

Tuesday December 17, 2019

Issue 40

Dear parents and carers,

As we move toward the end of our last week of school for this year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported our children through your various different types of volunteer work during this year. Many have taken the time to carry out different tasks that when combined have had the effect of assisting the education of our children. So thank you, to all of you.

I would also like to thank members of the wider Grenfell community for your support during this year, there are many things that go on in the background that help to support the success of our school, so thank you to all those who have supported us in the myriad of different ways across this year.

Thank you to the staff who have also worked hard to encourage the development and growth of our children during this year.

Congratulations to ALL of our children on their efforts this year. Learning new facts and skills is not always easy to do, but our children have done exceptionally well in a range of different pursuits during this year, congratulations on your efforts children! Well done to all of those children who have received particular awards for their efforts.

To our departing students, we wish you well as you move to new places and spaces!

Already, we are beginning to think about 2020 and what things we'd like to see happen again... Some children will be in the same room, while others will continue to work in familiar surroundings.

2020 Term dates – some important dates for 2020 are as follows:

January 28: Staff day

January 29: Students commence 2019 school year

April 09: Last day of Term 1

April 28: Students return for Term 2

This week we have continued watching the works project that is taking place here at school. The new exterior cladding has been installed along with work on the entry. The next steps involve completing the cladding work and installing the galvanised 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.

Calendar - we already have a number of plans in place for next year, and dates that we have available have been included. Please note that there may be some minor changes.

We are also updating this information on our school website and adding it to the news feed. The site can be found at

<https://www.stjosephsgrenfell.nsw.edu.au/>

School Bus zones - Please note the following information in relation to speed zones around schools:

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the Christmas holiday break at the end of Term 4 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

For most NSW Catholic schools, school zones operate as normal until (and include) Friday December 20, 2019 and resume on Tuesday January 28, 2020.

Note: even though some schools will elect to have some of these days as pupil free days, **school zones will be in operation on all gazetted school days**, whether students are present or not.

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.

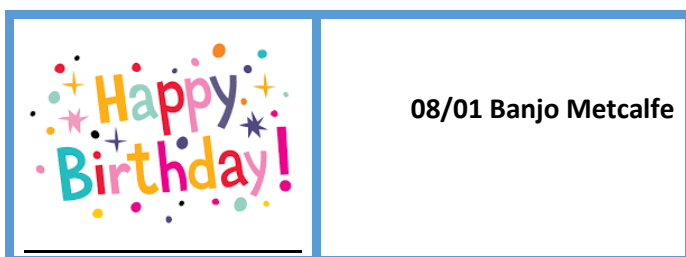
Library - Well done to everyone who has been looking out for overdue library books and returning these to school. This week we've had a number of books handed in which is terrific to see. Over the last few weeks, we have found a lot of books, including one that was overdue by 1243 days...

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.

I trust that you all enjoy a Happy and Holy Christmas period, and that the new year brings you many successes.

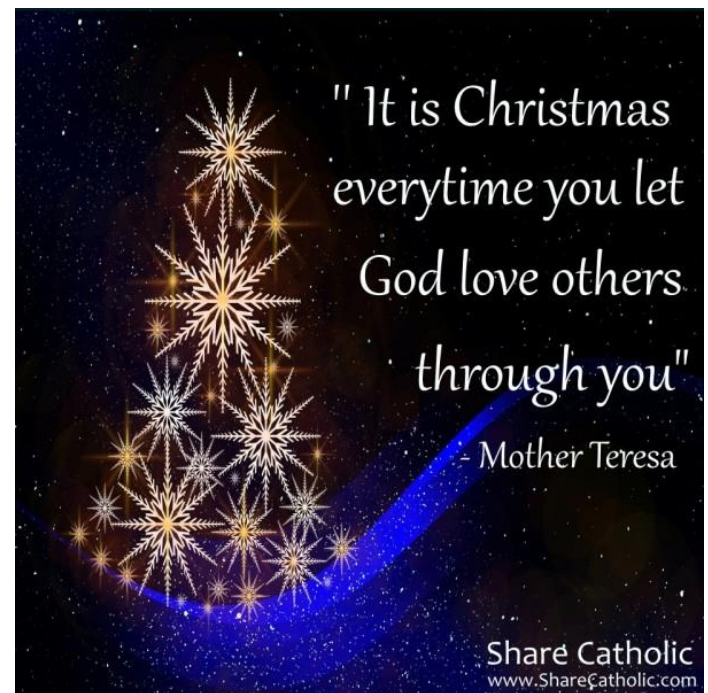
Sincerely

Bonnie Clancy



REC NEWS –

It is time to say goodbye to another school year. I wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and safe travelling to whatever your destination/s may be. Enjoy some time with family and friends and before you know it, we will be back to do it all again in 2020!



Many blessings,

Leslie King

SNAPSHOTS OF RECENT DAYS...







SCHOOL HOLIDAY READING...

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 NEWSLETTER

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, 20 December 2019 are:

Baker (Ava), Berry, Bradley, Bruce, Capra, Dixon and Edwards

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

RAFFLE - 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

8 & 9 January 2020 – Mountains & Plains Summer

Championships – Orange – nominations are now open

16 February 2020 – Business House Relays

Feature Race – Friday 13/12 - 100m butterfly



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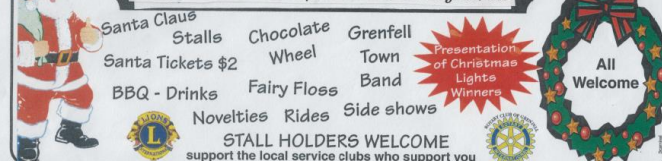


FRIDAY DECEMBER 20 6.30PM

Vaughn Park (near swimming pool)

Grenfell Lions & Rotary Combined Service Clubs Christmas Carnival

Friday December 20 6.30pm onwards at Vaughn Park



STALL HOLDERS WELCOME
support the local service clubs who support you

SANTA ARRIVES AROUND 7.45PM

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



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!

f Footy with Woody
@sammiewood



Are you looking for a career change?

Australian Unity is looking for **Care Workers** to join our team in **Grenfell & Canowindra.**

What is involved: Joining one of Australia's leading care providers, you will be assisting aged people with domestic assistance & personal care in their own home, as well as providing important social companionship

What you need: Fully insured car, honest & caring nature, good decision-making skills, reliability, ability to learn new skills and willingness to obtain a police check and relevant experience

For more information on joining Australian Unity, please visit our Careers website
www.australianunity.com.au/careers

To apply online - type the following URL into your internet browser:
<http://bit.ly/HCWLachlan>

Contact Lachlan Branch directly on 1300 295 815

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Time to thrive

Dates for your Calendar

DECEMBER

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

