School Twilight Swimming Carnival

Thank you to everyone who made our Twilight Swimming Carnival a great night. Congratulations to all those who competed and to our Age Champions: Mikayla Hughes and Will Johnson - Junior Champions, Taylor Keppie and Rhys Hughes - 11 Years Champions, Imogen Brenner and Ky O’Byrne - Senior Champions. Wood was the winning house.

We had 2 records broken on the evening. Mikayla Hughes broke Clare Hunt’s 9 Years Girls 50m Freestyle record of 42.27 (2008) with a time of 40.97. Niamh Mitton broke Jessica Birch’s Senior Girl’s Breaststroke record of 49.89 (2001) with a time of 46.84. Well done girls, a fantastic achievement! A big thank you to Nicole Kilby and Tanya Radnedge for their organisation of the carnival, to the parents who helped out on the night, and to the teachers who gave up their evening to run the carnival. Thanks also to Leanne and Bianca at the pool, they always do a fantastic job of looking after us and making sure things are organised.

We now look forward to the District Carnival this Friday in Cowra, good luck to all those who qualified.

District and Regional Swimming Carnivals

The District Swimming Carnival will be held in Cowra this Friday, 19th February. Mrs Kilby will be accompanying our team and notes went out today to all students who qualified. If you have any concerns please see Mrs Kilby. It is important that all parents who are helping with transport provide the school with a copy of your car registration and Drivers Licence. If we do not have this before Friday you will not be able to take other children in your car. This will be the same for any school events that involve private transport of students.

The Regional Swimming Carnival will be held in Dubbo on Friday 4th March. More information for the students who qualify for this will be given out on Friday after the District Carnival.

P & C AGM

Our P & C AGM will be held on Tuesday 8th March. Everyone is welcome to attend and I encourage new parents to come along. We will be electing our office bearers for 2016.

Grenfell Public School Sesquicentenary Celebration (150 years Celebration)

Grenfell Public school will be celebrating 150 years of Education in 2017. To organise events for this celebration we are holding our first meeting at Grenfell Public School on Monday 14th March in the staffroom at 7.30pm. Anyone who would like to be involved is most welcome to come along. Our first task will be setting a date. We can then work on a program of events for our dates and divide tasks up.
**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 today. 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.

**Buses**
Can you please make sure your child knows how they are getting home each 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.

**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.

**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 Girls Cricket and I am organising the Boys Cricket. Please see these teachers if you have any questions or require more information.

**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.

**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.

**Contact Phone Numbers**
If you have changed your home phone, mobile or emergency contact numbers, can you please let the office know. It is 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 who have incorrect contacts with us so can you please check with us to make sure they are correct.

**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.

**Merit Selection Training**
We will be holding a Merit Selection training evening for any interested parents and teachers tomorrow, Tuesday 16th February, from 7:00pm in The Henry Lawson High School Library. This is for anyone who would like to learn about and be able to have the accreditation to sit on a panel advertising a job at a school.

**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.

**Wayne Symons**
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.

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**Young Leaders Day**
The School Captains and I will be attending the Young Leaders Day in Sydney on Monday 29th February. This should be a great day and I am really looking forward to attending with our Captains.
Join School Banking on an outback adventure!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items.

This year’s program is themed the **Outback Savers** and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the **Canyon of Savings**, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are 8 new reward items for 2016 from the Outback Savers range:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

**Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!**

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
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

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.

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: 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 29th Feb at the Oval from 4.30pm.
Training Started Thursday 11 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

Grenfell Swimming Club News - Week Commencing 15 February 2016
Grenfell Swimming Club and Pool enquiries – Leann Logan - 6343 1756
We ran a full programme on our last night before championships. The Business House Relays were on Sunday evening. Well done to all the teams who competed in the competition and thank you to everyone who supported the evening – lots of fun was had by all.
Championships commence this Tuesday 16 February at 6pm. Swimmers compete in each event in their age group.
Important Dates
16 (Tuesday) February – first championship night 26 (Friday) February – second championship night
11 (Saturday) March - Presentation night 12 (Saturday) – pool closes for the season
Please note - no swimming club 4 (Friday) March unless 26 (Friday) February is cancelled due to bad weather.
Official news
Club championships – will be held on the following dates:
16 (Tuesday) February events – 200m individual medley, butterfly 20m, 33m, 50m, breaststroke 20m, 33m, 50m
Timekeepers – Kath Holz in charge
26 (Friday) February events – 200m freestyle, freestyle 10m, 20m, 33m, 50m 100m, backstroke, 20m, 33m, 50m
Timekeepers – Kath Holz in charge
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. Swimmers will be automatically nominated into championship events that they qualify for, except for the 200m freestyle and the 200m IM. You must nominate for the 200m freestyle and the 200 Individual medley if you want to compete in these events at the championships. You must let us know if you choose not to compete in an event that you automatically qualify for. Presentation night – will be held on 11 (Fri) March at the pool from 6pm. Please bring a sweet or salad to share. Swimming club will provide meat and bread. Swimmers will be provided with a drink. Families are also asked to bring their own drinks, plates, utensils and chairs.
New club swimming caps – new caps available at Grenfell pool – running out fast - $10 from Leann.
Weekly news
Stroke correction classes - Monday – 4.30pm – $5pp - all ages & non-club members welcome. Last Stroke correction class – 7 March
Squad training – Monday and Wednesday – 5.00pm – Saturday –10.30am (Juniors) and 11.00am (Seniors) —$35pp per block session - all ages and non-club members welcome. Last squad training - 12 March.