**Principal's Report...**

**Principals Awards**

Congratulations to **Marco Joyce** and **Lucy Power** who received a Principals Award at last Fridays Whole School Assembly.

**Regional Swimming carnival**

The Regional Swimming Carnival will be held in Dubbo this Friday, 4th March. It is up to parents to get their own children there. Please make sure you have returned your child’s permission note. Good luck to all our students who will be swimming. I will be there so I am looking forward to watching you all swim.

**Parent Information Evening**

We will be having our parent information night tomorrow, **Tuesday 1st March**, where parents sit down one to one with their child’s teacher to discuss the start of the school year. I hope everyone has taken the opportunity to do this. If you are not able to attend but would still like to catch up with your child’s teacher please ring to make an appointment at another time.

**Rugby Gala Day**

Our school will be involved in a Gala Rugby day tomorrow, **Tuesday 1st March**, in Cowra. Good luck to all our boys and girls.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Due to safety reasons students are not permitted to enter the school grounds via the front office or staff car park.

Children must enter and leave via the Warraderry Street entrance.

Please make sure your children adhere to this rule.

**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 have received a note regarding this. 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.

**Young Leaders Day**

Today I am with our School Captains at Olympic Park in Sydney attending Young Leaders Day. A report regarding this will be in next week’s newsletter.
**P & C AGM**

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

**Scripture**

Scripture started last Thursday and will run every Thursday for student’s in Years 1-6. At present we do not have a Kindergarten Scripture teacher. If you have any concerns regarding this please see Mr Kilby or myself.

**Reminders...**

**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.

**Disco**

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

**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 the Girl’s Cricket and I am organising the Boy’s Cricket. We should find out this week when our games will be played. Please see the teachers organising events if you have any questions or require more information.

**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.

**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 each afternoon.

**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.
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.

Head Lice
We have had some reported cases of Head Lice. Head lice are always a concern if people do not follow some simple rules. Please make sure that if your child has head lice that you treat it correctly. Your child should not return to school until all lice and eggs are removed. For treatment please see the local chemist, or we have information packs at school.

School Banking
is fuelling financial education.

Each term, the School Banking program will be sharing with parents, key articles and fun financial activities from the Beanstalk. The Beanstalk is our online resource designed to help parents bring money to life for their children. Check out this term’s article and activity below.

Money and maths
Whether your child is or isn’t the biggest fan of maths, you can make sure their financial literacy develops strongly with fun money lessons. One tip is to get your child to sort a mixed pile of coins into individual $2, $1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c piles. Then, challenge them to make a dollar in as many different combinations of coins as they can think of. Read on for more tips at commbank.com.au/moneyandmaths

How to teach your kids to save
Teaching your children to save is important, but what is the best way to go about it? One tip is to help them set their own savings goal. By choosing their own goal they will be more motivated. Plus, it will help make it a fun experience for them. Read on for more tips at commbank.com.au/savingsgoals

Don’t forget to send in your School Banking deposits each Tuesday. Mrs Eppelstun forgot to send the reward items to the Whole School Assembly last Friday to be handed out, so they will be given out in class today - sorry for any disappointment caused.

GRENFELL JUNIOR RUGBY
The Grenfell Junior Rugby Union Club will be holding registration day’s for Under 7’s, 9’s, 11’s, 13’s and 15’s on Wednesday 16th March between 5.00pm & 7.00pm and Saturday 19th March between 12 noon & 2.00pm at the Grenfell Rugby Ground. Free sausage sandwich provided both days. Rego for New players to the club is Free. Previous players $50 to a maximum of $100 PER Family which includes club socks and shorts. All are welcome to come and enjoy the fun of Rugby.
Grenfell Swimming Club News - Week Commencing 29 February 2016

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

The weather was lovely for our last swimming club night for the season. The championship evening included 49 races in total, with 8 heats of 200m freestyle, showing great club strength. Our junior swimmers, so keen in their 20m race, all had a false start but kept swimming. They then had to complete the race again. Thank you very much to Life Club members, Glencie Clarke and Judy McInnes, for place judging and donating their time at championships. Well done to all junior and senior swimmers for their commitment and achievements during the swimming season. A huge thank you to all office bearers, parents and volunteers who donated their time throughout the season with setting up each week, organising events, donating raffle prizes, timekeeping, travel to carnivals, etc – it couldn’t be done without you.

Important Information

**Working Bee** – Sunday 13th March from 9.30am at the pool – all of swimming club’s property needs to be moved into a shipping container to be stored while the new pool is being built. If you could volunteer an hour or two of your time it would be greatly appreciated – it will be a much more manageable job if we have lots of hands.

**Official news**

**Presentation Night** – will be held Friday 11th 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**

**Raffle Winner** – congratulations to Sooz McClelland, who won a $20 gift voucher from Louisa’s Locker, kindly donated by Jan Myers.

**Stroke correction classes**- Monday 4.30pm – $5pp - all ages & non-club members. **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.

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**KEEN TO PLAY SOCCER?**

The Grenfell Soccer Club has been running for almost 30 years. In the past four years the club’s numbers have grown significantly. Last year the club fielded one or more teams in every age group - 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 17 which is a great achievement for a small town.

The Club has been successful in raising funds from raffles and our canteen and when this is combined with the fee reduction from the NSW Football Federation Association we have decided to reduce all fees - $15 per player in the 6 to 8 age group; $10 per player in the 10 - 17 age groups. Further, the third or fourth player registering from the same family will receive a $10 reduction per player.

Our Registration Fees for 2016 are: 6, 7 & 8 - $60 10-17 - $85

New players receive a free pair of socks. Shirts are provided. Black shorts, shin pads and soccer boots are required.

Games generally alternate between Young and Grenfell so travel is limited. Some games may be played in Boorowa but they have very few teams in the competition at present.

**Registration will be held at Lawson Park on:**

- **Wednesday 9th March 3.45 to 5.00pm**;
- **Saturday 12th March 10.00am to 11.30am**;
- **Wednesday 16th March 3.45pm to 5.00pm**

Once teams have reached the required number a reserve list will be made. If there are sufficient players, another team will be formed. If not, players may miss out so please try and get in early.

**Questions?** Contact Cath Sullivan - craig.day@bigpond.com 6345 5818 or 0437 455 818

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**let’s play netball**

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**Your Local Netball Association**

**Competition/Programs are played at**

Col Stimson Park Cooma

**Competition/Programs offered**

New To Netty Program free program for anyone new to netball in 2016

**Contact Details**

Karen Ryan 040801 3002 karenryan.r@gmail.com

Dates/Times: Friday 11th March, 18th March, 1st April, 8th April, 22nd April 4:30-5:30pm

**letsplaynetball.com.au**

2016 Season dates are:

- Seniors will commence 2nd April @ 1pm
- Juniors from 10 yrs & older will commence 2nd April @ 11am
- 5-9 yrs will commence 7th May @ 11am

2016 Registration costs:

- Seniors (18 years +) - $130
- Juniors (11-17 yrs) - $100
- NetSetGo (5-10yrs) - $55 (All participants receive a NetSetGo pack)

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE ONLINE ONLY NOW & ALL PLAYERS HAVE TO BE REGISTERED BEFORE PLAYING.