



Emu Creek Echo

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Principal's Report...

We have had some extreme heat over the past couple of weeks. Please make sure that you send plenty of water to school with your child. We make arrangements for students to stay inside out of the sun in extreme weather.

"Principal's Award"

Congratulations to:

Kurtis Meier

who received a Principal's Award at Friday's whole school assembly.

Parent Information Evening

We are holding a parent information evening on **Tuesday 10th February** in the school library. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to find out information.

Stage 2 & 3 will be having their combined session from 6:30pm until 7:00pm and Stage 1 will have their session from 7:00pm until 7:30pm. During these sessions teachers will give an overview of what they are going to teach throughout the year and also talk about stage and whole school events.



P & C

Our first P & C meeting will be held after our parent information sessions on **Tuesday, 10th February**, starting at 7:30pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend especially all new parents to our school. This is our last meeting before our AGM on Tuesday 12th March.

School Twilight Swimming Carnival

Our annual Swimming Carnival is to be held on Thursday 12th Feb commencing at 4:30pm. All children from K-6 are invited to attend. Children who are turning 8 yrs and above have the opportunity to be involved in the competitive and representative side of the carnival. Children who are younger have the opportunity to swim in small distance races (10m, 20m and 33m events), as well as novelty events in the little pool. The carnival will commence at 4:30pm – starting with the 200m Medley. All other children will need to be at the pool no later than 4:45pm for the first event to start in the 50m Freestyle at 5:00pm.



Instead of coming to school on Friday your child will have their name marked off the roll at 4:55pm on Thursday evening.

Following the first round of 50m freestyle events we will run the short distance races for our younger swimmers and those not wishing to compete in any of the long distance races. Novelty events will also run for the younger children in the little pool whilst the competitive races continue in the big pool.

Children are encouraged to wear their house colours. All new children have been notified as to which house they are in.

House colours are:

Lawson - Blue
O'Brien - Yellow
Wood - Red



The canteen will be in operation during the evening providing us with a selection of goodies for tea.

We encourage everyone to attend and would love a few parent volunteers to help us with timekeeping. If you are able to assist us please fill in the return slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to school tomorrow morning. It would be nice to see lots of parents at the pool supporting their children.

Any questions regarding our carnival, please do not hesitate to contact us here at school.

District Swimming Carnival

The District Swimming Carnival this year will be run by the Cowra PSSA Small Schools and will be held on Friday 27th February at the Cowra pool.

House Captains - 2009

House Captain elections were held last Friday. Congratulations to the following students who will lead their teams this year.

Wood - Captains	Cameron McKellar Emily Tognetti
Vice Captains	Dylan McAlister Amelia Bradley
Lawson - Captains	Rowan Wilson Millie Milne
Vice Captains	Matthew Cotter Payton Johnson
O'Brien - Captains	Corey Lock Charlotte Amery
Vice Captains	William Brown Melinda Hewen

Rugby League Visit

We had a Rugby League visit here at our school last Thursday. There were 3 players from the Eels, the Dragons and the Raiders. The players had a quick chat to the students and then signed autographs under the COLA.

**Crunch and Sip**

The whole school K-6 will be involved in 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 each day so students can be involved in this.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first School Council meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 24th February starting at 7:00pm in the school staffroom.

Active after School Program

We will be running an active after school program for students later this term and next term on a Monday afternoon. We will be focusing on Circus Arts and playing other games in this active after school program. Mr. Knapp will be co-coordinating it and when we get our training completed we will start it. We will let you know the details soon.

**Going 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.

**Contact Phone Numbers**

If you have changed your home phone, mobile or your emergency contact numbers can you please let the office know. It makes it very frustrating if we cannot contact you, and if there is an emergency I am sure you would like to know.

Rugby League Clinic

Students in Years 3 to 6 will be involved in a Rugby League Clinic at school on Wednesday 4th March. Students need to make sure they bring joggers along that day.

Swimming For Sport

Swimming for sport commenced last Friday and will continue until week 6 or 7 pending the weather conditions. Times will be:

5/6J, 5/6S & 4/5K - 9:30 - 10:10am

3/4F & 2/3L - 10:10 - 10:50am

Each group will walk to and from the pool for their sessions. Pool entry is \$1 unless you hold a season ticket. If you have not already done so, please complete the permission slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the class teacher before Friday 6th Feb.



PERMISSION NOTES

Each family is required to fill in a Generic Permission note for each student to enable them to participate in minor excursions that do not require transport during the year.

Notes are also required for sensitive issues in PD/H/PE. Please take time to read and complete these permission slips and return to school as soon as possible. The notes can be found at the end of this newsletter.

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Attached to this newsletter is a list of class requirements for students for 2009. Please ensure that your child has the equipment listed and label each item with child's name and class.



BUSH FIRE DONATIONS



Grenfell Public School have decided to help the Victorian communities that have been devastated by the recent bushfires by having a fundraising activity. A fire hose will be stretched around under the cola and children are asked to bring in coins to lay against it. We are hoping that we can reach the end of the hose with coins.

Students can bring coins to school and put them next to the hose of a morning. Parents are quite welcome to also help out.

Canteen News!

Canteen Roster

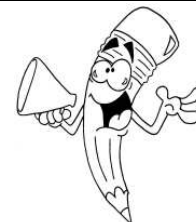
Tues 10 th Feb	-	Tanya Whatman
Wed 11 th Feb	-	Ruth Gardner
Thu 12 th Feb	-	Marie Edwards
Fri 13 th Feb	-	Chris Parsons
Mon 16 th Feb	-	Ruth Gardner

A current canteen price list is attached to this week's newsletter.

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!!

Come one, Come all....

It's time to join our P & C.



Why?????

If you become a member of our P & C before the AGM in March, you will be eligible to be in the draw for a \$50 voucher from our Canteen.

Membership costs a mere \$2.50 and this enables to you to vote on any important issues to arise from time to time.

Come on, join now!

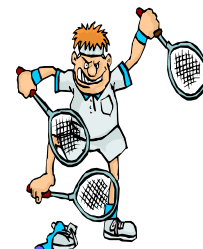
COMMUNITY NEWS

Grenfell Little Athletics

Little Athletics is on at 4:30pm Tuesday (not Thursday) for this week only because of the GPS Swimming Carnival.

GRENFELL TENNIS CENTRE FEBRUARY NIGHT TENNIS

Entries are still being called for the annual February Night Tennis that is hoped to commence next week. The format of the competition is mixed tennis, with teams consisting of 2 Men & 2 Women. There will be divisions of varying standards on different nights of the week. You can center as a team, pair or individually, but the main thing is to enter, with a good, relaxed atmosphere assured. Contact Danny Joyce (63432081) to discuss or enter.



Return Slips

Swimming Carnival Helpers

I am able to assist at the swimming carnival on Thursday 12th Feb.

Name: _____

Grenfell Public School

Minor Excursion – Generic Permission Note

I hereby give my permission for my child/children

_____ of class _____

_____ of class _____

_____ of class _____

to participate in excursions of a minor nature within or around Grenfell and not requiring transport. Such excursions, organised by the classroom teachers are approved by the Principal and are linked to specific teaching/learning programs. This note is valid for the 2009 school year

Signed: _____

Date: _____

(Parent/Guardian)

Swimming Permission Note

I understand that my child will be going swimming for sport on a Friday for Term 1, 2009. I also understand that they require \$1 for pool entry or if they are a season ticket holder they are fine. I will also indicate below special swimming information to cater for my child.

I give _____ in Class _____ permission to participate in the Swimming activities organized for sport on Fridays.

My child is a (please indicate in writing their ability level):

Special requirements for my child in relation to swimming include:

Signed: _____

Date: _____