



Emu Creek Echo

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Principal's Report...

District Swimming Carnival

The District Swimming Carnival this year will be run by the Cowra PSSA Small Schools and will be held this Friday, 27th February, at the Cowra pool. Notes for students from our school went home last week and need to be returned to Mrs Joyce ASAP.

Victorian Bushfire Coin Fire Hose Donation



Our school Fire Hose Coin Donation Drive held over the last week raised \$490.20. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We are going to send the money directly to help a Public School in

the bushfire area. When we work out a school of need we will let you know.

"Principal's Awards"

Congratulations to



Aiden & Ethan Skinner



for receiving Principal's Awards at last Friday's Whole School Assembly.

Clean-up Australia Day

This Friday, 27th February, is Clean-up Australia Day for Schools. We will be cleaning up around our school on Friday. If you could help by sending in a pair of gloves and a plastic bag with your child it would be greatly appreciated



Young Leaders Day

Our Captains are attending a Young Leaders Day in Sydney today. It should be a great day. Stay tuned for a full report next week.

Boys Cricket

Our boy's cricket team will be travelling to Cowra this Wednesday, 25th February, for their first game of cricket against Cowra Public School in the State Knockout Competition. We wish them all the best.



Active After Schools Program

Our Active After School Program starts today from 3.30 till 4.30pm. If you would like your child to be involved or want more information please contact Mr Knapp.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

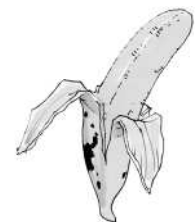


P & C

Our P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th 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.



School Cross Country

Our School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 3rd April at the Grenfell Racecourse. This is the second last Friday of term.



Memorabilia Evening



Our Sporting Memorabilia evening will be held on Saturday 2nd May this year. 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. 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 4th March. Students need to make sure they bring joggers along that day.

PERMISSION NOTES

There are still a number of families who have not filled in their Generic & PD/H/PE Sensitive Issues notes. 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.

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 FEES

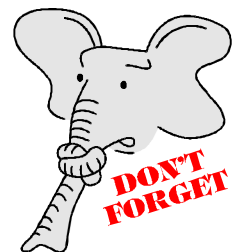
Voluntary School Contribution invoices were sent out to each family last week. These fees are used to help fund technology resources and your prompt payment would be greatly appreciated as this will directly help with your child's education needs.



Canteen News!

Canteen Roster

Tues 24th Feb
- Ngaire Soley
Wed 25th Feb
- Marie Edwards
Thu 26th Feb
- Kate Taylor
Fri 27th Feb
- Rebecca Fuller
Mon 2nd Mar
- Tim Fowler



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 arise from time to time.

Come on, join now!

COMMUNITY NEWS

? GRENFELL TENNIS CENTRE QUIZ NIGHT

When? Thursday 5th 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 2nd March, please.

Wanted:

Microfiche Reader
 Contact Kathy Gilbert on
 63432539.

JUNIOR RUGBY UNION REGISTRATION

Grenfell Junior Rugby Union will hold two registration afternoons in the Main Street. These afternoons will also allow players and parents the opportunity to ask questions regarding Junior Rugby Union, especially those who are interested but have never played. Players registering on these days will also receive their BRUMBIES cards, allowing them to gain free entry into Brumbies games held at Canberra. Please make sure you bring your Birth Certificate (new players) and a Passport size photo.



The first of the two registration sessions will be held next Wednesday 25th February from 4pm to 5pm, then again on Friday 6th March from 4pm – 5pm outside Crutchers IGA. Registration fees have been set at First Year Players free, \$50 per player re-registering and for families with 2 or more players registration is capped at \$100 per family. Registration includes Brumbies Card and Sponsored Player Shorts. All teams will wear newly designed jumpers. Age Groups are 7s, 9s, 11s, 13s and 15s.

We are currently in talks with the Brumbies team management and will soon announce a date and player that will visit Grenfell to commence our training. First game is Saturday 29th March, a Gala Day at Cootamundra. Then after school holidays we launch into fortnightly games at which teams get two games per day.

Come play Junior Rugby Union, it's a lot of fun for all the family on and off the field. Please give Jen Kelly (0263471301) or Mandy Taylor (0263438289) a call if you need any assistance.

JUNIOR SOCCER NEWS



The first Junior Soccer meeting for the year will be held on Monday 2nd March at 7:30pm. Our meetings are held at the Grenfell Bowling Club and all interested parents are encouraged to attend.

For enquiries or apologies please phone Kathy Harvey on 63431795.



**Clearance Sale
 Louisa's Locker**



Final Week

**All Summer Stock under \$50
 Starts Monday 23rd February**

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: _____