



Emu Creek Echo

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

Principal's message

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The Bocchia team from The Henry Lawson High School visited our school last week. A selection of our students participated in learning about Bocchia and playing the game. Thank you to the high school staff and students for providing this opportunity. Some of our Year 6 students are looking forward to joining the Bocchia team in high school next year.



Loud Shirt Day

On the last day of Term 3 Friday 27th September Grenfell Public School will be taking part in Loud Shirt Day. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their brightest, most colourful shirt and bring in a gold coin donation that will be donated to the Loud Shirt Day foundation. Your support will provide children with hearing loss the resources they need to connect, communicate and thrive!



Grenfell NAIDOC Day

On Friday 27th September, selected students and staff from Grenfell Public School will be attending the Grenfell NAIDOC celebration. The event starts at 10am and begins with a smoking ceremony and acknowledgement of country. Our students will be joining students from other schools in the community to sing a song in Wiradjuri. There will be stalls, information, bush tucker, Indigenous dancers and much more. Come to Taylor Park and join in the celebration.



Congratulations to all our students who received a Principal and Grenfell Blue Award at our last Whole School Assembly.




Week 9	
Mon 16th	Sporting Schools: 3:15pm to 4:15pm Years 3-6
Fri 20th	Western Athletics Carnival - Dubbo Whole School Assembly Item by 3/4 Emerald - Hall 12:30pm
Week 10	
Mon 23rd	Sporting Schools: 3:15pm to 4:15pm Years 3-6
Fri 27th	Loud Shirt Day Stage Assemblies - 12:30pm Last Day of Term 3


Western Regional Athletics

Just confirming the Regional Athletics carnival is on this Friday 20th September in Dubbo. There was one date error on the note handed out at the District Carnival. Please return notes as soon as possible.












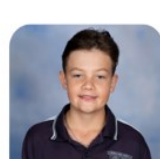
CLASS: 1/2 Magenta



Keeping an eye on High Potential at GPS



CLASS: 5/6 Red

<p>Name: Vivienne Vocales. We've noticed Viv's fluent and expressive reading skills.</p>		<p>Intellectual</p> 		<p>Name: Tristan Douglass. We've noticed Tristan's talent in spelling, soon to be competing in the State Spelling Bee competition.</p>
<p>Name: Riley Martin. We've noticed Riley's creative stories and paintings.</p>		<p>Creative</p> 		<p>Name: Zavanna Jones O'Brien. We've noticed Zavanna's impressive artworks, she has a particular talent for pencil sketching and shading.</p>
<p>Name: Nate Hinde. We've noticed Nate's natural talent in all sporting areas.</p>		<p>Physical</p> 		<p>Name: Ava Baker. We've noticed: Ava's incredible skill, strategy and sportsmanship on the sports field.</p>
<p>Name: Wes Brenner. We've noticed Wes' patience and kindness towards others.</p>		<p>Social-emotional</p> 		<p>Name: Noah Weatherstone. We've noticed Noah always being kind and considerate to his peers in the classroom and on the playground.</p>

Todd Woodbridge Cup 2024

On Monday, 9th September, the Stage 2 tennis team took part in the regional finals for the Todd Woodbridge Cup at Cowra Tennis Club. After some fantastic matches against Kinross Silver and Holy Family Parkes, our mixed doubles team played exceptionally well, resulting in a tie with St Raph's Cowra in our Pool final, which we ultimately won on a countback. Moving into the semi-finals, we faced Kinross Gold and, despite losing 3 out of 4 matches in the first section, our mixed doubles team stepped up when it mattered most, securing a win that propelled us into the final against Forbes Public. This match was a rematch of the qualifier final, with both teams showcasing impressive tennis skills. We are thrilled to have qualified for the state finals in Sydney this November. A huge congratulations to all the players for representing our school with such pride and exemplary sportsmanship. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs White for being an incredible coach and to all the parents who assisted in transporting the students to Cowra. Let's get ready for Sydney! Time to train hard.

Tanya Radnedge

G.P.S TENNIS

Stage 2 have qualified and are heading to Sydney for the Todd Woodbridge Cup.



STATE FINALISTS

18TH NOVEMBER 2024

Touch Football Gala Day

On Wednesday, 11th September, our Stage 3 teams made their way to Parkes for an exciting Touch Football Gala Day. With the sun shining brightly, our GPS students showcased their incredible skills both on and off the field. Mr Kilby and Mrs Forde were thoroughly impressed by the students' hard work and sportsmanship. Congratulations to both teams for a fantastic day on the Touch field, as they both achieved impressive victories. Thank you to Mark Loader for ensuring we arrived safely!



On Friday, 13th September, Daisy travelled to Bathurst to the Western Region trials for the State Debating Championships. Daisy participated in a day of workshops to build skills in debating. She had to prepare arguments and rebuttal for the selection process. Although she was not selected on the day, the panel let her know they were very impressed and she was 'so close'. Congratulations Daisy!



Swimsafe Program - Term 4

Our Swimsafe program will be returning for another year next term. This program presents an exceptional opportunity for all students (K-6) at our school, as it is tailored to accommodate every child's needs. Participants will enhance their confidence in and around water, acquire proper stroke techniques, learn vital water safety skills, and improve their overall fitness in aquatic environments. These skills are crucial for ensuring a safe and enjoyable summer. Information will be distributed to parents at the beginning of next term.

Christmas Shoebox
Every year, the Samaritan's Purse charity organisation sends out shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in need. This year, each class will be participating by filling a shoebox for 4 boys and 4 girls aged between 5 - 12 years with gifts to donate to the organisation. If you'd like to contribute something new, like toys, clothing, or sports gear, please send your donation to school with your child. Remember, each item should be small enough to fit in a standard shoebox alongside other gifts. If you prefer to create your own shoebox, please check out the attached brochure. The school has several pre-decorated shoeboxes available, so feel free to reach out to the school if you'd like to fill one yourself. Shoeboxes are due for collection between 14th -26th October.

SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

GIFTS FOR GIRLS

A "WOW" ITEM

- Doll
- Soccer ball or football and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument
- Dress-ups – crown, fairy wands etc

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb or brush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Fun band aids
- Eating utensils
- Water bottle
- Nail clipper and file
- Small blanket

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils and sharpener
- Pencil case
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Small Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small sticky tape

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing and undergarments
- Shoes
- Sunglasses
- Bags, backpacks, or purses
- Hair accessories
- Hats
- Wristwatch or jewellery
- Torch with extra packaged batteries

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Skipping rope
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolour set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Craft kits or colourful rope/twine
- Books or picture books
- Sewing kit
- Gardening kit/gloves
- Card Games

TOYS

- Balls – tennis ball, bouncy balls, Frisbee®
- Building blocks
- Finger puppets
- Slinky®
- Yo-yo
- Kaleidoscope
- Cars, trucks and boats
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures
- Small kite
- Water guns (that don't look like weapons)
- Playing cards

PERSONAL NOTE

Include a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group.
*Samaritan's Purse encourages Operation Christmas Child shoebox donors to include a personal note in each shoebox gift.

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Food, lollies, chocolate, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Second-hand, used or damaged items or clothing
- Scary or war-related items – toy guns, knives, wearable camouflage clothing, military figures, skull and crossbones, Halloween items
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids – shampoo, bubbles, or liquid paint

- Medication or vitamins
- Play Money
- Breakable items – glass, porcelain or clay
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knife, saw, or razor blades
- Bibles, religious material, or tracts (children receive OCC's The Greatest Gift booklet at the Outreach Event)

Community News

FREE SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOP



YOUTH EVENT

2 OCTOBER 2024
1pm - 4pm
TAYLOR PARK
SNACKS PROVIDED

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 02 6343 2059

NSW WEDDIN



THLHS P&C RAFFLE

NRL GRAND FINAL FAMILY PACKAGE
ON 6 OCTOBER
4X GOLD TICKETS AT ACCOR STADIUM, SYDNEY
1 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION FOR 4 AT THE PARK ROYAL PARAMATTA
Tickets \$10 Each



NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP GRAND FINAL

TIE DYE WORKSHOP

GET CREATIVE WITH COLOUR!
JOIN US FOR A FREE TIE-DYE WORKSHOP AND
CREATE YOUR OWN UNIQUE SHIRT OR BAG

2 OCTOBER 2024
FROM 10AM - 12:30PM
TAYLOR PARK

REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
02 6343 2059

FREE YOUTH EVENT

NSW WEDDIN

Grenfell Cricket Club Junior Cricket



MORE RUNS. MORE WICKETS. MORE FUN!

Get involved in all the junior cricket action at your local club this summer.

Registrations opening soon
grenfellcricket@email.com

PLAY CRICKET

Holiday Kids Club

Who: Kindy ~ 6
When: 9th ~ 11th of October. 9am ~ 12.30pm
Where: Uniting Church Hall (opposite the P.O.).
Cost: free
To register or more details, contact Steven Hay:
0429499338, stevenhay83@gmail.com



Kids Holiday Club
EGYPTIAN ADVENTURE
UNEARTHING THE STORY OF JOSEPH