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Principal's Report...

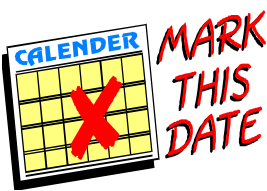
District Swimming Carnival

Clare Hunt, Millie Milne, Matthew Curl, Jay Mawhinney, Claire Matthews, Amelia Bradley, Bobbie Silburn, Francesca Fenton, Abbey Joyce and Tuscany Johnson competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo last Friday. Congratulations to these students on making it to Region. Clare Hunt has been successful in making it to State as the fastest qualifier in the Junior 50m Breaststroke. Bobbie Dee Silburn has also qualified for State in the Girls 13yrs 50m Freestyle. Well done girls!



Staff Development Days

I want to let parents know 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.

P & C

Our P & C Annual General Meeting was held last Tuesday, 10th March. John Gorman has been re-elected as our President for this year, Hayley Bradley has been re-elected as Treasurer and Shirley Tognetti is our new Secretary. Thank you to the P&C for giving the school \$1000 each for Numeracy and Literacy and \$1500 for Technology.

Swimming for Sport

Due to the change in weather we will not be going swimming for sport on Fridays again this term.



Whole School Assembly

This week's Whole School Assembly item will be presented by Kindergarten and Year 1.

Notice Board and Money Letter Box

We have a new notice board near the walkway attached to the Library which will display school information, including our weekly newsletter. We also have a letter box installed at the front counter of the office for students and parents to deposit money or notes into. You need to make sure that your name, the amount and what you are paying for is clearly marked on the envelope. This will make things more efficient and safer for money deposits. The ladies in the office can then attend to these when convenient.

Easter Activities



EASTER

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 the raffle would be very much appreciated and students can start bringing these in to the office at any time. Our Easter Hat Parade will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday 9th April under the Cola.

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 can help out on Easter Saturday please contact John Gorman or myself.

Reminders:**Miss Starr**

In case you missed it last week Miss Starr will be going on Maternity Leave at the start of Term 2 and won't be back this year. We are advertising the position in the Southern Weekly Magazine and in other local papers and as soon as we organise a replacement, I will let you know.

School Council

Our next School Council Meeting is on Tuesday 24th March at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. Congratulations to Deborah Wilson and Robbie Johnson for being elected on School Council.

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.

**Memorabilia Evening**

Our Sporting Memorabilia evening will be held on Saturday 2nd May. 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.



Join in!

School Cross Country

Our School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 3rd April at the Grenfell Racecourse. This is the second last Friday of term.

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.

**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

Debating

This year Grenfell Public School will be participating in the Western Challenge Debating. As a part of this students from Years 4, 5 & 6 will be attending a free 2 day workshop on the 26th & 27th March. This workshop is a great opportunity for students to build their public speaking skills and confidence. On Thursday 26th March a 2 hour workshop will be held after school for interested teachers or parents who would like to learn about adjudicating debates. The school will need adjudicators when we are hosting debates in Term 2. If you are interested in attending this workshop please contact Kate Hooper at the school on 6332122.

**Canteen Roster**

Tuesday 17th March - Vacant
Wednesday 18th March - Ruth Gardner
Thursday 19th March - Alison Knowles
Friday 20th March - Karen Bognar
Monday 23rd March - Catriona Glanville

P & C News!

The P & C Annual General Meeting was held last Tuesday night and the following people were elected to the Committee:

President:	John Gorman
Vice President:	Trevor Knight
2 nd Vice President:	Catrina Glanville
Secretary:	Shirley Tognetti
Ass. Secretary:	Joalee Knight
Treasurer:	Hayley Bradley
Canteen Treasurer:	Sandra Gavin



CONGRATULATIONS!

President's Report – 2008-2009

The P&C has had a very successful twelve months.

Our Henry Lawson Festival entrant, Michelle Boldizar, was successful winning Charity Queen and raising approximately \$3400. Fundraising included a progressive dinner, fairy floss stand, bulb drive and raffle. A big thank you to all our supporters.

We again ran a Mother's Day and Father's Day stall: thank you to all the helpers.

The Easter raffle was very successful, even though I didn't win this year!

We also catered for four clearing sales making a profit of approximately \$3000.

Total money raised for the year was over \$12000. The P&C donated a total of \$2000 to meet the literacy and numeracy needs of our students. We also donated a further \$2400 for a Smartboard and \$2000 for the shade over the sandpit. Thank you Trudie for all your help.

In December we farewelled our Canteen Director, Lisa Eastaway, who retired after four years. Kye Smith was appointed as her replacement. The canteen showed a \$340 loss this year which is a big improvement over last year's loss of \$1900. Great job, Lisa!

THANKS

I wish to thank Andrew and the staff of GPS for their continued support. I would especially like to thank the office staff, Jenny Birch, Chris Eppelstun and Tracey Taylor for all the extra work they do for the P&C. The P&C also appreciates the special efforts of Judy Taylor who takes great pride in maintaining the cleanliness of our school environment.



FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

I would like to thank all the staff and parents who have helped by attending meetings, working bees and fundraising functions.

I especially thank my executive – Tanya Whatman who willingly took on the Secretary's position and Hayley Bradley who presided over the bank accounts. Thank you also to Sandra Gavin who had a busy year as Canteen Treasurer.



Finally, I would like to thank Denise Fennell, our Honorary Auditor – great job, Denise!

I wish the school and the P&C a successful 2009.

John Gorman
President

Easter Egg Raffle



We are again running our annual Easter Egg Raffle. As with previous years we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs which can be left at the school office. Lots of Easter Eggs means lots of prizes! Tickets for the raffle will be sent out with next week's newsletter.

Henry Lawson Festival Queen Candidate

GPS is again entering a Queen Candidate for this year's Henry Lawson Festival. Our candidate is Juanita Meier and we will be holding fundraisers for this in the near future which we hope everyone will try to support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR SOCCER NEWS

Grenfell Soccer is ready to welcome new and old players to the 2009 season. Our registration days will be held on Thursday 19th March from 4-6pm and Saturday 31st March from 9-12am outside the IGA store. We will also take nominations at the soccer grounds on Wednesday 25th March from 4-5pm. If this is your child's first season you will need to bring proof of their age. If these dates don't suit you can contact Tristen Matthews on 63436207 to leave your name and arrange for a form. Our registration fees are 5-8 years- \$55, 9-17 years - \$65 or Family - \$150. Cheques can be made out to Grenfell Junior Soccer Club Inc. or you can pay cash. There has been a slight change to the age groupings. The teams will be 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 & 17 yrs & under, with the age being the age they turn anytime this year. The minimum age is 5. The first game for the season will be after the holidays, at Young. Games are played on Saturdays from 9.00am onwards. Training will start on Wednesday 25th March at 4.00pm. We look forward to seeing lots of eager players. If you are interested in being a coach of a team please contact Colleen Gorman on 63431965 or Garry Halloran.



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Swimming Club News!



Swimming Club is holding a Fun night (weather permitting) next Friday 20th March with games and novelty events. Presentation night will be held the following Friday 27th March at 6:00pm. Monday 6th April if the club AGM.

Junior Rugby Union News

Training for Junior Rugby will commence for all age groups at 6:00pm Friday 20th March 2009 at RB Bembrick field. It is requested that parents/carers attend a brief information session and meeting whilst the children are training.

Anyone still interested in registering their child, please come along.



If you have second hand rugby gear, and you either wish to sell or give away the items, please bring them along on the night. For further details please contact Jen 63471301 or Mandy 63438289. First Gala Day will be at Cootamundra on Sunday 29th March.

The Henry Lawson High School P&C is challenging you to join our social bowls night:

ON: Friday 20th March
TIME: 6:30 for 7:00pm start
WHERE: Grenfell Bowling Club
COST: \$10 per person – 3 person Teams

Prizes to be won. Free sausage sizzle after the games. If you are not in a team we are happy to find one for you so don't miss out, come along and join in the fun.

Nominate yourself or team at High School office, NAB 63491600 or the Grenfell Bowling Club

