P & C AGM
The P & C AGM was held last Tuesday evening in the school staffroom. A huge thank you must go to the parents who were able to attend. It was great to see some of our new Kindergarten parents come along and offer their assistance. All positions were filled and plans were made for some fundraising ventures that will certainly raise some necessary money to provide great things for your children. Mr Steve Kilby has kindly agreed to be our KING entrant for the festival this year, a role that he is very keen to take on. Keep your eyes peeled for different ways that you could involve yourself, every little bit helps and there are various ways to contribute. Mark in your calendar:

EASTER EGG RAFFLE - Don’t forget our raffle. Each child is asked to donate eggs for our monster raffle that will be drawn on Thursday 2nd April at our Easter Hat Parade. There will be a prize for the class that brings in the most eggs. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week.

MOVIE NIGHT- Note the change of date: Saturday 2nd May, 6pm start. This is a great fun night to share with family and friends. Organise a group of friends and pack rugs or chairs to sit out under the stars and enjoy a movie or two. There will be a canteen offering some yummy treats to share. The cost is $10 per person or $35 per family. There will be 2 great family movies to watch.

SEAFOOD NIGHT- Saturday 9th May at the Country Club. If previous nights are anything to go by you are in for a night of delicious food, some great entertainment and fantastic company. The food is carefully prepared by John Gorman and a band of helpers. The Yabby races offer some great entertainment and excitement to the evening. So why not come along. If seafood is not to your liking we can cook you something else. The cost is $50 per person and bookings can be made through the front office at school.

BATTERY DRIVE - The P & C are conducting a Battery Drive as one of their fundraisers to support our King entrant Mr Kilby. If you have any old car or truck batteries (not the old double AA’s) lying around that you’d like to donate, the P & C would greatly appreciate them. Batteries can be dropped off at school, or contact John Gorman to make alternative arrangements.

SCHOOL DISCO
Don’t forget this Tuesday, 17th March, the SRC will be hosting our first Disco for 2015 in the school hall. The theme for the disco is ‘GREEN’ and the children are allowed to wear ‘GREEN’ to school during the day as well. Don’t forget the times for the Disco - Stage 1: 4pm-5pm and Stages 2&3: 5:30-7pm. We are looking forward to a great night. If you have not purchased a ticket yet please see Miss Hunter ASAP so she can make sure the catering is covered.

Easter Hats
In the next 2 weeks children will be creating and designing their hats for our much anticipated Easter Hat Parade and Raffle Draw. If you’d like to collect any materials from home or supply your child with extra bits and pieces please send them in a clearly labelled bag. A sheet of cardboard would be a great start. We will supply some materials here at school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAYS
SCHOOL BANKING
Tuesday 17th March
School Disco
Monday 23rd March
Young Leaders Day
Wed/Thur 25th/26th March
State Swimming Carnival
Monday 30th March
Rugby League Trials
Wednesday 1st April
Western Rugby Trials
Thursday 2nd April
Easter Hat Parade
Saturday 2nd May
Movie Night
Saturday 9th May
Seafood Night
SPORT

Girls Cricket
Good luck to the girls Cricket team who play their first game in Forbes tomorrow, Tuesday 17th March. Mrs Watt and the girls have been training hard for the big day. Let’s hope they are as successful as the boy’s team.

Girls Netball
The girls Netball is also not far away. Their first game is against Cowra on Thursday 26th March. Mrs Johnson is in charge and will have all the necessary information ready for the girls.

Boys Cricket
We are still waiting to find out who our next opponents will be. As soon as we know something we will send notes home.

Rugby League
Mr Kilby has been spending his lunchtimes having a run with the League Boys in preparation for District Trials. There will be more information to follow.

Rugby
Mrs Radnedge has been busy organising names and information for some of our Rugby boys to trial for a District team to then go on and trial for Region. Good luck boys.

School Cross Country
Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held at the Grenfell Racecourse on Friday 24th April. Students 8 years and older will catch a bus from school to the Racecourse at 10.15am for a 10.30am start. We will start with the 12 years and 11 years running 3km, followed by the 10 years and 8/9 years running 2km. The rest of Stage 1 students will catch a bus out to the Racecourse at 12.15pm for their race and lunch at the racecourse. There will be no canteen at school on Friday, so Stage 1 will need to bring their own recess. We will have a canteen operating at the Racecourse from 10.30am. We will have a BBQ lunch for everyone to purchase. If you can help on the canteen at the racecourse please see Kye or Trudie O’Byrne. We should return to school at around 2.00pm by bus. I encourage as many people as possible to come out for the day and support our carnival. It is always a great day.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
This week’s Whole School Assembly will see 3/4H prepare and put on an item for us to enjoy. The assembly begins at 12:30pm.

Mufti Day
The last day of school this term, Thursday 2nd April, will be a Mufti Day. Our Easter Hat Parade will also be held on this day.

Long Service Leave
Miss McIntyre will be on leave until the end of the term and we welcome Mr Lachlan Martens to Stage 1. Mr Martens has already spent some time with the older children and he is really keen to become involved with Stage 1.
Mr Hooper returns from his leave this week and I’m sure he is ready for what will be a busy few weeks to end the term.

QUALITY WORK AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received Quality Work Awards for Spelling at the Stage Assemblies last week:
Spencer Mehrton, Hugh Knight,
Katie McCue, Hugo Wood, Linda Hucker,
Hilary Rassack, Faith White, Holly Gilbert
Waste 2 Art

Grenfell Public School has taken up the challenge of the Waste to Art Community Art Competition this year. The requirements of the competition are to enter one substantial art piece that is to remain at the school. We decided the most suitable way to include the entire school community is to create a piece that all students can contribute too. We are making a structure out of steel. This will include the main structure constructed to look like a bare tree. Students can then add something that might otherwise go to waste to make the leaves of the tree.

Several parents have volunteered to make the main structure and it is under way. We are asking for small items no larger than 30cm diameter in the next couple of weeks. Items should be made from a material that will last. Some examples include old garden hand tools, small pieces of steel off the farm, old hand tools or something you think fits the purpose. Items can be left in their original state or painted a bright colour. It is up to you.

To avoid safety concerns of students hurting themselves by bringing items to school we have set aside times so can drop them off at the school. Mr Cartwright will be on Melyra St (near KKS room) to collect your items on Wednesday 18th March from 3:15 – 3:30pm, Wednesday 25th March from 3:15 – 3:30pm, Wednesday 1st April from 3:15 – 3:30pm.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students.

The tests listed on the return slip below are available for Grenfell Public School students in Years 3-6 this year:

If you would like your child to participate in one or more of these tests please fill out the form below and return it, with payment, to the Administration office at school, by this Friday, 20th March.

If you have any further enquiries about the tests you can contact Mrs Radnedge at the school on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Grenfell Public School ICAS 2015 entry form

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Signed ___________________ Date __________

Attention Fathers!!

The Grenfell Dramatic Society calls for two able bodied men to guard five female prisoners as they take part in Drama Therapy for the State Arts Council. The two vacant positions will suit applicants who enjoy a challenge and can stand their ground in the face of combined female ingenuity.

If you think you’re capable please call Cathy Gilbert on: 0427 391 134.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS FOR ISSUE 2 ARE DUE BACK THIS WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH.
This Wednesday, 18th March 2015, the Festival of Small Halls 2015 VIC/NSW Autumn tour will visit Grenfell. It is a community event for all ages. Tickets $25, Concession/Student $20, Children under 12 free. Tickets are available online via www.festivalofsmallhalls.com or at C.J Anderson Real Estate, Main St, Grenfell.

Venue: The Simpson Pavilion, Grenfell Showground, doors open at 5:30pm, drinks, savoury plates and kids snacks available to purchase pre show, a BBQ will be run during intermission.

This unique festival takes international and national musicians on the road into the depths of rural Australia and celebrates folk music in small halls.

Performing Artists:
Local Artist, Hayley Shone - Grenfell
Siskin River - Australia
Gordie MacKeeman & His Rhythm Boys – Canada
Producers – Woodford Folk Festival, QLD

PCYC Cowra
Safer Drivers Course for Learner Drivers

The next PCYC Safer Drivers Course will be held at PCYC’s Young Road complex on Friday 19 December (Module 1). The course consists of module 1 - a 3hr facilitated group discussion and module 2 - a 2hr in-vehicle coaching session. Cost of the course is $140.00 and participants receive 20 hours credit in their Learner log books upon completion of the course.

You must have 50 hours of actual driving experience recorded in your log book to register for the course. Each course is limited to a maximum of twelve participants. Booking forms are available at PCYC’s Young Road building.

Please contact PCYC on 63412035 for further information about any of the activities on offer or check out the “Cowra PCYC” Facebook page or the website www.pcycnsw.org.au/cowra.

You must be a PCYC member to participate in any of the PCYC activities. Yearly membership is $5.00 for under 18’s and $10 for ages 18 and older.

GRENFELL JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

Grenfell Junior Rugby Union is gearing up for another year after a successful first registration night with good numbers registering in all age groups. A follow up registration night with a training session will be held on Wednesday 18 March at the Rugby club at 6pm. Ex-Brumbies players and new Southern Inland Rugby development officer, Seth Stoltenberg will be in attendance to take players through a number of drills and training exercises.

New registrations are free, continuing registrations are $50.00, capped at $100 per family. All players receive free pair of shorts and socks as well as a Brumbies Rugby card which will gain them entry to all Brumbies Super 15 home games in Canberra.

Please provide your Medicare number and bring along your child’s birth certificate.

After training, a sausage sizzle will be provided by the club and drinks will be available to purchase.

Please consider Rugby as a winter sport. If you would like more information contact Rob Taylor on 0427 438 289 or Brad Robinson on 0427 124 805.