This week we have two students away competing at the state Rugby Union carnival. Sam Raumati and Angus Birch have spent many training sessions away preparing for this carnival. We wish them luck and look forward to hearing how they go.

Science and Engineering
THLHS has once again invited Stage 3 to a special Science and Engineering day this Friday, 21st August. The high school students get the opportunity to ‘teach’ Stage 3 how to construct, problem solve and work as a team to complete activities that they are asked to actually do when they compete at the Science and Engineering challenge. It is a great chance for Stage 3 to learn some new things as well as get to know the students from the High School. We are very fortunate and appreciative to have these close ties with our local High School.

School Disco
Wednesday 26th August is the date set down for our next Stage 2 & 3 Disco. All children will have received information about this last Friday. If your child was away please get them to ask their class teacher for the information. It begins at 5.00pm and finishes at 6:30pm. The cost is $5, providing students with a sausage sizzle, drink and killer python. It is only for Stages 2 & 3, plans are being made to hold a Stage 1 Disco later in the term on a Friday afternoon during school hours.

Kindy Transition
Last Wednesday morning, 12th August, at 10.00am we welcomed parents and new Kindergarten children to school for a detailed session on exactly what goes on here at Grenfell Public School. Mr Kilby provided them with an informative presentation followed by a tour of the school and finished off with a great morning tea. It was lovely to see all the new faces and we are excited about welcoming them to our school in 2016. If you know of anyone who missed out on the session please ask them to contact us here at school and we can provide them with details of next terms planned transition days. Thank you to Mr Kilby and Mr Cartwright for all of their work in making that session possible.

Spelling Bee
Students in Stages 2 and 3 competed in the Spelling Bee last Friday, 14th August. All children enjoyed the experience and I’m sure can spell a few more words now after the time they spent in preparation. Congratulations to Hugo Wood, Sophia Huxtable, Dylan Mehrton and Kiara Warnke who have been successful in gaining a spot to compete at the Regional final. The children have received the details for this. Ms Hunter has been co-ordinating the process and we thank her for her time.
Western Athletics
All children going to Western Athletics will have received their information about the Carnival. The date for the Western Carnival is Friday 28th August, good luck to all competitors.

Grenfell Show
Grenfell Show is fast approaching and all children have been preparing some fabulous handwriting, artwork and banners to enter into the pavilion competitions and display. Some of our students will also be performing before the official opening on the day. Information will come home about that soon.

Going Home Changes
Just a reminder if you need to alter the normal routine for your child going home, please either send a note to your child’s teacher or contact the school office. If we don’t receive notification from you of a change, we will send your child home the regular way. Sometimes just telling your child in the morning without notifying the school can create confusion. We do our very best to accommodate changes when we know about them.

School Photo’s
Friday 11th September is our school photo day. Please keep this mind when planning appointments and the like; it is great to have everyone in attendance on that day. All envelopes have arrived at school and if they haven’t made it home they will over the next few days. If you would like a family portrait done, you can collect a separate envelope from the office.

Sickness
Many children have been sick over the last few weeks. If your child is absent from school for 3 days or more we require a medical certificate for our records. The Education Act 1990 requires you to ensure your child attends school each day that instruction is provided unless they are prevented from doing so by sickness or other acceptable reason and for you to provide an explanation for any absence. The Act requires you to explain your child’s absences within seven days of their occurrence. Failure to do so will result in an unjustified absence being recorded.

Monica Joyce - Relieving Principal

QUALITY WORK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Quality Work Award for Art at last week’s Stage Assemblies:

Lee Ryan
Zack Johnstone,
Charlie O’Byrne
Adrian Shaw
Bailey O’Loughlin,
Grace Heatley,
Dylan Heathcote
Sebastian Browne
Emma McAway

Congratulations to all those students who received awards at the Stage Assemblies last Friday, 14th August
School Banking Rewards available!
The reward items currently available (while stocks last) include:
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System
- ET DVD
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Headphones (2013)
- Projector Cup (2014)
- Swimming Bag (2014)
- Planet Handball
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens
- Scented Pencils (2014)
- Knuckles Game (2013)
- Shark Keyring (2014)
- Dollarmites Moneybox (2014)

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 4 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting School Banking at GPS and don’t forget to hand in your deposits each Tuesday.

SALE CATERING
The P & C provided the catering for a sale at the Showground last Sunday.
A big thank you to John Gorman, Brent Cartwright, Steve Kilby, Tracey Taylor, Bec Squires, Mia and Paul Westman, Rachel Power, Trevor Knight, Howard Hughes, Tennille Starr, Ross and Zovi Armstrong, Paul Taylor, and Andrew Hooper. If you would like to help out at P & C fundraisers in the future please ring Trudie O’Byrne. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

$20 Portrait Fundraising Event
The entire $20 goes directly to the Charity, School or Preschool for fundraising plus up to 20% of what you spend.

Kidshotz Photography will be coming to GPS hall on Saturday 29th August for a family photo day. The $20 you pay for your session and 20 x 25cm group photograph will go directly to the P&C plus up to 20% of what you spend.

Incorrect Phone Number: Unfortunately we were supplied with some flyers which had the incorrect phone number printed on them. (The majority were correct). If you have been unable to get through to Kidshotz, the correct number is 1300 309 776.
FIRST AID COURSE

Pudman Training is a regional training company based in Boorowa. We will be running HLTAID003 Provide First Aid Course in the following local towns in August:

Grenfell 18th August 2015  Cootamundra 26th August 2015

As a thank you to volunteers in our community we are offering the course for $85.00 pp ($50.00 off normal price)

Please contact Jess on 02 6385 3858 or email learn@pudmantraining.com.au to book your place.

AGFARM CARAGABAL SHEEP RACES

SAT 12 SEPT 2015

The Caragabal Sheep Races are a great local family event celebrating our rural heritage. Come along and enjoy:
- 6 race event with pre race sweeps & auctions
- Great prize money!
- BBQ, lamb spit and canteen
- Full bar (no BYO)
- Quick Shear Competition
- Lolly drop from a plane
- Watch the kids chase the sheep towards the finish line

Want to bring a group? Marquees and hospitality packages are available, please contact Daniel on 0404000334
- EFTPOS facilities available
- Entry $10 adults, $5 school age kids
- Live band 3rd Bas3 from 6pm - 10pm
- Gates open at 11.30am at the Caragabal Country Club
- VIP Bus Package from Grenfell, must pre-book

Call/SMS Karen 0400809186

We look forward to seeing you there!

www.visitcaragabal.com.au

SALE

LOUISA’S LOCKER

50 - 60% OFF WINTER STOCK