

St Joseph's Primary School

Grenfell NSW

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Thursday November 28, 2019

Issue 37

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have been watching the works project that is taking place here at school. This project involves upgrades to the disabled access, repairs and replacement of damaged fibro and some additional work on the downpipes and drainage.

The children have been very interested in watching the progress of the works.

Kinder Transition – Yesterday was our final orientation morning. The children completed a variety of activities in their classroom. They also made a presentation to all about some of their favourite things and it is terrific to these things about our new students.



School Chaplaincy Program – late last week, I also received word that we have been successful in winning a grant to operate a school chaplain program next year. This position provides an additional avenue of support for students. This position will be advertised in the coming days.

As we are all aware, this is an increasingly busy time of the year, with both school and home based events. I encourage all of our children to continue to drink plenty of water and ensure that you are getting a good amount of rest each night.

This is also a time of the year, when busyness can lead to carelessness with how the children speak with each other. I encourage the children to pause

for just 3 seconds before speaking – this just might enable the needed words or phrases to be used in the right way.

The children have begun working towards recognition for their efforts – it is planned that there will be a Reward Day by the end of Wk. 9.

Please remember to make use of our Archdiocesan parent website. It can be found at <https://www.parents.cg.catholic.edu.au/>

This website contains a range of information that may be of use to you as a parent, or it might be useful for your family.

Swim Safe – information for our forthcoming swim safe program was sent home earlier this term. The permission note needs to be returned to school by tomorrow (Friday November 29).

Please be aware that the school will cover the cost of this year's program for all students.

Chooks – the chooks have been very busy eating up our lunch scraps and giving us eggs that have been used in a number of different cooking adventures.

We are asking if anyone is able to care for the chooks over the summer holidays. If you can help, please let us know.

SCHOOL NEWS

P & F News – Please note the Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday February 18, 2020 at 7:00pm in our school library. All executive positions will be vacant.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER	
28/11	Gymnastics
29/11	Talent Quest
09/12 – 13/12	Swim Safe
12/12	Presentation Night



Carols in the Park – the Carols in the Park will be on Sunday December 8. The children should wear their summer uniform to this event.

Further information will be passed on to you as it comes to hand.

Scholastic Book Club – the book club order forms have been distributed. *All purchased now need to be made online using Scholastic's LOOP ordering system.* Instructions are on the order forms. If you need assistance setting up an online account, please ask. Book Club orders need to be completed by **Friday, 29 November 2019.**

Year 6 Graduation Mass Presentation Photos – We would like to remind parents that school related photos of your Year 6 child, depicting a range of activities throughout their schooling, for the end of year school Graduation Mass presentation, are to be submitted to the school as soon as possible. Submitting these now will allow ample time to compile the presentation.

Library – as we are now moving towards the end of the year, please start looking for those extra library books to return to school. They might be under the bed, on the coffee table, in the pile of things on the kitchen bench.

All returns will be appreciated – our record for the most overdue library book in this week is 187 days, I wonder if we can beat that.

Sincerely

Bonnie Clancy



Congratulations to everyone celebrating their special day this week.

REC NEWS -

We are nearly at the end of our Christmas hamper collection journey. This Friday, the students who volunteered to be a part of this year's Mini Vinnies group will be heading to the Grenfell Food Hall to learn a bit more about what they do for our community. We will take some of our vast collection to them for the Christmas hampers that they will be creating.

On the 9th of December, a small group of our Mini Vinnie's volunteers will head to Young to donate the rest of our food collection to St Vincent de Paul and find out a bit more about what they offer to the community.

We are happy to accept any last donations of any non-perishable food items up until **Friday the 6th of December.**

Current tally of food collected

Tinned food - 66

Pasta and rice – 32

Boxes of cereal -15

Condiments and Sauces- 13

Biscuits- 20

Drinks – 6

Treats- 6

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others!



Leslie King

CLASS NEWS – K/1

The K/1 students have continued to work hard to gain skills and knowledge in all areas of the curriculum. Their improvement in reading has been quite an amazing journey over this past year. Being a Kindergarten/Year One teacher definitely has its rewards! All of the children have been challenging themselves to read books that are longer and more difficult. They also love shared reading of their own texts, especially with the Kinder transition children.



Many topics have been covered in Maths this term, including: volume and capacity, three-dimensional shapes and their properties, division, chance and probability and data gathering and graphing.

The new Kinders also enjoyed the hands-on activities associated with this learning.



Gymnastics has proved to be very popular with the K/1 students. The students have been able to use the appropriate equipment to learn how to jump, roll and do cartwheels safely. They are also learning about the importance of stretching before exercising.



In Religious Education, the students have been continuing to explore Jesus' life. They understand that he grew up in a Jewish family and they are learning about some Jewish customs and symbols, both past and present. We will conclude our unit with our last cooking session for this year when we will be making challah, a traditional Jewish braided bread.

We did share our love of cooking with the Kinder transition students as well. As requested by the K/1 students we finally made something sweet with all those chook eggs- meringues! By all reports, they were delicious.



The K/1 students have really enjoyed having the new Kinders in their classroom. They have shared their space and their learning very enthusiastically.



The Beebots continue to provide plenty of opportunities for learning!

Grandparents (and other friends) Day was also a very special day in K/1.



NUMERACY

This week for Numeracy news, I have decided to focus on how mindset can contribute to successful participation not only in Mathematics but also in all we do. The following quiz was presented at a recent Professional Development day. I encourage you all to participate and I will provide the answers next week.

What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I try hard.
If you succeed, I'm inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.



I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm no good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

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Questions – True or False		Answer
1	Natural intelligence is a better indication of a person's potential for success than the effort they put in	
2	After the age of 25, intelligence and talent is believed to be a relatively stable with very little room for growth and development.	
3	New neurons and connections continue to be formed in the brain until old age.	
4	Like other muscles in the body, the brain strengthens with use.	
5	Intelligence is something that people are born with and does not change.	
6	Negative criticism and feedback is an important way to grow.	
7	Research suggests that some people have the potential for music ability and others have no potential for musical ability.	
8	People who are born smart don't really have to try hard.	
9	People who have to try hard to achieve a goal obviously 'don't have what it takes'.	
10	If something does not come easily to you then you should probably give up.	

REMINDER - the referees promote Swimmers when they judge that a swimmer is ready to move up to a longer distance. A record of these promotions is kept each week. If a swimmer has been entered in the incorrect distance they will be moved to the correct distance.

A reminder to all swimmers that they need to move to the marshalling area as soon as their event is called. The marshal will call a swimmers name twice, and if the swimmer is not present, they will miss that race and will be ineligible to swim for the rest of the night. It is vital that we follow correct swimming etiquette on club nights as we try to prepare all swimmers to compete at carnivals.

RAFFLE - The raffle this week was donated by Hayley Griffiths and won by Nic Mitton. Anyone willing to donate prize/s for the weekly raffle can leave them with Leann at the Canteen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

08/12/19 – GASC Development Carnival

27 December 2019 – no Swimming Club

16/02/20 –Business House Relays



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COMMUNITY NEWS

GRENFELL AMATUER SWIMMING CLUB NEWSLETTER

CLUB NIGHT – 29 NOVEMBER 2019 - This Friday night instead of Club night, we will be spreading the sand at the tennis courts.

Swimmers who nominate to swim and who come and help at the fundraiser will have their swims counted. If you nominate and do not help with the fundraiser you swim will not be counted.

Remember – many hands make light work.

DEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL - Entries are now open for our carnival, which will be held on Sunday, 8 December 2019, so please jump online and enter your children. Only online entries will be accepted.

We are also starting to take names of volunteers for the day. There will be a variety of jobs that we will need to be filled on the day. Again – many hands make light work!!

PARKES CARNIVAL - Parkes Carnival will be held on Sunday, 1 December 2019. Entries will close on 28 November 2019.



Dates for your Calendar

NOVEMBER

25 <i>School Counsellor</i>	26	27 10:00am Mass/Prayer celebration Kinder Orientation	28	29 SRC Talent Quest	30	Dec 1
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DECEMBER

2	3	4 10:00am Mass/Prayer celebration	5	6	7	8 Carols by Candlelight
9	10	11 10:00am Mass/Prayer celebration	12 Presentation Night	13	14	15

SWIMSAFE

16	17 End of Year Celebration/Graduation Mass	18 Last day of School year for children	19 Last day of the year for staff.	20	21	22
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27	28 Staff Day	29 2020 School year begins for children	30	31 MUFTI DAY	FEB 1	2
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3	4	5	6 Swimming Carnival	7	8	9
10	11	12 Opening Mass - TBC	13	14	15	16

SWIM SAFE

17	18 7:00pm - Parents & Friends AGM	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	MARCH 1
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