

St Joseph's Primary School

Grenfell NSW

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Thursday December 12, 2019

Issue 39

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a busy week with the children participating in classroom learning, swim safe, Carols in the Park, and a visit to St Vincent de Paul in Young.

Presentation Night – our presentation night will be **tonight at 6:30pm**. We look forward to seeing you all this evening. Children are to wear their summer school uniform to this event. We will hold this year's event in the school library due to the current building works.

Carols in the Park – thank you to everyone who was able to join us at Carols in the Park last Sunday, you did a terrific job, thank you!



Swim Safe – has progressed this week, I believe that the hot weather has enhanced the enjoyment for those swimming this week.

Semester Two Reports – Staff have been working on reports and these will be sent home tomorrow.

The challenge is to focus on strengths rather than focus purely on areas that need improving. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you and your child have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you can't ask any more than that regardless of the grading. Broaden your focus

away from academic performance to form a picture of how your child is progressing as an individual in a social setting.

The skills of independence and cooperation are highly rated by employers these days so don't dismiss these as unimportant.

Please make use of the online booking system to make an appointment time to speak with your child's teacher. Bookings can be made on the School Interviews website:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>

Our code is **p54qp**

This week we have continued watching the works project that is taking place here at school. There have been construction of handrails, electrical work. The next steps involve completing the cladding work and installing handrails. The children have been very interested in watching the progress of the works.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Fees – Now is the time to finalise any outstanding payments for 2019.

Thank you to those families who have already paid the fees for this term. *If your family is experiencing difficulties paying school fees*, please make contact with Therese Clancy at school for assistance.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER	
09/12 – 13/12	Swim Safe – Bring your swimmers!
12/12	Presentation Night at 6:30pm
13/12	1:30pm – Bust the Dust Dance
17/12	Mass Celebration 6:00pm
18/12	Last day for children

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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.

Something that we can do for others – and for ourselves at the same time...

This initiative has been put out to schools Australia wide – the excerpt below comes from St John's School Trangie's Facebook challenge...

As a group of country kids, we were struggling to find the perfect way to help in the drought...until now! On the 13th of December, we are inviting all schools to stop and Raindance with us.

At 1pm, take a break from the classroom, bust a move and help us to [#bustthedust](#)

Then simply upload a video of your school dancing to this page, it could be any song, any dance moves and any duration you like!

What better way to lift up the spirits of people in need while this drought heads into the festive season than with a raindance to cheer up everyone doing it tough!

We will be participating in the Raindance after swimming on Friday December 13. You are welcome to join us for the dance and stay on for lunch afterwards.

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 428 days*, I wonder if we can beat that before the end of the year!

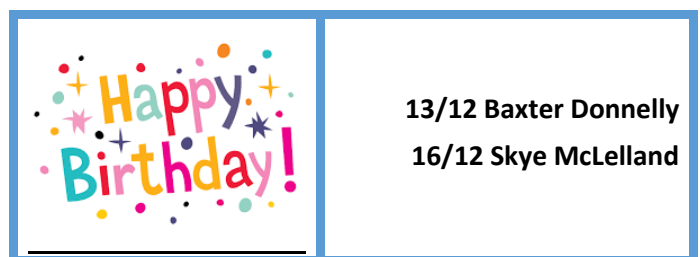
SRC Message- This year, the SRC have worked hard to be leaders and positive role models to the student body, regularly attend meetings and represent student ideas. In addition, the SRC have held a variety of successful fundraisers. These have included Crazy Hair Day, which raised money for Cystic Fibrosis, and the popular Movie Night and Talent Quest Fundraisers, to raise money for school resources. The SRC would like to thank the school community for their ongoing support of fundraisers throughout the year.

Christmas masses - This year there will be two masses at Christmas time, a 6.00 pm Vigil Mass on Tuesday 24th December and a 9.00 am Mass on Christmas day, Wednesday 25th December. The 6.00 pm mass will be a Children's Mass so we would like to have some student participation, especially as readers and taking up the offertory. If you would be able to help, please contact Mary Moffitt on 6343 1575 or 0419 440 692.

Fr James has asked us to let you know, that Grenfell will be having a second Rite of Reconciliation this Friday, 13th December at 6:00pm.

Sincerely

Bonnie Clancy



REC NEWS –

On Monday, some of the children from the Mini Vinnies group travelled to Young to donate the rest of our collected food hamper items. The children learned about what The St Vincent de Paul volunteers do in the community. As well as running the shop, the volunteers visit people in the community, especially people who have no family members to come and visit them on a regular basis.



The students were shown the items in a basic food bag and were shocked to find out how few items are contained within it. A packet of pasta, a jar of pasta sauce, one tin

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each of baked beans and spaghetti, a small box of Weetbix, a 1 litre container of milk, a piece of roast pork and some pork sausages. This is to last a family a week!

The Christmas hampers are, of course, larger but still do not contain a huge amount of goodies.



Our food will be used to augment the Christmas hampers that have already been created. This means that families will be able to choose one or two of the items that we donated as a treat for their children (e.g. Cocoa Pops or chips) or as a way to stretch out what is contained in the Christmas hamper (e.g. tins of tuna, pasta and sauce) or as an extra Christmas treat (e.g. a box of chocolates, mince tarts, biscuits). The volunteers who spent time with us were very grateful to our families for collecting so much. It will make a difference in the lives of many families this Christmas!

St Vincent de Paul is always looking for volunteers, if you know anyone out there who has time to give. At the moment, the St Vincent de Paul shop in Young is not able to accept any donations of clothing or household goods because they haven't got the 'peoplepower' to be able to sort through it and get it onto the shelves.

The last thing to pass on from St Vincent de Paul is, if you plan to donate, ask yourself this question first...Would I give this to a mate? If you answered, yes, then, go ahead and donate it. If you answered no, please reconsider what to do with it.

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

Merry Christmas and blessings from the St Vincent de Paul team in Young.

THANK YOU

Leslie King

CLASS NEWS – YEAR 5/6

It is hard to believe another school year is almost over! Time flies when you are having fun! Last month, the students were involved in the Remembrance Day service in Grenfell. The students are to be congratulated on the way in which they listened and participated throughout the ceremony, and in a reverent manner. Kindergarten Orientation was a great success and we look forward to welcoming the new Kindergarten children back for their official start next year! Their 'buddies' are to be commended on the way in which they assisted the children to feel very welcome during their visits. On Sunday, we took part in Carols by Candlelight at Taylor Park. Thank you to those who came along!



In Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) this term, the students are studying democracy in Australia. So far, they have defined the term 'democracy', and identified the features of a democratic nation. The students have researched the establishment of Australia as a democratic nation.

They also wrote a brief biography of a person who played a significant role in the establishment of democracy in Australia. The students discussed the many ways that people can express their opinions in a democratic society and chose an issue and a democratic process to voice their opinion to their peers. The students will also explore what it means to be an Australian Citizen.



In Personal Development and Health (PDH), the students have been developing their understanding of the different types of drugs that are present in society. The students have already examined prescription drugs, other drugs taken for medical reasons, as well as legal and illegal drugs. They are currently in the process of focusing on one type of drug as the basis for research. To culminate the unit, the students will discuss anti-drug campaigns as a way of informing people about their dangers. We were fortunate to have Dr Patrick Akhiwu visit us to share his very valuable expertise in this area.



In Physical Education (PE), the students commenced the term with a focus on the game of basketball, in order to help them develop the skills used in the game. In each lesson, they worked on developing a key skill used in basketball, such as passing and catching, dribbling, dribbling with defence, and shooting. The students were also involved in a number of games that involved these key skills. The students have also been participating in gymnastics lessons, delivered by staff from Cowra PCYC, as well as the Swim Safe program at the Grenfell Aquatic Centre. It has been lots of fun!



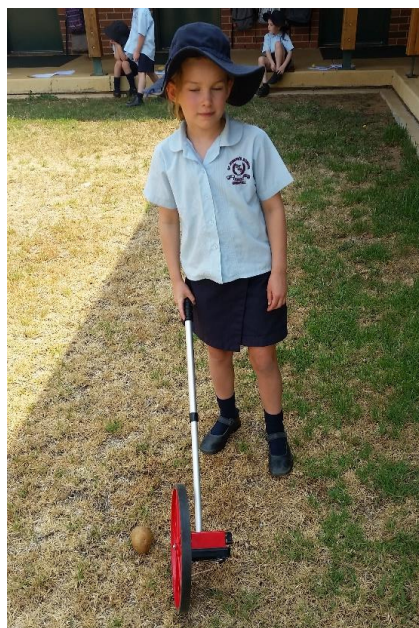


We are now looking forward to our end of year celebrations, including Presentation Night and Graduation Mass. It was been a wonderful term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school and your child's learning throughout the year. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



NUMERACY NEWS –

Kindergarten and Year 1 students have had loads of fun with Potato Olympics in Mathematics. We read a story about potato people and students are now competing in sport activities with their potato. All potatoes have been weighed, measured height and circumference. Some of the activities are lawn bowls, shot put and long jump. Students are also learning about potatoes grow and writing a story.



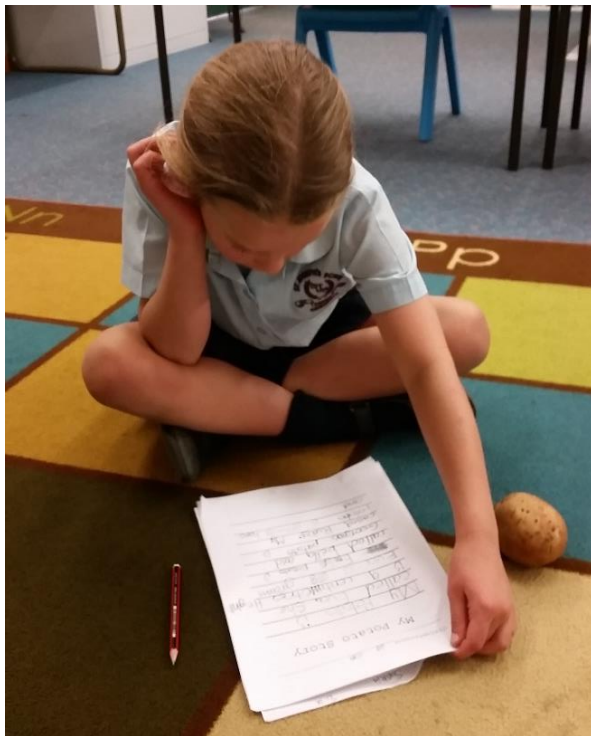
Using a trundle wheel to measure the distance in lawn bowls.



mathematical thinking and strategies to work how much change to be given and to receive.



Year 5/6 have been challenged with measurement skills while making their Christmas Star. This involved folding, using a ruler accurately, measuring and cutting.



Year 2/3/4 students have been working on a financial literacy unit of work from the Money Smart website. One of the favourite activities was to set up a shop where students took on roles of shoppers and shopkeepers. The students were able to use

LITERACY NEWS –

Overdrive/Sora eBooks



Your ACEN Overdrive and Sora eBook/audiobook online system is accessible to you with your CE network login over the school holidays 24/7.

The ACEN OverDrive website is located at <http://acen.lib.overdrive.com> or by searching in the Apple store or Google Play for the [OverDrive app](#). (link). When asked to search for a library, click to search by 'Name', not location, and then search for 'ACEN'.



Sora Link

Sora is the student-friendly App that links to the same Overdrive database of titles.

Visit <https://soraapp.com> in your web browser, or download the free [Sora app](#) from the Apple and Google Play stores on a mobile device.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GRENFELL AMATUER SWIMMING CLUB
NEWSLETTERDEVELOPMENT CARNIVAL

Thank you to everyone that helped out with the Carnival on Sunday. We had 140 swimmers entered which was fantastic and we had many positive reports on the day. Not only were the swimmers developing but many of our volunteers were taking on new roles as well. There were many PB's on the day and Grenfell swimmers took home their fair share of prize money. Morning tea was great and the volunteers were kept well fed. A great club effort!

MONTHLY MEETING - The monthly meeting will be held Monday, 9 December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Club – everyone welcome.

SQUAD - The new squad block has commenced - \$35 for current members, \$40 for new members. From 19 December 2019 squad will be held at 10am.

TIMEKEEPING - Timekeepers for this week, 13 December 2019 are:

Randall, Sheehan, Smith (Kye), Taylor, White, Aspin, Baker (Adelaide)

Please remember that if you are unavailable to do your rostered duty it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

RAFFLE - The raffle this week was donated by the Loader family and was won by Sandra Hughes. Anyone willing to donate prize/s for the weekly raffle can leave them with Leann at the Canteen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

27 December 2019 – no Swimming Club

19 January 2020 – Bathurst Carnival (entries are now open)

16 February 2020 – Business House Relays

Feature Race – Friday 13/12 - 100m backstroke



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Kids Christmas Card Making sessions

Ages: 5 and over

Cost: \$2 per child to cover materials

Bookings and payment required prior to session

Friday 6 December 4-5pm 10 places only

Wednesday 11 December 4-5pm - 10 places only

Friday 13 December 4-5pm - 10 places only

Library 6343 1334

Announcement

Commencing Tuesday 3
December 2019

Summer Reading Bingo



Entrants must be at school in Preschool all
the way to Year 12 in 2020.

Great prizes to be won.

December Movies

Come and enjoy a free movie or two

Free entry. Booking of seats is preferred.

FOGL will be running a candy bar.

No hot food or alcohol allowed.

Bring your own bean bag or cushion for comfort. Chairs are provided.

Sessions

Saturday 7 - 7.45pm for an 8pm start – Palm Beach

Saturday 14 - 7.45pm for an 8pm start – Downton Abbey

Friday 20 – 1.45pm for a 2pm start – A surprise
Christmas movie. Rating will be G/PG

Library 6343 1334



FRIDAY DECEMBER 20 6.30PM

Vaughn Park (near swimming pool)

**Grenfell Lions & Rotary
Combined Service Clubs Christmas Carnival**

Friday December 20 6.30pm onwards at Vaughn Park

Santa Claus
Stalls
Santa Tickets \$2
BBQ - Drinks
Novelties
Chocolate Wheel
Fairy Floss
Rides
Side shows

Grenfell Town Band
Presentation of Christmas Lights
Winners

All Welcome

STALL HOLDERS WELCOME
support the local service clubs who support you

SANTA ARRIVES AROUND 7.45PM


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Christmas holidays Footy Clinics

Footy with Woody



Does your club/team want an hour football clinic to focus on:

- passing
- tackling
- game awareness

The hour clinic will be a chance to learn off Brumbies Women's player Sammie Wood.

Clinics will be \$10 per child.

One on one sessions available through enquiries

HOW TO SECURE YOUR CLINIC:
Email: footywithwoody@gmail.com
Phone: 0409409202

A number of dates available, best get in quick!

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AT THE GRENELL RUGBY CLUB



BEGINNER TO ADVANCED DRUM KIT LESSONS

More lesson spots now available for Grenfell area.

Currently teaching school-aged students across Cowra, Parkes and Grenfell.

Drum kit provided & all in one location.



For more info contact
Email: dbdrumming@hotmail.com



@dbdrumming1

Dates for your Calendar

DECEMBER

9	10	11 10:00am Mass/Prayer celebration	12 Presentation Night 6:30pm	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
23	24 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass	25 9:00am Christmas Mass	26	27	28	29
30	31	JAN 1	2	3	4	5

JANUARY

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Staff Day	29 2020 School year begins for children	30	31 MUFTI DAY	FEB 1	2

FEBRUARY

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
24	25	26	27	28 MUFTI DAY	29	MARCH 1

MARCH

2	3 Hennessy CC Open Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 MUFTI DAY	28	29
30	31	APRIL 1	2	3	4	5

APRIL

6	7	8	9 Last day of Term 1	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 ANZAC DAY	26
27	28	29	30	MAY 1	2	3

