Tin Town Tales

Emmaville Central School & Community News

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Community Members,

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and notify you of a date change for the last day of Term 4 classes.

Students will now finish school on Friday 16 December 2022.

This is due to an additional School Development Day announced for staff across NSW public schools. School Development Days allow our staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students.

With this change, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child on Monday 19 December.
We are now into the second half of Term 4, and whilst we have had a busy first half to the term, we have many events scheduled in the second half. Please keep an eye on the calendar section of the Tin Town Tales, the school Facebook page, permission notes and Gem FM's School News to keep up to date with events for each week.

I would like to communicate a significant change to our school staff for next year. Assistant Principal, Mrs Rebecca Sullivan has received a transfer and will be relocating at the end of 2022. We are currently working through the merit selection process to appoint a new Assistant Principal. I will keep parents and community members informed, as soon as I able to, about this. Thank you, Mrs Sullivan, for your work at Emmaville Central School.

Finally, the Senior Presentation Evening and Farewell last week was a spectacular event that celebrated our students' achievements. We were able to come together and have a beautiful meal at Ben's Falls Restaurant (and soak in the glory of the Severn River looking its best). Thank you to Mrs Key and the staff who worked so hard to create this event for our students and their families. Please enjoy the photos attached.

Best wishes and take care.
Miss Rebecca Grant
Relieving Principal

Menstrual Hygiene Program comes to Emmaville Central School

The NSW Department of Education is introducing a menstrual hygiene program in NSW public school. As part of the program, schools are installing dispensers that provide free pads and tampons (or just pads) for students to access during school hours.

Our menstrual hygiene program aims to reduce any barriers that may prevent students from participating fully in school life. Menstruation (and its unpredictability) may stop students from attending school or taking part in learning activities. There are also known health risks from using improvised sanitary hygiene products.

The program has been successfully trialled in 31 schools, with positive feedback received from Principals and students alike. It is now time to introduce the program at our school .

PRIMARY NEWS

Primary Awards!

- Cassandra – Great effort in Writing
- Luca – Working hard to complete independent tasks in English
- Milton – excellent effort in Geography
- Nixon – Improved focus in English
- Levi – Improved focus in English
- Alex – Great participation in Science
- Nevaeh – Being a kind and helpful class member
- Lilly – Student of the week
- Declan– Working well on his PDH project
- Luca – Excellent effort in Science
- Joseph – Wonderful effort in Swimming
- Ethan – Improved focus in class
- Ethan – Great effort in Art
- Sarah– Excellent effort in Peer Support
- Declan – Excellent effort in Peer Support
- Ronnie – Student of the week

Peer Support

Types of friends was the focus in Peer Support this week. Children explored what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc). Through various activities children identified that their friends can fall into the categories of 'best friends', 'friends' and 'people we know'. Children will also discuss the fact that friendships can change over time for various reasons. Discuss with your child the different friends they have in their lives and how friendships may change. Some friends may be more important at different times in their lives.

Road Safety Helmet Reminder

A reminder to our parents and students when you are travelling to school with your bike: Please remember you must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fixed and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, roller skates, skateboards or rollerblades.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell takes place at the Emmaville Central School Hall on Thursday, 8th December at 5pm. A reminder to families purchasing tickets to the event, that are to be paid for as soon as possibly in order for the P & C to allow for catering.

End of Year primary Disco

Following the Year 6 Farewell Dinner, will be the end of year K-6 disco. All primary students are invited to attend in the Hall. The entry to the disco is FREE. There will be a range of items for sale during the disco by the P & C. Students will need to bring money if they would like to make purchases.

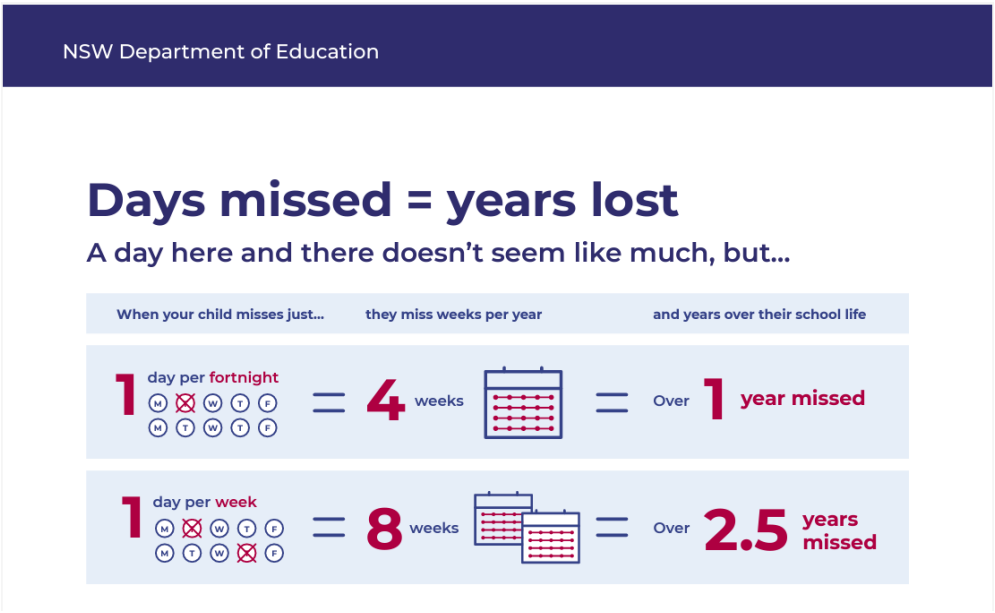
Calendar of Primary events

November	
Wednesday 23rd	Playgroup in the Hall – 9:30am – 11am Kindergarten Transition FULL DAY - 8:40am – 3:05pm
Friday 25th	Swimming for Sport
Wednesday 30th	Playgroup in the Hall – 9:30am – 11am LAST Kindergarten Transition FULL DAY - 8:40am – 3:05pm
December	
Friday 2nd	Swimming for Sport

SECONDARY NEWS

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Students who attend all 10 school days in the fortnight are entered into the attendance draw. Prizes are dawn each even week of the school term. Congratulations to this fortnights winners!



GIHS Dance Spectacular Excursion

Reminder to hand in your permission notes and money ($10.00) to the office if you would like your child to attend the GIHS Dance Spectacular excursion on Thursday 1st December, as seating is limited.

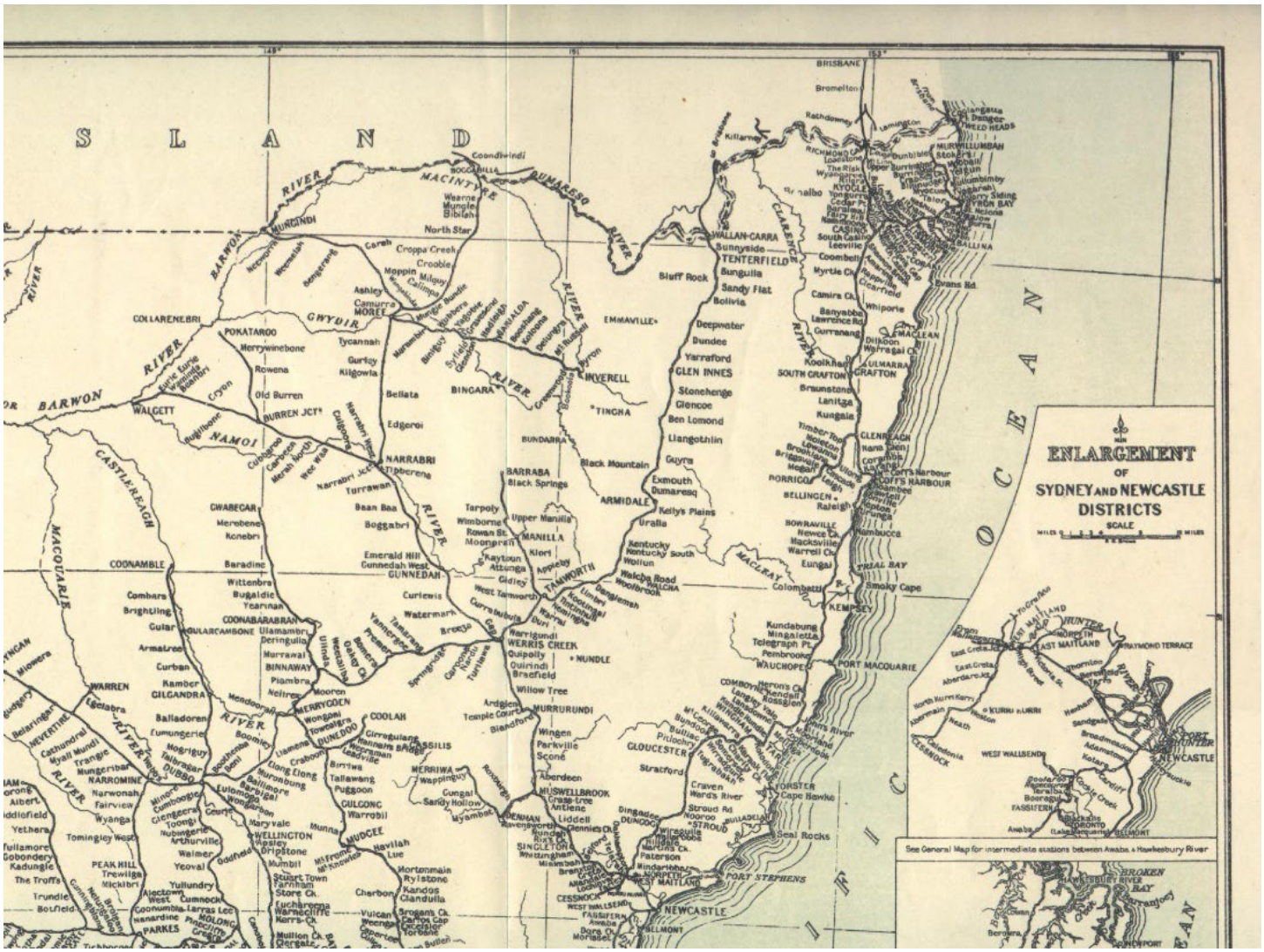
Elevate Education

During Term 3, students attended study skill sessions with Elevate Education. All students found these sessions very beneficial. Elevate Education have extended their program to parents via free webinars, don't miss out on the wonderful opportunity.

- Free upcoming webinar for parents – *How to Help Build Your Child's Resilience*
  Wednesday 23rd November @ 6:30pm (AEDT)

Thank you,
Mrs Melissa Key
Relieving Head Teacher – Secondary Studies

Trains, Maps and History



Here is one quarter (!) of a railway map of New South Wales from 1933. You can find the entire map at https://www.nswrail.net/maps/nsw-1933.php. (a site well worth a visit for railway enthusiasts). The map has been enlarged here, so that we can have some detail of the places you could go in our beautiful state.

What happened to all the railway lines? Sadly, many are now closed. The line we know well in the Northern Tablelands (all the way to “Wallan-Garra”) now terminates at Armidale. At least you can still catch the bus to Armidale to link with the train. We can use this map (or the website link if more enlargement is required) for a bit of literacy and numeracy fun.

1. What is the last station/siding south of Tenterfield?
2. The line between Tenterfield and Glen Innes was approximately 90 km in length. Use this scale to work out the distance from Werris Creek to Walgett.
3. Now, estimate the rail distance from Armidale to Newcastle.
4. In 1933, could you catch a train from Inverell to Barraba? If so, describe how.
5. Research: When did the last train run past Armidale on the Northern Tablelands line?

Who built all these lines? There’s more to come about the great John Whitton.

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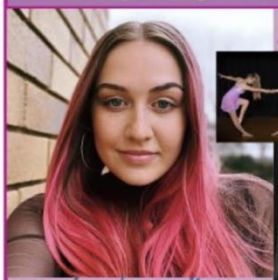
SENIOR FORMAL 2022

Wednesday
30th November 2022
CHAPEL THEATRE
Thursday
1st December 2022
7.00 pm

DANCE SPECTACULAR 2022

Featuring GIHS Dancers



singer/songwriter
Kathryn Luxford
plus In2Dance &
Star Avenue
Dance Centre

DON'T MISS OUT!

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Christmas in the Highlands

Thursday 24th November 2022
Town Hall Square Glen Innes
5pm to 8.00pm|FREE

Program of activity

- Christmas Lights Switch On
- Late Night Shopping
- Market & Food Stalls
- Christmas Entertainment
- Red Cross Christmas Tree Exhibition
- 'Special' Guest Appearance
- 'Spend in Glen' Draw

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE:-
Road Closures will be in place from 1pm Thursday 24th November 2022- Grey Street from Bourke to Meade. Apologies for any inconvenience.

This event is subject to public health orders and current legislation

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GLEN INNES HIGHLANDS EVENTS
SUPPORTING LOCAL EXPERIENCES

A NIGHT OUT ON US

A FREE show & sausage sizzle for the community

With special guest
LOCAL
PERFORMERS

Proudly funded by the NSW Government and supported by Glen Innes Severn Council

MATT SCULLION
Golden Guitar winning
Australiana singer/songwriter

EMMAVILLE Community Hall
Sun 4th December 3pm

For more details go to

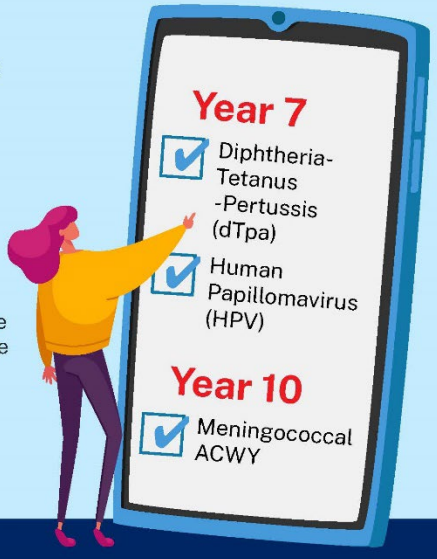
www.mattscullionmusic.com www.giso.nsw.gov.au

Will your child be in year 7 or 10 next year?

NSW GOVERNMENT

You can provide consent for your child's routine school vaccinations online in 2023.

At the beginning of the school year, your child's school will share the link to complete the online consent form.



More information on the school vaccination program:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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NSW Health

NSW Department of Education

COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for **parents, carers and students**

We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.

Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on managing COVID-19 safely at home.
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.

Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.

Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with Service NSW to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.

Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.

NSW GOVERNMENT

Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used together with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in government schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.

Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing is required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.

Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.

Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated when planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.

Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.

Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

Telephone interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.

NSW GOVERNMENT

TERM 4 CALENDAR

	Monday	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
Week 7	***21 Nov***	***22 Nov***	***23 Nov***	***24 Nov***	***25 Nov***
	• Week B • 7 – 10 Exams	• **7 – 10 Exams**	• Kindy Orientation – Full Day • Play Group • 7 – 10 Exams	• 7 – 10 Exams	• Primary Swimming • 7 – 10 Exams
Week 8	***28 Nov***	***29 Nov***	***30 Nov***	***1 Dec***	***2 Dec***
	• Week A	• Stage 5 Pass Assessment Due	• Kindy Orientation – Full Day • Play Group	• Stage 4 PDHPE Assessment Due • Stage 5 PDHPE Assessment Due • GIHS Dance Spectacular Excursion leaving at 9.15	• Primary Swimming
Week 9	***5 Dec***	***6 Dec***	***7 Dec***	***8 Dec***	***9 Dec***
	• Week B	• Geography Field trip Years 6 - 10	• Play Group	• Year 6 Farewell Dinner & Disco 5pm - 7pm	• Primary Swimming • HSC CAFS – IRP Due
Week 10	***12 Dec***	***G13 Dec***	***14 Dec***	***15 Dec***	***16 Dec***
	• Week A • Presentation Day	• Years 3 – 11 Excursion • K-2 Excursion	• Secondary Pool Party		• Primary Swimming • Primary Pool Party
Week 11	***19 Dec***	*20 Dec*	*21 Dec*	*22 Dec*	***23 Dec***
	• Week B	• Staff Development Day			