Congratulations to all our students who swam at the District Swimming Carnival in Cowra last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Kilby for all her organisation and to all the parents who helped with time keeping and transport. Mrs Kilby will follow up with those students going to Region next week.

Results were as follows:

**Imogen Brenner:** 3rd Open Girls 100m Freestyle, 1st Senior Girls 50m Freestyle, 1st Senior Girls 50m Backstroke, 3rd Senior Girls 50m Butterfly.

**Mikayla Hughes:** 1st Junior Girls 50m Butterfly, 1st Junior Girls 200m Individual Medley, 3rd Junior Girls 50m Backstroke, 2nd 9 Years Girls 50m Freestyle.

**Niamh Mitton:** 3rd Senior Girls 50m Freestyle, 1st Senior Girls 50m Breastroke, 2nd Senior Girl's Butterfly.

**Arabella Wood:** 1st 8 Years Girls 50m Freestyle.

**Ella Mitton:** 2nd 8 Years Girls 50m Freestyle.

**Jethro Fenton:** 1st 8 Years Boys 50m Freestyle.

**Sophie Berry:** 1st 9 Years Girls 50m Freestyle.

**William Willson:** 1st 9 Years Boys 50m Freestyle.

**Will Johnson:** 2nd Junior Boys 50m Backstroke.

**Amelia Squires:** 3rd 11 Years Girls 50m Freestyle.

**Linda Hucker:** 2nd Junior Girls 50m Breastroke.

**Tyler Stevens:** 3rd Junior Boy’s Breastroke.

**Rhys Hughes:** 1st 11 Years Boys 50m Breastroke.

**Riley Aspin:** 3rd 11 Years Boys 50m Butterfly.

Our Senior Girls Relay Team came 3rd, our Junior Girls Relay Team came 2nd, and our Junior Boys Relay team came 3rd.

The regional swimming carnival will be held in Dubbo next Friday, 4th March. It is up to parents to get their own children there. If you qualified and are not going to compete please let Mrs Kilby know as soon as possible so another child can be given the opportunity. If you do not follow this process you can face an automatic 12 month disqualification from Western sport.

**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 has gone out and they need to be returned as soon as possible. If you have any questions please see me or your child’s teacher.

**5/6 End of Year Excursion**

This year’s 5/6 Excursion will be to Victoria visiting Ballarat, Bendigo and Echuca. Children in Year 5 and 6 will receive a note this week. It will happen during Term 4 from Monday 21st to Friday 25th November. It is a great excursion but a costly one and that is why the note is going out now, so that parents have plenty of time to budget and pay it off if need be. If you have any questions please come and see me.
**Buses**

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.

**Scripture**

Scripture will start this Thursday, 25th February and run every week from then for student's in Years 1-6. At present we do not have a Kinder Scripture teacher. For any concerns please see Mr Kilby or myself.

**Disco**

Students in years 3-6 will be having a Disco from 5-7pm on Wednesday 16th March. More information will come next week. K-2 will have their disco from 2-3pm at school.

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**Ways 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.

**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. Primary (Stage 2 and 3) students 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.

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**Photocopier**

The school has updated its photocopier in the staffroom for teachers. If anyone would like the old photocopier, the first in can have it for free. It still works but some toners have run out and the others will need replacing soon. Please see me if interested.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Rugby Gala Day**

Our school will be involved in a Gala Rugby day on Tuesday 1st March. Mrs Radnedge will be organising this and notes will go home this week. They need to be returned as soon as possible.
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 & 3 can try out for these teams. Mrs Watt is organising Girl’s Cricket and I am organising the Boy’s Cricket. Mrs Radnedge is organising the Boys Rugby Gala Day. 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.

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.

QUALITY WORK AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Quality Work Award for Effort and Application in Sport:
Cooper Smith, Jethro Fenton, Harry Robinson, Dylan Forde, Hugh Knight, Mackenzie York, Brodie Loveridge and Annie Armstrong.

SCHOOL BANKING
Don’t forget to send in your School Banking deposits each Tuesday.
School Banking application forms for those who handed them in have been processed and sent to the Commonwealth Bank for completion. Hopefully you should receive your deposit book shortly. Please let Mrs Eppelstun know if you do not receive yours in the next week or two.
Reward items will be handed out at the Whole School Assembly this Friday, 26th February.
Grenfell Swimming Club and Pool enquiries – Leann Logan - 6343 1756

Congratulations to the Weddin Shire Council team of Brendan Hayes, Isabel Holmes, Lachlan Gibson and Nichola Baker, winners of the 2016 Business House Relays. Well done to all teams who participated in the competition. The evening was very well supported and the atmosphere was great.

Championships continue this Friday 26 February. Swimmers have been automatically nominated into championship events that they qualify for, except the 200m freestyle. Nominations for this event were due before the first championship night. You must let us know if you choose not to compete in an event that you automatically qualify for.

Important Dates
26 (Friday) February – second championship night
11 (Friday) March - presentation night

Please note - no swimming club 4 (Friday) March unless 26 (Friday) February is cancelled due to bad weather.

Official news
Club championships – the second championship night programme is:
26 (Friday) February events – 200m freestyle, freestyle 10m, 20m, 33m, 50m 100m, backstroke, 20m, 33m, 50m

Timekeepers – Kath Holz in charge

Presentation night – will held on 11 (Friday) 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.

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.

QUIZ NIGHT
GRENFELL TENNIS CENTRE
THURSDAY 3rd MARCH
GRENFELL COUNTRY CLUB
7 PM FOR 7.30 START
Teams of 8 - Cost $10.00 per person, includes a delicious supper
Enter as a team, or individually, to
Danny on 0428436266 or
Lyndell on 63433214
Entries in by MONDAY 29TH FEBRUARY

Squash Coaching
At the Grenfell Bowling Club
Get your child involved in a great sport for fun, fitness and to learn new skills.
Beginning Tuesday 9th February and will run for 8 weeks

4:30pm-5:00pm for children 5-7 Years
5:00pm-6:00pm for children 8 Years and above.
Cost is $5 per session
Bring your racket if you have one, however if you don’t have one, equipment will be provided.
For further information please contact Tracey Taylor 0400 610 599