



Emu Creek Echo

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Principal's Report...

NAPLAN Testing

Students in Years 3 & 5 will be sitting the National Assessments in Literacy, Numeracy and Writing this Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. Miss Forfar will be supervising the Year 3 tests and Mrs Smyth will be supervising the Year 5 tests and you can contact them if you have any concerns. We ask you to make sure your child is prepared by getting a good night's sleep, eating a good breakfast and being on time for school. We also ask that you do not organise any appointments on these days or take your child out of class as they can only sit the tests on these days.



Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last Friday's Whole School Assembly.

"Aussies of the Month" ★

*Tim Brown Tara Anderson
Beth Simpson*



"Grenfell Blues"

*Clare Hunt Robbie Dawes
Zoe Gavin Kate Amery
Olivia Dawes*



"Principal's Awards" ★

*Madison Knight Chris Knight
Jessica Chen Osha Haug
Ben Norris Ethan Eyles
Olivia Dawes Tim Brown
Katie Chen Robbie Dawes
Zoe Gavin Kate Amery
Emily Tognetti*



Special Morning Tea

Students who received a Grenfell Blue, a Quality Work Award or an Aussie of the Month last term attended a special morning tea today as part of the celebration.

P & C

Our next P & C meeting will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday 12th May, starting



at 7.30pm in the staffroom. We will be having Marie and Joe come from our local Community Health to talk about boys and girls education. They will be discussing things like puberty, depression, drugs, healthy eating, lifestyle, peer pressure etc. They are also looking at the possibility of running a student/parent information evening to help explain these topics and to field any questions on boys and girls growing up. If you want an evening like this to happen you need to show your support and come along or let us know that you would support an information evening like this.

Mother's Day Stall



Thanks to everyone who donated items for sale on the Mother's Day Stall and to those who helped out on the day, especially Cathy Gilbert and Nicola Mitton for all their organisation. Thanks also to Pam Livingstone for the donation of a night's accommodation at her Bed & Breakfast as first prize in the raffle.

Kindergarten 2010

We will be giving a presentation at the Pre-School on Monday 25th May at 7.30 pm. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2010 and wish to come along you are most welcome. Information packs and enrolment forms are always available at the front office.



Walk Safely To School Day

Friday 15th May is Walk Safely to School Day. This is a day where parents are encouraged to walk to school with children and re-enforce safe pedestrian behaviour.

**District Cross Country**

The District Cross Country will be held at the Canowindra Golf Course on Friday 22nd May. We are still waiting on Canowindra Public School to give us information. When we have this we will pass it on. The Regional Cross Country carnival will be held at Wellington on Wednesday 10th June.

Education Week

Education Week will commence Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May.

We will be having a special day for our school on **Thursday 28th May.**

We will have a Whole School Assembly at 11.30am where we will hand out special awards as well as our normal awards. Items will also be performed.

We will then have a Tabloid Sports Circuit from 12.00pm which will be run by our senior students and you are invited to join in if you wish.

This will be followed by lunch where parents can visit the Library to purchase books for their children if they want. The Book Fair will run all week and students will view items in the week before and their purchases can be made during education week.

There will be a special lunch at the canteen on the Thursday after our tabloid sports. These lunches will require a pre-order.

We hope you can come along!

5/6 Excursion

Years 5 & 6 received their end of year excursion note last week. Some important things to remember are that the permission note and deposit of \$90 need to be in by Friday 19th June. The full excursion cost of \$340 needs to be paid by Friday 23rd October. You also need to be aware that your child's behaviour needs to be of a high standard. We will not be taking any child that doesn't demonstrate this at school. If you have any concerns or problems with payment for the excursion please come and see me.

**Staff Development Days**

I want to let parents know of some important dates for staff Development that will be student free days this year.

Monday 29th of June is a whole Lachlan 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 27th July. Parents will need to make arrangements for their children on Monday 29th 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 17th and Friday 18th December are also Pupil Free days and Staff Development days across the whole state. School will finish for all Public School students on Wednesday 16th December.

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Stewart House

If you forgot to return your Stewart House Donation Drive envelope with your gold coin donation to go into the draw to win a \$4000 family holiday to a destination of your choice you can still do so this week. Please have all envelopes in by this Friday, 15th May.

**P & C News****Mother's Day Stall & Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Mother's Day Stall a great success. Special thanks to Cathy Gilbert and Nicola Mitton for organising the stall. Raffle winners were:

- 1st – Julie Dawes
- 2nd – Judy Taylor
- 3rd – McAlister Family

Congratulations to these people and we hope you enjoy your prizes.

**Next Festival Fundraiser**

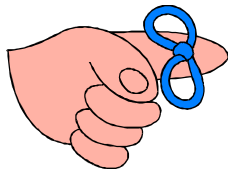
PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday 30th May

Mark this date on your calendar-
More details on back of newsletter.

Canteen Roster..

Tues 12th May – Karen Bogнар
 Wed 13th May – Marie Edwards
 Thur 14th May – Belinda Frazer
 Fri 15th May – Sue White
 Mon 18th May – Tim Fowler



COMMUNITY NEWS

CanAssist Fundraiser

Movie: The Changeling (starring Angelina Jolie, Directed by Clint Eastwood)
Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm start
Date: Thursday 28th May 2009
Place: Southern Cross Cinema
 Main Street, Young
Cost: Tickets \$15.00
Contact: Fay Slater on 63823185
 Leanne Mearns on 63821000

Light refreshments will be available before the movie.



HAVE FUN, JOIN GUIDES

Girl Guides NSW is part of an International organisation offering a weekly programme for girls of 5-18 years. Girls have fun together and learn more about themselves, others and their environment. They gain skills, develop confidence and community responsibility. With trained volunteer leaders at the helm, Guides is an inexpensive leisure time activity.

We have a flexible unit here in Grenfell which caters for 7-14 years olds. They meet every Tuesday from 3.30pm till 5.30pm. Come and give Girl Guides a try. You will have fun and learn many new things.

For more information contact Elaine Needham (Unit Leader) 63431548 or Oriel Draffin (District Leader) 63476229.

Henry Lawson Festival of Arts AWARDS DINNER

Saturday, 6th June 2009

Grenfell Bowling Club
 6.30 for 7.00pm

Awards from the Festival
 Crowning of Henry Lawson Queen/King
 Two course meal & entertainment

Tickets \$25 each, Children U12 \$15
 Available from Weddin Shire Council

Further information ring 63 436207

FREE TO GOOD HOME

3 pure-bred Kelpie Pups – Female, 7 weeks old
 Phone: 63432520

