It is great to be back at school and ready for a fantastic 2016. This year we have over 205 students with 9 classes. Classes are set up so they have even numbers from Kindergarten right through to Year 6. Mr Kilby is on Kindergarten, Miss Faulkner has a 1/2 class and Mrs Hunter and Miss Starr are job sharing on a 1/2 class. Mr Cartwright, Miss Nolan and Miss Forfar are teaching our three Year 3/4 classes, and Mrs Joyce, Mr Martens, Mrs Watt & Mrs Kilby (job sharing) are teaching our 3 Year 5/6 classes. We have had a great start to the year and the classes have really settled. We have been able to keep class sizes to the early twenty's in most classes, which is great for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns over classes, please come and see me. A lot of factors are considered when setting up our classes. This week each teacher will send home a note explaining routines and things they will be teaching for the term. Please make sure you read the note and talk to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

During the summer months, please make sure children come with their school hat, sunscreen and a drink bottle each day. A term timetable, with important dates noted, will be included in this week's newsletter, so please make sure you keep it in a prominent spot and refer to it. This year a focus will be getting things organised for our 150 years celebration in 2017.

Concerns or problems
If you have any concerns or problems during the year please come and see me or give me a call. We want the best for every child and sometimes we can make things a lot easier just by having a chat and sorting the problem out, or explaining why certain decisions have been made.

Parent Information Evening
We will be having a Parent Information Night as we have done in the past, on Tuesday, 1st March. Parents can book a time to sit down one to one with your child’s teacher to discuss the start of the school year or any concerns. A booking sheet and information letter will go home with your child by the end of next week. If you have any questions please see me or your child’s teacher.

School Twilight Swimming Carnival
Our Twilight Swimming Carnival will take place next Thursday, 11th February, at the Grenfell town pool starting at 4.20pm. The carnival will be for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Teachers will mark the roll on Thursday evening at the carnival instead of Friday at school, due to an extended day on Thursday. It would be very much appreciated if parents could indicate to their child’s teacher if their children will be coming to school on Friday. Teachers give up their time on Thursday evening for the carnival and use the Friday for a planning day if we don’t have a lot of students.

The carnival will start with the Medley at 4.00pm and then the rolls will be marked at 4.20pm. We will start with 50 meter races followed by the 10m, 20m and 30 meter races. This will be then followed by all the other 50 meter events. There will be no finals as all events will be decided on times. We will also have novelty events during the evening. We want the carnival to be a family affair so come along and enjoy an evening at the pool. The canteen will be available for snacks and dinner and there will also be a BBQ in operation.

If you are able to help out on the night please let Mrs Kilby, Mrs Radnedge or Mr Hooper know. Last year was a great night so let’s make it even better this year. A note has gone home with all students this so they can choose what events they go in. Students need to return their note so they can be put into events as we are using Meet Manager and entries must be in beforehand.

District and Regional Swimming Carnivals
The District Swimming Carnival will be held in Cowra on Friday 19th February, and the Regional Swimming Carnival will be held in Dubbo on Friday 4th March. More information for the students who qualify will be given out after each stage.
House captains for 2015
We will be organising our House Captains for 2016 this week. We will also discuss our Twilight Swimming Carnival for next Thursday at our House meetings.

Work over the holidays
There have been a few improvements around the school over the holidays. We have a new roof and guttering on the 3/4 and 5/6 classrooms, the toilet block, canteen and Administration area. The new air-conditioning units are being installed at present. This should be completed by the end of this week. We have painting, new guttering and facia replaced in the 1/2 and Kindergarten building. Rod Walsh who was replacing the roof also donated and replaced all the toilet seats across the whole school. We very much appreciate this and thank Rod and his team for doing a fantastic job. Thank you to Mr Gorman and Mrs Taylor, our Cleaner, who have done a great job looking after things during the summer break.

Merit Selection Training
We will be holding a merit selection training evening for any interested parents and teachers from 7:00pm on Tuesday 16th February in The Henry Lawson High School Library. This is for anyone who would like to learn about and gain the accreditation to sit on a panel of an advertised job at a school. Please let me know if you are interested.

Crunch and Sip
The whole school K-6 will continue with Crunch and Sip. This is where we will stop for about 5 minutes during our morning session for students to have a drink and to crunch on a piece of fruit. We ask that all parents send something in with their child each day so they can be involved in this.

School Counselor
Wayne Symons, our School Counselor, will be here each Wednesday this term. If you want to see him you can make an appointment through me. Wayne is very approachable and only too happy to help out with any problem, big or small.

Going Home Changes
We ask all parents to write notes or ring the school if their 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.

Buses
Can you please make sure your child knows how they are getting home of an afternoon. If they are not catching the bus we need a note or a phone call from you by 2.45pm, otherwise your child will be catching the bus home. It is especially important for K-2 students as they can often get upset when they are not sure what they are doing. If you have not advised us differently we will be continuing with the arrangements you gave us last year for the way your child gets home of an afternoon.

Stage Assemblies
This week we will there will be Stage Assemblies on Friday. A roster for the Whole School Assemblies is in this newsletter. The first Whole School Assembly is on Friday, 26th February.

P & C
Our first P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th February starting at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is our last meeting before our AGM on Tuesday 8th March. I want to discuss our 150 years celebration in 2017.

PSSA Sporting Teams
At present we have a number of teams being organised to compete against other schools in the PSSA knockout competitions during Term 1. All students in Stage 2 and 3 can try out for these teams. Mrs Watt is organising Girl’s Cricket and I am organising the Boy’s Cricket. Please see these teachers if you have any questions or require more information.

Parent Helpers/ Volunteers
If you are interested in helping out in your child’s classroom or when we have school events we would love to have you here. Please see your child’s teacher or let me know.
Welcome back to School Banking for 2016. Tuesday is our School Banking Day so please send in your weekly deposit on this day each week. First day for banking is tomorrow, Tuesday 2nd February. Included in this weeks newsletter is an envelope with details of school banking for 2016. This includes details of the reward items available and of a great competition currently running where you can go into a draw to win a family wildlife adventure to Australia Zoo. Details on how to join School Banking are also included in the envelope - please note that application forms are also available from the school office. Don’t forget to start sending in those deposits tomorrow and we look forward to another great year of School Banking at Grenfell Public School.

School Award System
Students receive awards at school and they work the following way:
- Students receive School Awards in class. When they reach 5 School Awards they can cash them in at a Stage Assembly for a Stage Award. For infants (Stage 1) the 5 School Awards are given to Mr Kilby who has a special box in his room that students can put them in. For Primary (Stage 2 and 3) students they put their 5 School Awards in a box in the staffroom foyer and Mrs Joyce and Mr Cartwright will then sort them out.
- When students have 4 Stage Awards they give them to Mr Hooper and the students will receive a Principals Award at the next Whole School Assembly.
- When students get 2 Principals Awards they are given to Mr Hooper who will issue a Grenfell Blue. Students who receive a Blue get invited to a Special Morning Tea or Lunch at the end of each semester.
- One student from each class also gets a Quality Work Award at a Stage Assembly each fortnight. Their name is displayed on our notice board near the canteen.
- Each month we hand out an Aussie of the Month for each stage. Students receive a special certificate.

Rugby Gala Day
Our school will be involved in a Gala Rugby day on Tuesday 1st March. Mrs Radnedge will be organising this and will send home more information when it arrives.

Young Leaders Day
The School Captains and I will be attending the Young Leaders Day in Sydney on Monday 29th February. More information will be given to the captains in the coming weeks.

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 in case of an emergency and I am sure you would like to know if something happens to your child. There are a lot of parents that have incorrect contacts with us so can you please check with us to make sure they are correct.

Andrew Hooper - Principal

Pictured are our new Kindergarten students who started school this morning.
They are pictured in the KK classroom with Mr Kilby and Mrs Schneider.
We welcome all our new students and hope they enjoy their time at GPS.
Canteen Helpers Needed...

Kye is looking for helpers in the Canteen this year. If you are able to help out at all, even if it is only one day per term, it would be greatly appreciated. Hours are from approximately 10.00am to 1.30pm. If you can help please give Kye a ring or send her a note with your preferred day, and a roster will be drawn up.

MITCHELL CONSERVATORIUM

We wish to advise all parents that we now have Music Studios in Forbes & Parkes for music lessons for all age groups.

Our teaching programs cater for a wide range of instruments, singers and composition students.

Should there be sufficient interest School group tuition can also be offered.

Lessons can be organised for after school or perhaps during school time, for further information please contact Jan or Jane in the Forbes office from midday Monday to Friday 6852-3766 or send an email to: lachlan@mitchellconservatorium.edu.au.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Grenfell Playgroup

MONDAYS

2016

10am-12noon

Grenfell Public School Hall

First day back: 1st February 2016

A fun play and learning time for babies, 1,2,3,4 and 5 year olds, their parents and carers.

For more details contact Nicole Kilby

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Lachlan Lions Youth League 2016 sign up

February 4th and 5th, 5-6pm Gus Smith Oval

It’s that time of year when we need to organise teams, coaches and managers for 2016 Youth League. Anyone who would like to be a part is invited to come down to see us at Gus Smith oval on Feb 4th and 5th from 5-6 for more information. For those who have already told us they interested, confirming this by email will be sufficient.

Lachlan Lions incorporates Young, Grenfell, Cowra, and Boorowa, and players, coaches, managers from all towns are welcome. Even if you aren’t sure, but think you may be interested, please feel free to put your name down so we can keep you informed about trials and dates.

Youth league may be boys, girls or mixed, and players in the 10-16 year old age groups are invited to participate. This is a fantastic opportunity for players to experience representative level games against other towns and build upon skills learnt in local Saturday competitions.

Youth League games run over 4-6 Sundays around end April- mid June 2016 (depending on how many teams nominate), and will involve travelling to towns such as Bathurst, Mudgee, Dubbo, Orange, Forbes, Cowra but there is often the opportunity to car-pool to minimise travel for families.

The cost of joining a Youth League competition is largely covered by your local club membership, however a small fee is collected to go towards the end of season presentation, medals and trophies ($30/ player in 2015).

The number of teams possible depends on player interest, but also coaching availability, so please let us know if you are able to coach, or manage a team. Support and training is available if needed.

For more information contact the Youth League Co-ordinator, Scott Lacey at youthleague@younglionssoccerclub.com.au

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Grenfell Swimming Club News - Week Commencing 1 February 2016

Grenfell Swimming Club and Pool enquiries – Leann Logan - 6343 1756

Australia Day pool celebrations were a great success - thank you to club and non-club members for bringing your families along and supporting this event. Thank you to everyone who helped out during the evening plus the great barbeque, kindly donated by the McClelland family.

Last Friday evening Quandialla Swimming Club members and their families joined us for a coolish evening of fun competition. Swimmers benefited greatly with the lead up to school swimming carnivals. A full programme was run including the 200m freestyle long event.

The following squad of swimmers - George Mitton, Niamh Mitton, Ella Mitton, Harry Robinson, Tom Robinson, Xanthe Johnson, Mikayla Hughes, Rhys Hughes, Sophie Berry, Sophie Hughes, Molly Beasley, Lily Holmes and Jaxon Greenaway attended Canowindra Carnival yesterday, 31 January. We look forward to hearing their results.

Important Date
14 (Sunday) February - Business House Relays – please see information in Official news below.

Time change to classes and training
Stroke correction classes- Monday – Please note: 4.30pm – (back to school term time) $5pp - all ages & non-club members welcome.

Squad training – Monday and Wednesday – Please note: 5.00pm – (back to school term time) and Saturday –10.30am (Juniors) and 11.00am (Seniors) — $35pp per block session - all ages and non-club members welcome.

Weekly news
Raffle winner – congratulations to Trudie O’Byrne who won a Glasshouse scented candle, kindly donated by Paige Wood and Lachie Martens, owners of ‘The Tin Cupboard’ located Main Street Grenfell - Why not pop in and see their new store. Donated raffle prizes are greatly appreciated and may be left with Leann Logan at the Grenfell Pool – the funds go straight back to the kids.

Official news
Business House Relays – Sunday 14 February - have you organised a team? Do you want to be in one? Teams are made up of four (4) swimmers and are sponsored by various Grenfell business houses and organisations compete for glory in this fun filled annual event. Ring Leann on 6343 1756 to book teams, be placed in a team or if you have any questions - $25.00 per team. This is a handicap event. Gates open 5pm - $5 per family or $2.00 per single. Rotary organises this wonderful evening as a fundraiser for the Grenfell Swimming Club so the funds go straight back to the kids.

Perpetual trophies – please return perpetual trophies for 2016 presentation night.

Long distance events – This week we will be holding 200m Individual Medley. You must nominate for this before 5pm on Friday. The 100m freestyle will also be run. You must choose one or the other – not both. To qualify for the 100m and/or the 200m you must have completed 6 swims which can be any combination of 100m, 200m or 200IM. To qualify for the 200m individual medley you must have completed 6 swims in each of the four strokes and be currently swimming each at 50m. You must let us know if you choose not to compete in an event that you automatically qualify for.

New club swimming caps – new caps are available for $10, from Leann, at the Grenfell Pool

Next meeting – Monday 8 February – 8pm – Swimming Club room – everyone welcome


Information about carnivals will be emailed out and also available on the noticeboard outside Grenfell Pool office.

Mountains & Plains Glenbrook - 6&7/02/16 – e-entries close 20/01/16

Timekeeper/raffle roster for 5 February 2016: Taylor (Monique), Wilson (Megan), Hunter, Best, Hewen (Casey), Johnson (William), Dennis

PCYC News

Gymnastics and Kindergym will start in the first week of February at Binni Creek Road however the activities that run at Young Road will not commence until the floor is completed. This includes Archery, Basketball, Boxing, Boxing for Fitness and Laser Tag. Laser Tag will also move from Wednesday to Thursday nights when the stadium is re-opened.

The Touch Football competition, which is played at Edgell Park, recommences on Monday 1st of February.

Prices have increased for some activities for 2016 however these have been kept to a minimum. The current price list is available from the club.

PCYC membership fees have been set at $10.00 for junior membership and $20.00 for senior membership in 2016. This is a result of membership fees being standardised for all PCYC clubs in NSW, however it will also make it possible for people to join or renew their PCYC club membership and pay on-line in 2016.

Gymnastics and Kindergym

Gymnastics and Kindergym will recommence at the Binni Creek Road building on Tuesday, 2 February. All children participating in Gymnastics or Kindergym need to be registered with Gym NSW, cost is $42.00 per child for 2016.

Kindergym, for the 0 to 5 age group, will be available on Tuesday and Thursday at 10am and participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Gymnastics for ages 5 and older has classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The class schedule is; Tuesday 4pm for all ages, Tuesday 5.15pm for ages 12 and older, Wednesday 4pm for beginners, Thursday 4pm for ages 5 to 12, and Thursday 5.15pm for all ages.

The class fees for Kindergym and Gymnastics are; Term fee (if paying up-front for the school term): $75.00 per child for 1 class per week

Class fee (if paying for each class as you go): $10.00 per child per class

Discounts are available on term fees for families with multiple children attending gymnastics or Kindergym, and for children attending multiple classes each week.

PCYC KidsCare

Now that school is returning we will have After School Care running at the Binni Creek Road building. After School Care operates until 6pm school days and we utilise the services of Cowra Bus Service to transport the children from school. A PCYC staff member will be travelling on the Cowra Bus Service to transport the children from school. A PCYC staff member will be travelling on the Cowra Bus Service to ensure the safe arrival of students at the Binni Creek Road building at around 4pm.

The cost for after school care is $22.00 per child per day however the fee may be reduced by Child Care Benefit depending on your eligibility and payment arrangements. The bus service will cost $1.00 per trip for children that do not hold a bus travel pass with Cowra Bus Service. Please contact the club on 63412035 for more information or to make a booking.

Keeping informed

Please contact PCYC on 63412035 for further info 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 at PCYC Cowra is currently $10.00 for under 18’s and $20.00 for ages 18 and older.
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