



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Community Members

#### **Every day matters until the last day of term.**

There are still **2.5** weeks of learning left and it is important that students to come to school every single day, unless they are sick and/or displaying Covid- 19 symptoms.

We understand students and families are ready for the holidays but being at school every day boosts student learning and confidence and helps them build and maintain friendships.

Holidays should only be booked during school breaks and students should be at school every day during school term, from beginning to end.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Every day matters and we are here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term.

#### **Staffing**

Next term there will be a few changes to our staff.

Mr Glennan has accepted a transfer to another school. He will take up his new position at the start of next term. Best wishes to him and his family as he moves to his new school. We thank him for the wonderful contribution he has made to educating students at Emmaville Central School.

Mrs Opie will be returning to her position as Assistant Principal - Curriculum and Instruction and Mrs McKean will resume her position at Glen Innes Public. We thank both Mrs McKean and Mrs Opie for their support and work this term. Mrs Opie will remain working at the school Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Vidler has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal from the start of next term.

#### **End of term**

On the last day of term parents are invited to attend our end of term assembly beginning at 12pm, which will be followed by a picnic lunch for all and an Easter egg hunt in the afternoon. So, try to keep the 6<sup>th</sup> April free on your calendars. It would be great to see our many parents, grandparents and friends join us to celebrate a great term of learning.

Kind regards

*Mrs Gillian Davis*

*Principal*

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

W T F  
M T W T F  
M T W T F

= 4 weeks



= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week

W T F  
M T W T F  
M T W T F

= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

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Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the Parent/Teacher Interviews. If you were unable to attend but would like to discuss the progress of your child, please call the school to book an appointment, or phone interview.

### Secondary Maths

Our secondary maths teacher, Mr Glennan has received a transfer and will complete his time teaching at Emmaville Central School at the end of this term. We are currently working to fill the maths teacher position, but we are unsure of how long it may take. To ensure continuity in their learning, students in Years 11 and 12 will be enrolled in distance education for Maths, studying via an online portal, using technology to engage with their distance education teacher. They will also have a teacher at ECS to supervise and support them during their lessons. Years 7-10 will be allocated a teacher for Maths. Please contact the school if you have further questions.

### Personalised Learning Pathways

Last week, Aboriginal students were sent home a proforma that will help inform their Personalised Learning Pathway- if your child received one, please complete it and return it to the school. If you need any assistance with completing it, please contact the school and we'll happily help.

Some further information-

What are Personalised Learning Pathways? Personalised Learning Pathways are an active process. They are developed in a consultation process between the student, parents/carers and teachers, to identify, organise and apply personal approaches to learning and engagement. Personalised Learning Pathways can have short term or long-term goals. Short term goals can be specific stepping stones to reach long term goals. Who are they for? It is recommended that all Aboriginal students have a PLP that is tailored to the student and is regularly reviewed and updated to meet student needs.

For further information <https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/teaching-and-learning/aec/media/documents/PersonalisedLearningPathways16.pdf>.

### Merit system

Students have been achieving well and many have received merit awards already, so this is an excellent opportunity to remind students and their families about our positive rewards system for students. Merit cards are linked to the school reward levels of:

**Diamond** (25 merit cards) - A certificate and a reward excursion with transport and entry funded by the school.

**Gold** (20 merit cards) - A certificate and a special afternoon at the end of term.

**Silver** (15 merit cards) - A certificate and a book voucher.

**Bronze** (10 merit cards) - A certificate and a \$5 canteen voucher.

Students will be responsible for keeping their merit cards and presenting them to the AP/HT once they have achieved a level (or the next level). A Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond award will then be presented at Monday morning assembly. Rewards will be given, as outlined below.

### Lesson Highlight – Year 11 Biology

Year 11 Biology - Osmosis. Students Investigated how changes in the solute concentration surrounding a 'naked egg' affected its mass. 🧑🔬🧪

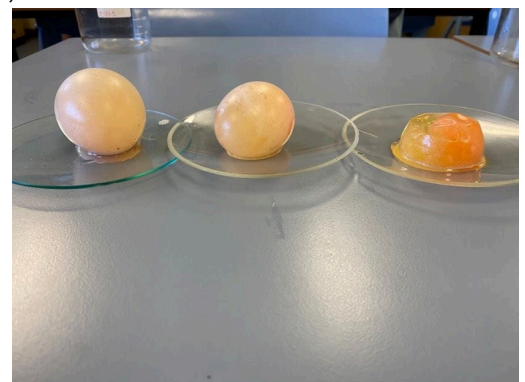
### Former student milestone

I would like to conclude by wishing a former Emmaville Central School student, and well-known community member a happy birthday. This weekend, Roy Wells turns 100! Happy birthday, Roy- what a very special milestone!

Best wishes

*Rebecca Grant*

*Head Teacher- Secondary Studies*





5/6

This week in English we have been working towards writing our own informative texts. As part of this exercise, students picked an animal to research and create a brochure about.

### Interesting facts

**Nevaeh** 'Horses are nasal breathers, this means they can only breathe out of their noses.'

**Haylee** 'Horses were domesticated around 6000 years ago.'

**Alex** 'The oldest tiger fossil was found in Northern China. These show that tigers evolved 2 million years ago.'

**Lilly S** 'Sheep have rectangular vision-around 270-320 degrees. This means that sheep can see almost everything, except for things right behind them.'

**Lilly B** 'Sheep do not have teeth in their upper front jaw.'

**Imogen** 'The lynx is more than twice the size of a house cat.'

**Peter** 'A howler monkey can be heard up to 3 miles away'



2/3/4

We have been looking at compound and complex sentences. After looking at the sentences in *Peggy* by Anna Walker, we wrote our own compound and complex sentences. To make sure we got it correct, we worked as a class to identify the clauses, make sure that every clause had a subject and verb and ensure that our clauses were connected with a comma or conjunction.

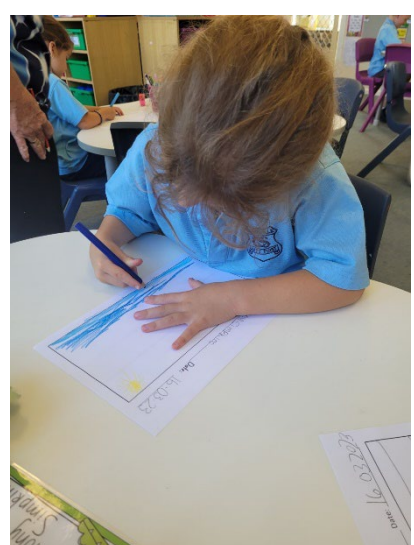




## K/1

In Kinder we are learning to WRITE!! Well, we are learning to find familiar sight words, use finger spaces and use our pictures to help us plan our writing. We are also learning letter formation and sounds. Year 1 - we are learning to expand our ideas and use more complex sentences as well as using adjectives to make our writing more interesting. We are making sure to use our planning picture to help when thinking about what we want to write.

We are currently looking at *Alexanders Outing* and what type of outings ducks and people might be interested in



## P & C NEWS

Our P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 3:20pm - held at the school under the Primary COLA.

We would like to invite new members to come and contribute to the committee. The P&C is responsible for many great projects around our school. By volunteering your time on this committee, you are helping make our great school even better.

Hope to see you all there.

Allison Brown  
P&C President



**Panther Pub**  
**85-89 Moore St**  
**Emmaville**

**SATURDAY 8TH APRIL**

**2023 EASTER EGG  
HUNT AND RAFFLE**



**Day starts at 10:30am**

**Egg hunt at 11am**

**Raffle at 12:30pm**

**Raffle tickets on sale 1st  
April**





## Commonly mistaken 'everyday' foods

Clever packaging and misleading health claims can make it hard to know which snacks are everyday foods.

Try swapping these sometimes foods to everyday foods:

- Muesli bars → Wholegrain cereal bites
- Fruit drink → Plain water
- Flavoured savoury biscuits → Rice cakes
- Dairy desserts → Reduced fat yoghurt

Check out more [lunchbox myths here](#).



Attacks: What if a 1000? To Live Work Wonder Again



## TERM 4 CALENDAR

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
	<i>20 Mar</i>	<i>21 Mar</i>	<i>22 Mar</i>	<i>23 Mar</i>	<i>24 Mar</i>
<i>Week 9</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week B</li> <li>• Naplan</li> <li>• <b>K-12 Parent Teacher Afternoon</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naplan</li> <li>• K-12 Harmony Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary Swimming for Sport</li> <li>• Naplan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naplan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naplan</li> </ul>
	<i>27 Mar</i>	<i>28 Mar</i>	<i>29 Mar</i>	<i>30 Mar</i>	<i>31 Mar</i>
<i>Week 10</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week A</li> <li>• Naplan</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playgroup</li> <li>• Secondary Swimming for Sport</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deepwater Art Show Workshop - Primary</li> </ul>
	<i>3 Apr</i>	<i>4 Apr</i>	<i>5 Apr</i>	<i>6 Apr</i>	<i>7 Apr</i>
<i>Week 11</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week B</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playgroup</li> <li>• Secondary Swimming for Sport</li> </ul>		