We’ve just finished another busy and successful week. 5/6 C treated us all to a great performance at Fridays assemble, thank you for their hard work. Our School Captains are doing an outstanding job with their speeches each fortnight, keeping us all informed on what’s happening around the school.

Just a reminder to parents of children in Years 3 & 5, NAPLAN testing will be taking place during week 4 this term, Tues 12th – Thurs 14th May. These will take place inside the classrooms and teachers will be there to support and supervise the children.

This Friday we will have the local police visit our school to conduct some exciting and very important ‘Bike Safety’ sessions with our students. Mrs Johnson has been busy putting together the day and is sending home a note with all the relevant details. The day will still go ahead even if it is raining.

The Henry Lawson Festival is fast approaching and I’m sure your calendars are filling up quickly. Stephen Griffin confirmed this week that Play Day will take place on Thursday 4th June at TBLHS. We will send home more information of actual performance times as we get closer to that date.

Principal’s Report...

Principals Awards & Grenfell Blues

Award winners from last weeks assembly were:

Left: Grenfell Blue winners were Sally AlBadran and Megan Wilson

Principal Award winners were:

Back: Megan Wilson & Tahlia Troy
Centre: Zac Brenner, Luke Murdoch & Ella Mitton
Front: Sophie Berry, Nakarla Hardy, Jebediah York

Upcoming EVENTS

TERM 2 - WEEKS 3 & 4

TUESDAYS
SCHOOL BANKING
Wednesday 6th May
Boys Soccer Trials
Thursday 7th May
Rugby Day - Orange Girls Soccer Parkes

Friday 8th May
Mother’s Day Stall
Bike Safety Day
Tuesday 12th– Thursday 14th May
Naplan Testing

Excursions
Notes have been sent home recently for our Stage 2 & 3 excursions. Both excursions have asked for a deposit to be made that we would be grateful to receive by their due dates. This assists us with our organisation of numbers and specific arrangements. Please consider paying off the rest of the money owing so it doesn’t have such an impact all at once.
**SPORT**

**Cricket** ~ Both the girls and boys teams played in their second round of cricket last week. Whilst neither team scored a victory both learnt lots more about the game and what it takes to be a team and work together for a common goal. Thank you to Mrs Watt and her trusty offside-Mr Watt (Mick) for all of their support and hard work. We appreciate your contribution to our school.

**Soccer** ~ Sarah Glanville and Anna Hunt travelled to Cowra last Wednesday to try out for the Western Area Girls Soccer team. The competition was strong and competitive. Anna was successful in gaining a spot on the side and unfortunately Sarah missed out. Anna will travel to Camden in early June to play. Well done to both girls. Our boys head out this week for Western trials and we wish them well.

The girl’s school team will travel to Parkes this Thursday to play in their first round of the knockout. Good luck team.

**Rugby Union** ~ Mrs R and her Union boys travel to Orange on Thursday to play in a special combined union day; this came about as a result of their success at Cowra earlier in the year. Have a great day and stay warm!

**Cross Country** ~ Miss Hunter is organising notes and information for the District Cross Country, just a reminder to return your notes ASAP so all arrangements can be finalised.

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**School Uniform:** The weather is certainly changing and the temperatures are dropping. If you require new uniforms, they can be purchased from the school office and from Louisa’s Locker. Please label all items carefully so if they are found lying around we can return them to your child. Navy beanies and gloves can be worn for added warmth. We also have a great winter jacket that is water proof as well as warm, this is very good quality and has been popular over the years.

**Arrival Times:** Just a reminder for everyone, children are to arrive at school from 8:40am and not any earlier. Whilst there may be staff at school before this time they're not officially on duty to supervise your child(ren). Many staff use this time for preparation and general organisation, supervision begins at 8:40am. The same applies for the end of the day; our bell goes at 3:10pm. All of our staff attends duty to help with the dismissal of students at this time. If for some reason you are held up and cannot make it on time, we would appreciate a phone call and will certainly watch your child in the office area until you arrive. On many occasions the staff will attend meetings after school and also use this time for preparation. Thank you for your co-operation and remember that if there is a change in how your child goes home please notify the school in plenty of time, last minute changes at 3pm can make it difficult for all concerned.

**Lost Property:** Remember to label ALL items that belong to your child (ren), that come along to school. The office fields many phone calls from parents seeking out items that have not made it back home, anything from clothing to drink bottles and lunch containers. We are more than happy to assist you in this ‘continual’ search. Sometimes it is a good idea to check items that do make it home as well, because at times children will pick up an item closest to them that aren’t necessarily theirs. Accidents like these happen and can sometimes cause families undue grief and time searching for them. So a frequent and quick check could help save others time.

Monica Joyce—Relieving Principal

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**BOOKCLUB**

Book Club Sheets have been handed out to all students. Orders and payments are due back to school next Monday 11th May. You can also order and pay online—see order sheets for details.
**Mother's Day Stall** - Our Mother's Day Stall will be held this Friday 8th May. Children can bring in money on this day to purchase a gift for their mothers/grandmothers if they wish. A raffle will be run in conjunction with this, with first prize being a $100 voucher at the Beauty Spot, second prize a $50 voucher at Jan Partlett’s, and third prize a Dinner voucher at the Railway Hotel. Raffle tickets went home last week and need to be returned by Friday morning, 8th May. We are also looking for donations of cooking for the stall, and helpers to man the stall on the day from 9.00am. Please contact Trudy O'Byrne if you can help out.

**Seafood Night** - Don't forget the Seafood Night set down for Saturday 30th May at the Grenfell Country Club. Tickets need to be pre-paid before the evening and can be picked up at the school office. So why not grab a few friends and come along, individual and group bookings can be made. This is our major fundraiser for Steve Kilby, our King entrant for the festival so come along and give GPS some support whilst having a great night out.

**100 Club** - We are running a 100 Club for our Festival King. The prize is $1000, and tickets are $20 each. Tickets are available from the school office.

**Battery Drive** - If you have any old car or truck batteries (not the old double AA’s) lying around that you’d like to donate, we would greatly appreciate them. Batteries can be dropped off at school, or contact John Gorman to make alternative arrangements.

**Donut Making** - Thank you to the parents who participated in the donut making session last Tuesday night, following the P & C Meeting. It was a fun and informative night!

**Cross Country/ Fun Run**  
Your sponsorship forms and money were due back to the office last Friday and your responses have been amazing!!

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO RETURN YOUR FORMS THIS WEEK. Keep raising money for our school, every little bit helps!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school with this Fundraiser.

Mr Kilby
Stage 1 Winners at Cross Country

Stage 2 & 3 Winners at Cross Country

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: 5 Ginger kittens FREE to a good home. Please contact the school if you are interested.

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:

Grenfell
Vaughn Park, Cross Street

Monday 18 May 10.00am – 2.30pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate.
Eat a good sized breakfast or lunch.
Please bring photo ID with you.

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donorn NSW.com.au

Australasian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2015 ~
Don’t forget to return your envelope to school with your $2 gold coin donation by Friday 8th May. You will then go into a draw to win a $4000 holiday to a destination of your choice. Your donation supports the 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. During their stay child are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support.

Grenfell Swimming Club will be holding their AGM on Monday 11th May, 2015 at 7.30 pm in the club room. All welcome.

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