on the last Saturday of the Holidays. If your children are about it would be very much appreciated if they could march with the school in full uniform. We usually meet outside the Exchange Hotel at 10:00am. Please check the local newspaper for times. Our school ANZAC ceremony will be held on the first Wednesday back, 29th April at 2:15pm at ANZAC Memorial Park.



Grenfell Easter Picnic Races

Grenfell Public School P&C are manning the gate at the Grenfell Picnic Races on Easter Saturday, 11th April. The school receives a donation from the Picnic Race Club for this. If you are able to help out on Easter Saturday please contact John Gorman or myself.



Head Lice

Head lice are starting to become a problem again. Parents should not send their children to school if they have any lice or eggs in their hair. It is very important that everyone does this otherwise it will keep spreading. This will also save the possibility of an embarrassing phone call from school. For treatment please see the information sheet attached to the newsletter or you can contact the local chemist for advice. One of the most important things people don't do is follow through with the full treatment and you need to do this for us to beat the problem as the nits can become immune to the treatment.

Staff Development Days

I want to remind parents of some important dates for Staff Development during the year.

They will be student free days.

Monday 27th April is a Public Holiday for Schools for ANZAC Day.

Tuesday 28th April is a Staff Development Day and a pupil free day.

Monday 29th June is a whole Lachlan Area Staff Development Day which all schools in our area will be attending in Forbes. This will be instead of having a Staff Development day on the first day back in Term 3 which is Monday 27th July. Parents will need to make arrangements for their children on Monday 27th April, Tuesday 28th April and Monday 29th June. If you have any problems or questions about these dates please come and see me.

The last 2 days of the school year which is **Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December** are also pupil free days and Staff Development days across the whole state. School will finish for all Public Schools on Wednesday 16th December.

Toys

We are starting to get a lot of toys bought to school. They are also starting to cause some problems. We will not take responsibility for items lost or damaged. If your child needs to bring something in can you please limit it to one item.



P & C

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th April starting at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We will be discussing the Henry Lawson Festival, fundraising, and the Mother's Day Stall. We also need helpers for the Cross Country Carnival this Friday, 3rd April, and to man the gate at the Picnic Races on Saturday 11th April. We will be catering for a sale on Sunday 3rd May at the showground. If you can help out at all please see John Gorman.



Crunch and Sip

Don't forget that the whole school K-6 is participating in Crunch and Sip. This is where we stop for about 5 minutes during our morning session for students to have a drink and to crunch on a piece of fruit. Don't forget to send something in each day so students can be involved in this.



Arriving at School

Some students are arriving at school before 8.40am in the morning. Morning supervision starts at 8.40am and children should not be here before that time as teachers are busy preparing work for the day and having students present makes it difficult for this to happen. I would appreciate your co-operation.

Going Home Changes

Don't forget to write notes or ring the school if your child is changing their routine to travel home. If we don't have a note or get a phone call we will send your child home their normal way. We ask that parents also not pick up or try to take other students unless you talk to a teacher first. This has caused a few problems lately.



Contact Phone Numbers

If you have changed your home phone, mobile or your emergency contact numbers can you please let the office know. It makes it very frustrating if we cannot contact you, and if there is an emergency I am sure you would like to know.

A Hooper
Principal

CANTEEN NEWS!

The school canteen will be moving out to the racecourse this Friday for the School Cross Country Carnival. Food available includes:

Steak Sandwiches	\$4.00
Sausage Sandwiches	\$2.00
Hot Dogs	\$2.50
Soft drinks	\$2.00
Chocolate Bars	\$2.00
Milky Ways	80c



No other food will be available on the day. Any parents who wish to help in the canteen are asked to contact Kye at the school on 63432122. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Canteen Roster

Tuesday 31st March – Ruth Gardner
 Wednesday 1st April – Marie Edwards
 Thursday 2nd April – Vacant
 Friday 3rd April – Sue White
 Monday 6th April – Donna Robinson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Grenfell Little Athletics Club Awards & Presentation

Thursday 9th April 2009

Grenfell Bowling Club

4:30pm sharp start

**AGM to follow to set fees for 2009/10
season**

Wanted: New Club Treasurer

Phone Justina 63436225, Sally
63431691 or Tracey 63476204 for
details

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Holiday Kids Club

Grenfell Presbyterian Church will be holding a
Holiday Kids Club during the April School
Holidays. It will run April 20-24th from 9:00am
until noon each day. There will be a special
family session on Friday evening from 6:30-
8:00pm.

This is a first of its kind program here in
Grenfell and is sure to please girls and boys
from Kindy to Year 6. It will consist of games,
crafts, Bible stories, snacks and
more.



With its swashbuckling
Pirate theme,

“Landlubbers” will be a great
adventure on the high seas.

With Captain Yo-Ho and
Captain Heave-Ho leading the

Castaways on a journey to search for a great
treasure. On this journey the pirates will
grow dissatisfied with their life of looting and
raiding, and yearn to find a more peaceful life,
living as honest, law-abiding citizens.

Dangerous Daisy, Bluebeard, Miserable Roger
and Captain Kate join the crew to point the
way to a better, brighter future. Don't miss
this adventure of a lifetime! There is a
limited amount of space, so register early to
avoid disappointment. There is no fee for
enrolment, but registration closes on 13th
April. Even the drought won't keep this ship
from sailing!

For more information, or to request a
registration form, please contact Tanya
Whatman on 63437150.