



# Emu Creek Echo

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## Principal's Report...

### District Swimming Carnival

I wish to apologise to Melinda Hewen and Annie Matthews for leaving them off the list of District Swimmers who went to Dubbo.



### Whole School Assembly

Congratulations to Kindergarten and Year One for presenting fantastic items at last week's Whole School Assembly.

### ☆ "Principal's Awards" ☆



Congratulations to *Hannah Joyce, Heather Walker, Shane Dawes, Jade Hooper & Angus Brown* for receiving Principal's Awards at our Whole School Assembly last Friday.

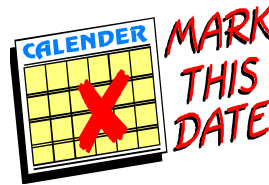
### School Council

Our next School Council Meeting is on tomorrow night, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, at 7:00pm in the school staffroom.



### Staff Development Days

I want to remind parents of some important dates for Staff Development during the year. They will be student free days.



**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April** is a Public Holiday for Schools for ANZAC day.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** is a Staff Development Day and a pupil free day.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June** is a whole Lachlan Area Staff Development Day which all schools in our area will be attending in Forbes. This will be instead of having a Staff Development day on the first day back in Term 3 which is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Parents will need to make arrangements for their children on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. If you have any problems or questions about these dates please come and see me.

The last 2 days of the school year which is **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** are also pupil free days and Staff Development days across the whole state. School will finish for all Public Schools on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### P & C

Thank you to Juanita Meier who has put her hand up to be our Festival Queen Entrant. A part of the proceeds from our



Memorabilia Night will go towards the fundraising for our Queen entrant.

The P&C also need helpers for the Cross Country Carnival on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and at the Picnic Races on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

### Toys

We are starting to get a lot of toys brought to school. They are starting to cause some problems. We will not take responsibility for items lost or damaged. If your child needs to bring something in can you please limit it to one item.

**Notice Board and Money Letter Box**

We have a new notice board near the walkway attached to the Library which will display school information, including our weekly newsletter. We also have a letter box installed at the front counter of the office for students and parents to deposit money or notes into. You need to make sure that your name, the amount and what you are paying for is clearly marked on the envelope. This will make things more efficient and safer for money deposits. The ladies in the office can then attend to these when convenient.

**REMINDERS...****Easter Activities**

We will be running our normal Easter activities again this year. The P&C will be running an Easter Egg Raffle which will be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade. Donations of eggs for the raffle would be very much appreciated and students can start bringing these in to the office at any time. Raffle tickets are attached to this week's newsletter. They need to be returned to school by Thursday morning, 9<sup>th</sup> April. More tickets are available from the school office if you require them. Our Easter Hat Parade will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April under the Cola.

**Grenfell Easter Picnic Races**

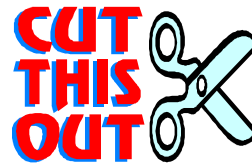
Grenfell Public School P&C are manning the gate at the Grenfell Picnic Races on Easter Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April. The school receives a donation from the Picnic Race Club for this. If you can help out on Easter Saturday please contact John Gorman or myself.

**Crunch and Sip**

Just a reminder that 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.

**Arriving at School**

Some students are arriving at school before 8.40am in the morning. Morning supervision starts at 8.40am and children should not be here before that time as teachers are busy preparing work for the day and having students present makes it difficult for this to happen. I would appreciate your co-operation.

**Memorabilia Evening**

Our Sporting Memorabilia evening will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The cost is \$25 per person which includes a smorgasbord meal, lucky prizes 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. It will be a fun night and I hope everyone can come along and support this evening as all proceeds are directed towards your child's education. If you want to check out the pieces of memorabilia you are welcome to come and have a look at school or they will be displayed on a digital photo frame at Grenfell IGA.

**School Cross Country**

Our School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at the Grenfell Racecourse. This is the second last Friday of term. We need parents to help run the carnival and to help in the canteen. Please let us know if you can help in some way.

**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. We ask that parents also not pick up or try to take other students unless you talk to a teacher first. This has caused a few problems lately.

**Contact Phone Numbers**

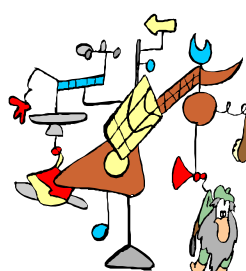
If you have changed your home phone, mobile or your emergency contact numbers can you please let the office know. It makes it very frustrating if we cannot contact you, and if there is an emergency I am sure you would like to know.

A Hooper  
Principal

### Public Speaking and Debating Workshop

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March students from Years 4, 5 & 6 will be involved in a free 2 day workshop. Notes went home last Thursday and are due back this Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. If you did not receive a note or you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you  
Kate Hooper



### “Waste to Art”

Students have been making “Works of Art” from recycled materials. The response here at GPS has been excellent. These

SCULPTURES will be on display and judged at the Grenfell Railway Station on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 3:00pm until 6:30pm when the winners of the various sections will be given \$50 vouchers. You might like to take your children along to have a look - it will be very exciting!

Pam Livingstone

## Canteen Roster

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Ngaire Soley  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Ruth Gardner  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Vacant  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Rebecca Fuller  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Tim Fowler

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## Mission Market Day

The Grenfell Presbyterian Church will be holding a Mission Market Day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 10:00am. Please come and join us for a great day of fellowship, fun and bargains. We will have the following items for sale:

*Cakes, Plants  
 Trash & Treasure  
 Gifts, Sweets.*



*BBQ starting at 12 noon (cold drinks available)  
 Music, Games for children during the day  
 Tea, Coffee, Cordial & Biscuits available all day in the hall.*

We have a display in the hall showing the areas that we are supporting this year. All proceeds will be donated to Christian work: (1) In Ethiopia for resources for Pastors to help them preach and to teach bible truths; (2) Operation Christmas Child expenses in sending shoe boxes overseas.

Further information will be available at the Market Day or please contact either Marion Knapp 63431284 or Pat Berman 63431981. We look forward to seeing you at the Mission Market Day.

## Swimming Club News!

Swimming Club presentation is on this Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 6:00pm with a barbecue after the presentation. The club will provide meat and drinks, families are asked to bring a salad or sweet to share plus their own plates & cutlery.

The Swimming Club AGM is scheduled for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April in the club rooms.

