



# Emu Creek Echo

*Achievement for All in a Happy, Safe and Caring Environment*

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## Principal's Report...

### School Twilight Swimming Carnival

Many thanks to everyone who came along and braved the conditions last Thursday for our annual Swimming Carnival. Well done to all the children who competed and it looks like our school is brimming with future swimmers, we have never has so many compete in the short distance races.

Our age champions this year were:

Junior Girls	Clare Hunt
Junior Boys	Mitchell Stevens
11yr Girls	Claire Matthews
11yr Boys	Jay Mawhinney
Senior Girls	Millie Milne
Senior Boys	Corey Lock



The winning house was Lawson, however they were nearly beaten by the enthusiastic participations of Wood & O'Brien. Great competing everyone!

### District Swimming Carnival

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

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

### Parent Information Evening



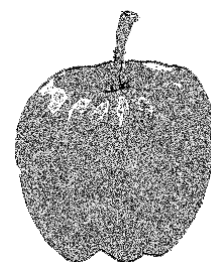
Thanks to all the parents who came to our Parent Information Evening last Tuesday. If you have any concerns or problems throughout the year please talk to your child's teacher or let me know.

### P & C

Our P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Crunch and Sip

The whole school K-6 is participating in Crunch and Sip. This is where we stop for about 5 minutes during our morning session for students to have a drink and to crunch on a piece of fruit. Don't forget to send something in each day so students can be involved in this.



### Memorabilia Evening



We had to postpone our Sporting and Music Memorabilia Evening last year but have set a date for this year. The Sporting Memorabilia evening will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The cost is \$25 per person which gives you a smorgasbord meal, lucky prizes to be won and a chance to purchase some outstanding pieces of memorabilia. Bookings can be made at the school office. The money raised will go towards purchasing 2 interactive whiteboards. I hope everyone can come along and support this evening as it is for your children's education and it will be a fun night. Unfortunately Steve Forde is unavailable. If you want to check out the pieces of memorabilia you are more than welcome to come and have a look at school or you can check them out on a digital photo frame at Grenfell IGA.

**Going Home Changes**

Don't forget to write notes or ring the school if your 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 4<sup>th</sup> March. Students need to make sure they bring joggers along that day.

**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 now require transport during the year.

Notes are also required for sensitive issues in PD/H/PE. If you have not already done so, 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.

**BUSH FIRE DONATIONS**

Grenfell Public School is continuing to help the Victorian communities that have been devastated by the recent bushfires. Our fire hose will be stretched around under the Cola each morning and children can bring in coins to lay against it. We have had a great response so far and are hoping that we can reach the end of the hose with coins. Parents are quite welcome to also help out.

**School Web Pages Updates**

- Newsletter Downloads – PDF
- School Requirements – 2009
- Canteen Price List
- Uniform Price List
- Slides Shows
- Plus More...

If you have any videos of any performances of students in our school choir, circus arts, sports etc, and you are willing to share them with the world, please contact Bethwyn on 0408631901.

**School Vacation Breaks**

For those planning holidays we wish to advise some changes to vacation breaks.

**Term 1 –**

Last day of Term 1 will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**Term 2 –**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April is a holiday due to Anzac Day falling on the Saturday.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April is a Staff Development Day (no students)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – will be first day back for students.

Term 2 ends on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Term 3 –**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July is a Staff Development Day.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July – students return to school.

Term 3 ends on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Term 4 -**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October – students return to school.

The last 2 days of Term 4 will now be Staff Development Days, ie Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> & Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This means that students will finish school on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Canteen News!****Canteen Roster**

Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	-	Ruth Gardner
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	-	
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	-	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	-	Alison Knowles
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	-	Karen Bognar

**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 that from time to time.

**Come on, join now!**

**BOOK CLUB**

Just a reminder that Issue 1 orders for Book Club are due back this Thursday. Orders can be left at the school office.

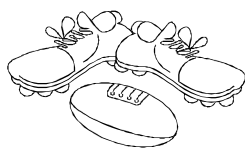


**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**GRENFELL JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**

The next Junior Rugby League Registration Day is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at Lawson Oval – between 5:00 & 6:00pm. All NEW registrations are FREE and will also receive a pair of club socks & shorts. Re-registrations are \$35 each, 2 x \$60, or family \$80. You are required to bring your birth certificate, medicare card, 2 passport size photos and Mum and/or Dad to sign.

Please forward any queries about registration to Nathan & Belinda Stevens on 63431190.



**Training Times**

The following is a list of training days and times for

Junior League.

The first competition game is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Start date for training is 24<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> February.

If you have any questions, concerns or if you are unable to attend training, could you contact your Coach on the following numbers:

**Under 7's & 8's** – 6:00~7:00pm Thursdays ONLY – Anthony Edwards: 63438284

**Under 10's** – 6:00~7:00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays – Nathan Stevens: 63431190

**Under 12's** – 6:00~7:00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays – Jarrod Brebner: 63431521

**Under 14's** – 6:00~7:00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays – Michael Abbott: 63432451

**Under 16's** – 6:00~7:00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays – Wayne Holz: 63431625

Please Note: The standard training times are 6:00-7:00pm Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Henry Lawson Oval. Some teams may not train both nights and the times may vary depending on the requirement of the Coaches.

**GRENFELL TENNIS CENTRE  
? QUIZ NIGHT ?**

**When? Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Time? 7:00 for 7:30pm**

**Venue? Country Club ?**

**Cost? \$10 per head, supper  
? Included  
8 people per team**

**Nominate your team to: ?**

**Danny on 63432081**

**Lyndell on 63433214**

**Colleen on 63431359**

**Teams to be in by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, please.**

# Return Slips

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Parent/Guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information about the School's PDHPE Program**

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) is one of the six key learning areas of the NSW primary curriculum. The school's PDHPE program aims to help student's lead healthy and fulfilling lifestyles.

The school's K-6 PDHPE program will cover a wide range of topics including: relationships, drug use, human sexuality, child protection, movement skill development and fitness. Some of the content in this program is sensitive. The school recognises this by teaching about these issues within the context of a developmentally appropriate program and by providing information to you about the program.

The PDHPE program aims to encourage students to make informed decisions about their lifestyle taking into account the values of the family, culture and religion to which they may belong. The school program will be taught in a manner which supports the role of parents and caregivers and reflects the values of the school.

An overview of some content areas is provided below.

**Child Protection Education**

- ~ recognising and responding to safe & unsafe situations
- ~ developing positive relationships
- ~ developing support networks

**Growth and Development**

- ~ caring for the body
- ~ puberty (in Yr 5 and 6 only)
- ~ changing relationships, feelings and needs

**Personal Health Choices**

- ~ helpful and harmful drugs
- ~ medications, tobacco and alcohol
- ~ nutrition
- ~ sun protection

The school is required to obtain permission from parents for their child to participate in lessons that deal with sensitive issues, such as child protection and human sexuality. Could you please complete the permission note below and return it to the school as soon as possible. Your support for this program is valued and appreciated.

Please contact the school if you would like more details about the PDHPE program.

Yours sincerely  
 Andrew Hooper  
 Principal

**Permission Note – Sensitive Issues PDHPE Program**

I give/do not give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in all lessons of the school's PDHPE program, including Child Protection and Human Sexuality (Stage 2 & 3 only).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_