



# Emu Creek Echo

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*"Achievement for All in a Happy, Safe & Caring Environment"*

## Principal's message

### Grenfell Public School P&C Fete

Thank you to the staff and P&C for all your hard work to make the fete such a fantastic event. Lots of behind-the-scenes preparation goes in to get everything organised. We had a very busy, fun filled afternoon with too many stalls and activities to list. Thank you to the families and community members for coming along and supporting the P&C and the school. The funds raised will go towards improving our school and helping our students. Thank you very much to The Henry Lawson High School students and Mr Brodie McKnight for coming to the fete and playing music to keep us entertained.

### Kinder transition

We started our 2025 Kindergarten transition last week. It was great to see the new students enjoy their first transition day. If you have or know of anyone with a child beginning Kindergarten in 2025, it is not too late to join our program, come along and have a look at the school or contact us for more information.

### Stage 3 excursion to the movies

The Stage 3 students and teachers had a great time going to the Young Cinema to watch the movie "Wild Robot" in Week 1 this term. The people running the cinema commented on how well behaved the students were, well done Stage 3.

### Grandparents Day

We are hosting Grandparents Day on Friday 8th November. From 10:30am, grandparents are invited to visit the school to read a book with their grandchildren and then join us for a morning tea at 11:00am. The school staff will provide morning tea for grandparents under the verandah outside the school hall.

### Swimming

This week, information regarding the Swimsafe program will be sent home. Please complete the notes and return to school as soon as possible so we can begin to arrange the groups.

### Reminder for Kindergarten and Stage 1 Excursions

If your child/ren will be participating in these excursions, please ensure that payment is made and permission is granted through the Sentral Parent Portal APP.



Congratulations to all our students who received a Stage and Quality Work Award at last Fridays Stage Assemblies.



*KinderStart*

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Thursdays in Term 4- 5 visits	
24th October	12.00PM - 3.00PM
31st October	12.00PM - 3.00PM
7th November	12.00PM - 3.00PM
14th November	12.00PM - 3.00PM
21st November	9.00AM - 3.00PM

☑ Hat ☑ Lunch ☑ Water bottle

**Enrol Now**

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<b>Week 3</b>	
Thurs 31st	Kinder Transition 12:00pm to 3:00pm
Fri 1st	Whole School Assembly Item by 1/2 Gold - Hall 12:30pm
<b>Week 4</b>	
Thurs 7th	Kinder Transition 12:00pm to 3:00pm
Fri 8th	Grandparents Day - 10:30am Stage Assemblies - 12:30pm

**CLASS: 1/2 Gold**



**Keeping an eye on High Potential at GPS**



**CLASS: 5/6 Purple**

**Name:** Arthur Bateman.  
**We've noticed:** Arthur's deep focus and listening skills for learning.



**Intellectual**



**Name:** Jessie Pollock.  
**We've noticed:** Jessie's consistency across all Key Learning Areas resulting in steady growth.

**Name:** Bonnie Hockings.  
**We've noticed:** Bonnie's careful use of colour, line and position during Art.



**Creative**



**Name:** Sam Hazell.  
**We've noticed:** Sam's eye for detail and colour when designing and creating pieces of art.

**Name:** Flynn Griffin.  
**We've noticed:** Flynn's good skill and fair play during games and sports.



**Physical**



**Name:** Hayden Rolls.  
**We've noticed:** Hayden's precision and accuracy in ball games.

**Name:** Oska Pyle.  
**We've noticed:** Oska's contribution to class learning and his cooperation with everyone.



**Social-emotional**



**Name:** Layla White.  
**We've noticed:** Layla's consideration and patience of others.

**Compulsory school attendance**

**Information for parents**

**SCHOLASTIC Book Club**



This is a reminder that Book Club issue 7 has been distributed and orders will close Friday 1st November.

Participating in Book Club helps our library accumulate points that can be used for acquiring new resources for our library. Additionally, there is a current promotional offer that you can receive 3 free books when you order from issue 7 and a \$5.00 discount is applied on your next issue if you order through the LOOP payment option.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

**What are my Legal responsibilities?**

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

**The Importance of arriving on time**

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

**What if my child has to be away from school?**

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

**WE NEED A HAND AROUND TRAFFIC**

We think we can do things by ourselves but often we can't

Sometimes we can be easily distracted

Once we are moving, we find it hard to stop

We might learn things by rote but this doesn't mean we know what to do

We sometimes behave unpredictably

We are small and drivers may not be able to see us

We can't always work out where a sound is coming from and what this means

We often focus on just one thing at a time

We don't really understand ideas such as 'speed', 'distance' and 'safety'

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# Crunch&Sip®

## Information for parents and carers

**What is Crunch&Sip®?**  
Crunch&Sip® is a set time during the school day for children to crunch on fruit and vegetables and sip water in the classroom.

**What you need to do:**  
To be involved in Crunch&Sip®, please send your child to school with a water bottle and some ready-to-eat fruit or vegetables.

**Why it matters:**  
Developing healthy habits can help children have better health and wellbeing throughout life. It can also help them do their best at school. Research suggests children who eat a healthy diet including fruit and vegetables are more likely to:

- concentrate better and remember more
- perform better academically
- have better mental health.

**P&C News**

**Fete Highlights**

What a successful fete we hosted! The event was filled with joyful, smiling faces and a variety of engaging activities. A very big thank you to all our parent volunteers and staff whose efforts made this fete possible. Thank you to the parents and community for supporting this event.

GPS P&C



Be prepared for Term 4

Term 4 our students are required to wear a hat at school. Students without a hat will not be able to play at recess or lunch.

House hat \$18.00

Hats can be purchased through the My School Connect APP.



Community News



**BOOK NOW**

# CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 31  
7 PM TO 10 PM**

Location: Ochre Arch, Goodes Lane, Pinnacle  
 RSVP: Claire at weddinlandcare1@outlook.com or 0421 716 170

A light supper will be provided

Join us for a spooky guided walk by torchlight with Jayden Gunn from Birdlife Australia on Halloween. We will learn about some of our native nocturnal species and how to protect their vital habitat.



## Nutrition Snippet

### 5 TIPS TO TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF PACKING LUNCH BOXES



- 1) Base it on the 5 food groups
- 2) Add colour with fruit and vegetables
- 3) Let your child to help choose some foods
- 4) Save time by packing leftovers
- 5) Save money by stocking up on specials

Read more at: [healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/5-tips-to-take-the-pressure-off-packing-a-lunch-box](https://healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/5-tips-to-take-the-pressure-off-packing-a-lunch-box)

[healthylunchbox.com.au](https://healthylunchbox.com.au)  **Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

# Light Up THE NIGHT

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

**CATEGORIES**

- Black & White
- Open 25 years and above
- Youth 12 - 24 years
- Junior 5 - 11 years



**KEY DATES**

- © Entries Close: Friday, 6 December 2024
- © Exhibition Dates: 20 December 2024 - 29 January 2025 @ the Grenfell Art Gallery
- © Winners Announced: Light Up the Night - New Years Eve Street Party, 31 December 2024

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:**

- Photographer must be a resident of Weddin Shire to enter.
- Images must have been taken within the last 12 months in Weddin Shire.
- Each entrant can enter a maximum of 3 images.
- Images must be printed in A4 size and framed, with two D hooks 5cm from the top of the frame for hanging.
- Participants can choose to make their pieces available for purchase, with the price nominated by the entrant

## Grenfell Cricket Club Junior Cricket

Ages 8 - 12



**Training Starts**  
**When: Tuesday 29th Oct**  
**4pm - 5pm**  
**Where: Lawson Oval @ The Cricket Nets**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

 Play Cricket

  
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