



Emu Creek Echo

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From The Principal

Staff Changes for Term 3

Pam Livingstone will be taking Long Service Leave for all of Term 3 and Darryl Knapp will be on leave for the term too, due to health issues. We are fortunate to be able to fill these two positions with great teachers. Kirsty Avery-Smyth will be returning to take 2/3L and Lyn Chessell will be taking 4/5K.



Kindergarten 2010

We will be having an **Information Morning Tea on Friday 14th August at 10:00am in the school staffroom** for parents of students starting Kindergarten in 2010. Information packs and enrolment forms are always available at the front office.



State Cross Country

We wish Chloe Wilson and Zoe Gavin all the best at the State Cross Country Carnival this Friday in Sydney.

Canteen Lunch Orders

When ordering lunches from the school canteen we ask that the orders be written on a lunch bag and not on a piece of paper or an envelope otherwise you will be charged for a lunch bag. You can buy paper lunch bags from the canteen or from Grenfell IGA. We ask that you help Kye with this request.

Active After School

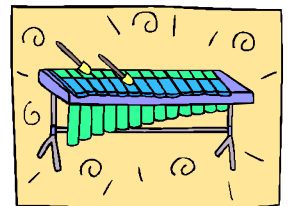
We will be running the Active After School program again this term but it will be on a Thursday instead of a Monday. See details later in this newsletter.

Painting

As a part of our National School Pride grant, painting of the Office area commenced during the holidays. It is looking fantastic thanks to Thurston Skinner and his painting team. There will be some inconvenience in the office area over the next couple of weeks whilst this painting is completed.

Forbes Eisteddfod

Our school Marimba band will be competing at the Forbes Eisteddfod next Monday, 3rd August.



Students who will be performing will receive a note this week.

Connected Classroom

The Department of Education will be installing the connected classroom smartboard into our Library next week. This will be a great asset to our school.

University of N.S.W English Competition

The University of NSW English competition will be held next Tuesday, 4th August.



P & C Meeting

Our next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th August at 7.30pm in the staffroom. At this meeting we will be drafting up a survey for parents to find out how we can get them more involved in helping out and attending P & C run events. We will be discussing the Father's Day Stall and looking at our new connected classroom smartboard in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Absence Notes

If your child is away from school at any time we require a note. If the absence is for 3 days or more we require a Doctor's Certificate.

A Hooper
Principal

Active After School Communities

This program provides an hour of full-on active fun for children at this school on **Thursday** afternoons commencing Week 2 (Thursday August 6th). The Program kicks off immediately after school with afternoon tea. The active games are run from 3.30 – 4.30. The staff responsible for the activities are John Gorman and Michelle Boldizar.



There is a limit of 30 participating students. To participate, students need to return a permission slip to the office. For this term, there are two ways that can be done:

1. If your child has participated in the program previously, simply fill in the short CONTINUATION FORM at the end of this newsletter.
2. If your child will be participating for the first time complete the attached application form.

Parents/Caregivers will be notified ASAP if your child **CANNOT PARTICIPATE** because there is not a vacancy. These students will then be placed on a Waiting List.

If you have any inquiries regarding this, phone Michelle Boldizar at school 6343 2122.

Life Education Van

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school from Thursday 13th August to Monday 17th August. The cost per child to attend is \$7.00. This cost includes the Life Education session, a student workbook and sticker for each child. Please complete the return slip at the end of this newsletter and return to school with money enclosed by Wednesday 12th August.



Loving To Read



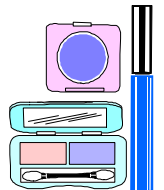
On Thursdays, starting this week, between 3:30 and 4:30pm Mrs Taylor will be running a Loving to Read program for pre-school aged children. It will be held in the Kindergarten room and children will have stories read to them; participate in a craft activity related to a book; sing a few songs and nursery rhymes; and much more. All preschool age children are welcome! For more information ring Mrs Taylor at school.

P & C News!

The Grenfell Public School P&C
Would like to invite you to join us for
Afternoon Tea



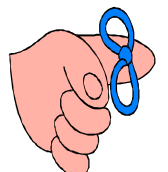
and a presentation
of the La Reve
Skincare range.
School Staff Room
Friday 7th August
3.30pm - 5.00pm.



More details to follow in the next school
newsletter.

Canteen Roster..

- Tues 28th July - Ngarie Soley
- Wed 29th July - Marie Edwards
- Thur 30th July - Kathy Norris
- Fri 31st July - Rebecca Fuller
- Mon 3rd Aug - Donna Robinson



Internet Safety

Ignore and report, rude, insulting or harassing chat.



If anyone is rude, insulting or harassing, you can ignore them. You can also keep a record of the messages and report them. Don't give bullies like this the pleasure of knowing they've upset you!

COMMUNITY NEWS...

Parents Can Have Fun , Too!

As a child did you ever experience the magic and fun of a pantomime? Have your children ever had the joy of watching a pantomime? Now there is an opportunity for you to be involved in a pantomime to be produced by the Grenfell Dramatic Society.

The production we will be performing is called "The Princess and the Pirates". Like all pantomimes it is full of nonsense. The script can be changed to suit the performers so everyone's ideas are thrown into the mix! The main point is, we are here to entertain Primary and Preschool children with a production which is fun to be involved with.



No previous experience is necessary. You just need to be willing to be part of the production team. You might choose to be a performer or to make stage scenery or sew costumes or operate sound effects or handle the lighting or help rewrite parts of the script to include your sense of humour. This opportunity is open to anyone of High School age or older. The pantomime will be performed in November or early December. Rehearsals, including playreadings, will be on Monday nights from 7 – 9pm at the Rose St Theatre (next to the TAFE).

Phone Darryl Knapp 6343 1284 for more details.

SCRAPBOOKING CLASSES

Please note there will be no scrapbooking classes on Tuesday until further notice. There will still be lessons on a Wednesday – you must book for these lessons.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES

Have you ever considered introducing your own children to an older international sibling?

World Education Program is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in February 2010.

Our Big Brothers & Big Sisters from France, Switzerland, Japan, Brazil, Italy, and Belgium are keen to start corresponding with a family they can call their own and learn about the place they will call home.

If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact:

Nikki Medwell
Inbound Exchange Administrator
World Education Program

Ph: (03) 9598 4733
Fax: (03) 9598 4233
Toll Free: 1300 884 733
Email: nikkimedwell@wep.org.au

An information pack can be sent on request.

It's easier than you think & a fantastic experience for all!

MT. SELWYN SNOW TRIP



DATE: Saturday 22nd .
Departs Grenfell @ 5.00a.m

COST: Adults - \$ 70.00 Inc GST
Children - \$ 60.00 Inc GST
Price Includes Morning Tea, Park Entry &
Toboggan Hire.

Stop for breakfast at McDonalds Gundagai.
Meal stop on the way home.
(Own Expense)

For bookings & further enquiries contact:

PERCEVALS COACHES

Phone: 63 431383
Or
Mobile: 0419 217204

Return Slips

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES CONTINUATION FORM

my child/children

Name:

Name:

Name:

would like to continue in the Active After School
Communities Program for Term 3, 2009.

..... Date ... / ... 2009

Signature of Parent/Caregiver

Life Education Van

I give permission for my child:

Name:..... Class:....

Name:..... Class:....

Name:..... Class:....

To visit the Life Education Van during the period
13th – 17th August 2009.

I enclose \$..... (\$7.00 per student)

Signed: