School Twilight Swimming Carnival
Our Twilight Swimming Carnival will take place this Thursday, 11\textsuperscript{th} 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 metre races followed by the 10m, 20m and 30 metre races. This will be then followed by all the other 50 metre 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 so they can choose what events they go in. Students need to return their note so they can be put into events. 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 19\textsuperscript{th} February, and the Regional Carnival will be held in Dubbo on Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} March. More information for the students who qualify will be given out after each stage.

House Captains for 2015
Congratulations to our House Captains for 2016.
Lawson: Captains are Hugh Wilson and Olivia Berry
Vice Captain is Ky O’Byrne
O’Brien: Captains are Mackenzie Brenner and Michael Smith
Vice Captains are Jasmine McAway and Nathan Murdock
Wood: Captains are Megan Wilson and Tyler Byron
Vice Captains are Elissa Hughes and Oliver Taylor

Merit Selection Training
We will be holding a merit selection training evening for any interested parents and teachers from 7:00pm on Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} 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 for an advertised job at a school. Please let me know by this Friday if you are interested.

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 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 next Monday, 15th February. If you have any questions please see me or your child’s teacher.

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.

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.

New Tank Near Infants Block

Rod Walsh donated a tank to the school at the end of last year. Rod and Matt McCann came and cemented a pad and prepared it for operation last week. We thank them both for their time and Rod for his donation of the tank.

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.

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.

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

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**Swimming Carnival Update!**

The swimming carnival is almost ready to go for Thursday afternoon. A huge thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help out with timekeeping, we will send a note home to let you know what times you will be required. Steve Kilby and Chloe Faulkner will be running novelty events on the night for any students under the age of 8 who have not nominated for a short distance swim. If you would like to change your child’s entry in these events please contact the school and leave a message ASAP for Tanya Radnedge.

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**School Banking**

Don’t forget that **Tuesday is our School Banking Day** so please send in your weekly deposit on this day each week.

If you would like to join School Banking you can obtain an application form from the school office or you can visit a branch to set up an account (don’t forget to take ID).

Existing Commonwealth Bank customers can log into netbank.com.au and open a Youthsaver Account.

Below are details of a competition being run this year - to enter all you need to do is make 15 or more deposits during 2016.

Many of our students sent in their deposits last week - a great effort for the first week - keep up the great work!

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**QUALITY WORK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Quality Work Award for following the Fish Philosophy:

Alexi Hunter, Georgia Squires, Emily Edwards, Tay Hazell, Grace Heatley, Jacob Smith, Matilda York and Maddison Martin.

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**Book Club**

Our first Book Club Order Forms went out last week and are due back by Tuesday, 16th February.

You can order by sending a completed order form with money included to the school office, or you can order and pay online using LOOP - details are on the order forms.

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**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.
**Grenfell Playgroup**

**MONDAYS 2016**

10am-12noon

Grenfell Public School Hall

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
0400639096

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**Grenfell Junior Rugby League**

Registrations are open for the 2016 Season

Early Bird special for the Month of February ONLY $25 per player

1st March 2016 Registration will be full price.

Registration is Easy: Go to grenfelljrl.com.au, click on the Big Orange dot and follow the directions. Payment must be made at time of Registration.

There will be a Registration Day for those who are unable to register online – ONLY. Thursday 25th Feb at the Oval from 4.30pm.

Training Starts Thursday 11th Feb at 5.15 - All Players Welcome

Rep Trials: Rep Trials for Age’s 13’s to 16’s are coming up. Please contact Trevor or Brenda or email grenfelljrl@hotmail.com for details

CALL FOR COACHES: Please forward applications to grenfelljrl@hotmail.com by Friday 19 February 2016. Coaches for following age groups are required 7’s, 8’s, 10’s, 12’s, 14’s & 16’s – if you would like to Coach but feel a little unsure of what is involved please email the Club. We will help you out, even buddy up and share the job. It’s Fun, It’s Easy and It’s very rewarding watching the kids Grow, Learn & Enjoy.

Go Grenfell Goanna’s

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**Grenfell Swimming Club News - Week Commencing 8 February 2016**

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

This Friday 12 February will be our last club night before championships.

**Important Dates:** 14 (Sunday) February - Business House Relays – please see information below

16 (Tuesday) February – first championship night

26 (Friday) February – second championship night

**Official news**

*Business House Relays* – this Sunday (14 February) – Get your teams organised and ring Leann on 6343 1756 to book teams or if you have any questions -$25.00 per team of four. This is a handicap event. Gates open 5pm - $5 per family or $2.00 per single.

*Championships* – will be held on 16 (Tuesday) February – 1st championship night, 26 (Friday) February – 2nd championship night

The change in day is to benefit any children who have commitments to school swimming carnivals and further district carnivals they may attend to represent their school. Programme for each night to be advised soon. Swimmers will be automatically nominated into championship events that they qualify for, except for the 200m freestyle and the 200m IM. **You must let us know** if you choose not to compete in an event that you automatically qualify for.

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

*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.

*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.

*Timekeeper/raffle roster* for 12 February 2016: **Lawler, Yates, Gibson, Noble, Keough, Fenton, Bruce**

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**SINGING LESSONS**

Joe Kinsela, who trained as a classical singer in the United Kingdom and performed there as a soloist and with the Australian Opera, is teaching singing at the Anglican Church Hall in Middle Street on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He can teach anyone to sing in any style. Phone 0409194456

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**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.